The Kerala Law Academy Law College Thiruvananthapuram
(Affiliated to University of Kerala)
in association with KLA Moot Court Society and IQAC KLA

36TH KERALA LAW ACADEMY MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2027



10th to 13th February 2027



Winner - Rs 1,00,000/-
& KLA Trophy

Runner Up - Rs 50,000/-
& KLA Trophy

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Kerala Law Academy Law College, established in 1966 by the legal luminary Late Dr. N. Naryanan Nair, who is the founder head of the institution, is a seat of excellence in legal education, consultancy, research and in pioneering law reforms. The prestigious institute of Kerala Law Academy is situated in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of Kerala, India, on a hill in the midst of sylvan splendour silhouetting the blue sky. The liberal ambience of the research wing "Center for Advanced Legal Studies and Research" (CALSAR), is facilitative to kindle novel thoughts and ideals. The 'Academy Law Review' which has won international acclaim ever since its appearance in print in 1977 is evocative of the true spirit of THE Kerala Law Academy. The Kerala Law Academy Law College is a front runner when it comes to academics and extracurricular activities which is evident from the constant deliberation on the part of the Kerala Law Academy to provide the best stimulating atmosphere to the students to harbour and bring out the polished version of themselves through various events of national and international importance. The moot teams of the Academy are the baton bearers of the competitions of the new era. Academy's social commitment is embedded in its socio-legal clinics and consultancy services. The Kerala Law Academy Law College is affiliated to the University of Kerala.

The Kerala Law Academy is always a pacesetter in bringing out the untapped nuances in the dynamics of inculcating erudition. The state-of-the-art methods of education apposite to meet the needs of the changing times is a thunderous example of the same. Teachers who are adept in their respective discipline are strongly encouraged to nurture students. The global standards set at KLA in the field of teaching and research spur us on in our relentless pursuit of excellence, making it more or less a way of life.



ABOUT MOOT COURT SOCIETY AND ITS LEGACY

Established in 1989, the Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society (KLAMCS) has nurtured generations of law students in legal research, drafting, and oral advocacy, securing numerous prestigious national and international titles over the decades.

KLA holds the distinction of being the only institution from Kerala selected to represent India five times at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C., USA (1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2000). The Academy has also represented India at the Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition in Florida, USA (2002, 2003, 2005, and 2010), and remains the only institution from Kerala selected to represent India at the Louis M. Brown International Client Consulting Competition in New Zealand.

KLAMCS annually hosts Kerala Law Academy's All India Moot Court Competition, the third-oldest moot court competition in the country, which has successfully completed 35 editions. Alongside its flagship moot, the Society has successfully conducted 26 editions of the Kerala Law Academy Client Consulting Competition as well as 7 editions of the KLA ADR and Trial Advocacy Competitions, and is set to conduct its upcoming editions of International Mediation and International Negotiation Competitions.

Through rigorous judging standards, seamless organization, and warm hospitality, KLAMCS continues to set a benchmark for quality mooting across India.

INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with immense pride and pleasure that The Kerala Law Academy Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, in association with the KLA Moot Court Society and IQAC KLA, cordially invites your esteemed institution to participate in the 36th Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Competition 2027 for the KLA Trophy, scheduled to be held from 10th to 13th February 2027.
As one of the oldest and most coveted moot court competitions in the country, this edition brings together leading universities and law schools from across India for four days of rigorous research and courtroom advocacy.

The winning team will be awarded the prestigious KLA Trophy along with a cash prize of ₹1,00,000/-, and the runners-up will receive a trophy along with a cash prize of ₹50,000/-, alongside individual honours for best speakers, memorials, and researchers.

We earnestly solicit your esteemed presence, participation, and cooperation in making this landmark edition a resounding success.

BEST MOMENTS IN
35th KERALA LAW ACADEMY MOOT COURT COMPETITION











TIMELINE

1. **20th December 2026**
   Last Date for Provisional Registration
2. **5th January 2027**
   Last Date for Final Registration
3. **5th January 2027**
   Last Date for Seeking Clarification
4. **20th January 2027**
   Release of Clarification
5. **29th January 2027**
   Last Date for Submission of Memorial (Soft Copy)
6. **4th February 2027**
   Last Date for Submission of Memorial (Hard Copy)
7. **10th February 2027**
   Inauguration & Desk Registration
8. **11th to 13th February 2027**
   Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony

AWARDS

1ST Best Team : 1,00,000/-
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

2nd Best Team : Rs. 50,000/-
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Student Advocate -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Second Best Student Advocate -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Male Advocate -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Female Advocate -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Memorial -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Second Best Memorial -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Researcher- Male -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

Best Researcher - Female -
Trophy & Certificate of Merit

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OFFICIAL RULES

Team Composition:

a) The Competition is open to all Law Colleges / Law Schools and Faculties / Universities; Departments of Law in India (hereafter "participating institutions") recognized by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to LL.B. students both in the Three-year Scheme and Five-Year Scheme.

b) Students doing post-graduation in law and students undergoing correspondence courses are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

c) More than one team from each participating institution may be registered for the competition, provided that they have permission from their specified College/Institution. Each team shall comprise of three members (two speakers and one researcher).

