**TSMP MOOT & MINGLE 2022**

**TSMP LAW CORPORATION**

**NUS LAW MOOTING & DEBATING CLUB**

**EVENT INFORMATION**

# INTRODUCTION

* 1. **Goals.** Moot and Mingle 2022 (the “**Event**”) aims to stimulate interest in oral advocacy.
  2. **Organiser and Sponsor.** The Event is organised by the National University of Singapore (“**NUS**”) Mooting & Debating Club (the “**MDC**") and sponsored by TSMP Law Corporation (“**TSMP**").
  3. **Eligibility.** The Event is open to Y1 and Y2 law students enrolled in NUS who have not been previously conferred with a Bachelor of Laws, nor its equivalent, in any jurisdiction.

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **Language.** The Event shall be conducted in the English language.
2. **Decisions Shall be Final.** Any decisions made by the MDC and TSMP (collectively “the Organisers”) relating to the Event shall be final.
3. **Communications.** All official communications to the Organisers of the Event must be made to [nusmootandmingle@gmail.com.](about:blank) Any other communications shall not be considered official.
4. **Amendments to Rules.** The Organisers reserve the right to amend any of these Rules, including the Schedule, at any time, without prior notice, and any such amendment shall take immediate effect upon the distribution by the Organisers of any such amendment to participants. The Organisers take no responsibility for any failure of receipt by any participant of such amendment.
5. **Penalties and Disqualification.** The Organisers reserve the right to impose any penalties or disqualifications on any participant for any breach of these Rules and unethical or unprofessional conduct of any participant in the course of the Event.

# PARTICIPATION

* 1. Participation in the Event is based on registration by full completion of the appropriate form as provided by the Organisers by the Registration Date set out in the Schedule herein.
  2. Upon registration, all participants confirm that they are available for the full length of the Event as set out in the Schedule herein.
  3. The Email Address and Telegram handle provided by participants at the point of registration shall be the primary means of written communications and notifications by the Organisers.
  4. Participants who wish to withdraw from the Event must provide good reasons in writing to the Organisers no later than the Withdrawal Date stipulated in the Schedule. Any late withdrawals or any failure to attend the Event in any capacity shall render the participant ineligible for any other competitions organized by NUS MDC for the duration of the participant’s candidature for their legal studies. TSMP reserves the right to take such measures as it deems appropriate for any participant who withdraws or fails to attend.
  5. In the event of a withdrawal or absence due to accident or emergency, participants must provide sufficient documentary proof to the Organisers within a reasonable time and, in any event, no later than 3 days after the withdrawal or absence.
  6. Participants will be assigned a side (Plaintiff Counsel or Defense Counsel) (“**the Assigned Side**”). Any such assignments are the final decision of the Organisers.
  7. Each participant will be assigned a Round Number which shall be used for identification purposes during the moot.
  8. By registering, all participants agree that their images may be captured by the Organisers either in photographs or videos during the Event, and grant permission to the Organisers and Moot Author to use such images for any publicity or educational purposes without further reference to the participants.

# THE MOOT PROBLEM

* 1. The Event involves a legal problem based on a hypothetical situation, and a closed universe of case authorities will also be prescribed.
  2. No additional facts may be introduced unless they are a logical and necessary extension of facts already set out in the Moot Problem. No additional cases may be introduced to advance one’s arguments.

1. **CLARIFICATIONS**
   1. Any requests for clarifications must be sent by email to the Organisers by the relevant Clarification Deadline set out in the Schedule herein. The Moot Author retains the sole discretion to decide whether to provide answers to any requests for clarifications.
2. **ORAL ROUNDS**
   1. Information regarding the locations of the Oral Rounds will be disseminated to participants of the Event via email.

# SCHEDULE

* 1. Participants will be notified of their precise schedule for arguments no later than 48 hours before the Event.
  2. Participants must be physically present at their assigned room no later than 15 minutes before the Event. The Organisers reserve the right to bar any participant who registers or arrives late.

# ATTIRE

# All participants must be attired in Full Court attire.

# TIME PERMITTED

* 1. Participants must adhere strictly to the time permitted for presentation of oral arguments, including time for any rebuttal or surrebuttal, and questions from the Judges. Any extension of time is solely at the discretion of the Judges.
  2. Each pair will have **15 minutes** **of** **total speaking time between them**, to be allocated and reserved accordingly for the presentation of opening submissions and rebuttals/surrebuttals. Both participants in a pair should have time to speak and at least present a substantive argument.
  3. No additional time is allocated for an opening statement.

# REBUTTALS AND SURREBUTTALS

* 1. Participants must reserve time for rebuttals and surrebuttals at the start of each oral presentation. A failure to do so will forfeit the participant’s right of rebuttal and surrebuttal.
  2. The scope of Rebuttal is limited to arguments raised by the Defence Counsel during the Oral Round.
  3. The scope of Surrebuttal is limited to arguments raised in the Rebuttal.

# EXHIBITS

* 1. No exhibits that are not part of the Moot Problem nor any additional material may be used during the oral arguments, unless with the express permission of the Judges and by prior agreement of opposing counsel.

# MOOTING FORMAT

* 1. **Oral Argument.** Each pair of participants has **15 minutes** to present their oral arguments to the Judges, including rebuttals and surrebuttals. This will be followed by **20 minutes or more** of the judges’ feedback per round.
  2. **