Dress Code

The dress code for the competition is formal. Men are required to wear a Black suit with a white shirt and a black tie. Women are required to wear a white shirt, Black trousers/skirt and a black jacket or Salwar kameez and black jacket. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition

Memorial

a)Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue for either side of the case.The Court will follow its own procedure within the accepted norms of judicial practice, and in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts, the decision of the presiding member of the Panel of Judges of each Court shall be final.

b)The teams must send the soft copies of the memorial for the petitioner and respondent on or before 29th January 2027 (before 11:55 pm) to 36thklamootcourtcompetition@gmail.com which must be in PDF file extension and Doc. with the subject of the email as – MEMORIAL(Team Code)

c)Participants reaching for the competition are required to submit four hard copies of the memorial from each side, i.e., eight copies in total, on or before 04th February 2027 (before 5.00 pm), and no printing support will be provided by the institute for those who fail to bring their memorials.

d)No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted to the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

e)Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.

f)The Memorials shall not contain any information that will reveal the identity of the participating team, except their Team Codes. The violation of which will attract disqualification.

Contents of Memorial:

a)Memorial dealing with jurisdiction, issues involved in the problem, summary of arguments and arguments supported by authorities, conclusions and prayers shall be prepared by each team both for the petitioner's side and respondent's side. The body of the Memorial shall not exceed more than 25 typed pages. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction, statement of facts, questions presented, summary of pleadings, title page and back cover are not included in these 25 pages. But these 25 pages will include the pleadings, conclusions, and footnotes. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorials shall not be included in any other section of the Memorials.

b)The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:

i. Language – English
ii. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman (14 pts), Tahoma, Bookman Old Style, Arial, Verdana - 12 pts
iii. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
iv. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman (12 pts), Tahoma, Bookman Old Style, Arial, Verdana - 10 pts
v.Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
vi.Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides (except right margin which shall not be less than 2 cm)
vii.Footnote- follow 21st edition of Harward Blue Book Citation Style
viii.Cover Specification Petitioner – BLUE Respondent – RED

Plagiarism:

The KLA MCS reserves the right to impose penalty on a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, if found to be plagiarized.

Evaluation:

There shall be a Quorum of judges selected for each court from among a panel of judges constituted for the purpose including eminent Judges, Lawyers and Law Teachers from all over India. The finals will be presided by a full bench of sitting Judges of the High Court of Kerala. Marks will be awarded to the memorials by the Committee of Judges out of a maximum of 20 marks. Each Court will assign marks for oral arguments to each individual participant and the team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with memorial marks to make the individual's marks out of 100. Out of 100 marks, the division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:

- Written Memorial – 20 Marks
- Oral Arguments – 80 Marks

Assessment of Memorial:

The memorials shall be assessed out of 20 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified here under:

a.Clarity of Facts (5 marks)
b.Use of Law, Use of Authorities/Precedents & Citation mode (5 marks)
c.Argumentation and Clarity of thoughts (5 marks)
d.Presentation & Originality (5 marks).

Identification mark of any type shall be strictly prohibited. Breach of this rule shall lead to penalty or disqualification

Rules and Regulations for Researchers' Test

The Researcher's Test is designed to evaluate the legal research aptitude, analytical ability, and understanding of the official moot problem by the designated researcher from each participating team.

●Format of the Test

- Mode: Offline written test (objective type)
- Type of Questions: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) based on facts, legal principles, and issues arising from the official moot problem.
- Total Marks: 30
- Marking Scheme: Each question carries 1 mark each.
- Duration: The test will be conducted within a time limit of 30 minutes

● Evaluation Criteria

Participants will be assessed on the basis of the following parameters:

- Knowledge of the Moot Problem.
- Factual Analysis and legal Application
- Research Skills
- Accuracy and Speed

●Rules of Conduct

- Only the designated researcher: From each team one member shall participate in the test.
- Participation is mandatory: Failure to appear will result in disqualification of the researcher and may affect the team's overall eligibility.
- No reference materials such as bare acts, books, notes, or electronic devices are permitted during the test.
- Talking, sharing, or any form of assistance among participants during the test is strictly prohibited.
- The decision of the evaluators and organizing committee shall be final and binding.
- The question format consists of Part A and Part B, in case of tie, the marks received under Part A will be considered to break the same.

Oral Rounds

a)The order of the competitions including the days, and the side (petitioner/respondent) for which each team appears will be declared before the commencement of the competition.

b)The entire scheme of the competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams. The Society reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams, in case, it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the last minute, or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. The host team, if it gets qualified, will not be able to participate beyond the preliminary rounds.

c)The duration of each Court will not exceed one hour and ten minutes, including time taken to answer questions. To be precise each participating team will get 35 minutes including the rebuttals / sur-rebuttal. One speaker must speak not less than 10 minutes.

Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal: The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal). In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that was used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. The teams can reserve a maximum of 5 minutes for the rebuttal/surrebuttal.

d)The preliminary rounds will be ranked on league basis. The teams having same points will be ranked on the basis of their memorials scores. If after ranking the memorial scores, teams are still tied, the teams so tied will be ranked accordingly to their total scores (excluding memorial scores). Thus ranked 16 teams from the total teams will move on to the Quarter Finals.

f)From the Quarter finals, the best 4 teams will advance to the Semi Finals, and subsequently the best 2 teams will compete in the Final Round.
g)A selection process will be conducted before the preliminary rounds, if necessary, at the discretion of the organizing committee.
h)The language of the Court shall be English.
i)During the oral rounds, the team shall not be allowed to use any type of electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc
j)Evaluation of the arguments in the oral rounds will be based on;

i.Knowledge & Use of facts
ii.Correct articulation of facts, factual analysis & use of evidence
iii.Correct articulation of legal issues and legal analysis
iv.Knowledge of law & its interpretation
v.Use of authorities and citations
vi.Response to questions
vii.Skills of advocacy and persuasiveness
viii.Language & style
ix.Clarity, brevity & ingenuity
x.Court manners and general impression

h.Marks are awarded on agreed criteria by the Committee of Judges and the factors constituting the criteria shall be such as “EXCELLENT”, “GOOD”, “AVERAGE”, and “POOR”, based on the performance of the participants. The decision of the Committee of Judges shall be final.
i.The individual prizes will be awarded on the basis of average of the total marks secured by the individual participant from the Preliminary Rounds. (The average of the total marks secured by the individual participant in any other round, will not be counted for individual prizes).
j.In preliminary rounds, each team will have to argue for petitioner / appellant and for respondent (Two rounds).
k.The memorial of the opposing team will be provided to a team in each round after the announcement of lots.

Miscellaneous:

a.Secrecy of Identity: During the course of the Oral Submissions, the speaker shall neither reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their College/University by any means whatsoever. Such actions on part of any member of the team will lead to disqualification of the team from the competition.
b.Scouting: Scouting is strictly prohibited. Teams found scouting will be disqualified immediately.
c.Be respectful: Participants should behave respectfully towards the other participants and the organizers. Failure of the same will lead to disqualification.
d.The Certificates of Participation and Certificate of Merit will only be distributed to the teams attending the valedictory ceremony
e.The organizers reserve the rights to make changes to any rules and regulations of this competition without prior intimation.
f.If the registration of teams comes in an enormous way more than the anticipated manner, an additional qualifying round may be conducted as per the discretion of the college authorities.

Appeal Committee:

The organizers are entitled to change the format of the competition, without prior intimation. In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the appeal committee, which shall consist of Prof (Dr) Ajitha Nair L. Principal of KLA as its Chairperson and Prof Hareendran K & Prof G Anilkumar , Vice Principals of KLA as Vice Chairmen along with two other faculty members of the host institution. The decision of the Appeal committee shall be final.

Contact:

For any queries, please write to 36thklamootcourtcompetition@gmail.com or contact any of the following:

Registration Processes:

All the interested teams for the competition are requested to duly send an email to 36thklamootcourtcompetition@gmail.com on or before December 20, 2026, for provisional registration, confirming their slot. And final registration on or before January 5th 2027 by submitting the duly filled Proforma provided below and make an online payment of Rs 6000/- (Without Accommodation) or 7500/- (With Accommodation) as registration fee through the online link provided above, Per Team, Rs.6000/- (Without Accommodation) or RS. 7500/- (With Accommodation- AC Dormitory). The Team Codes shall be allotted within 2 days of Final Registration.

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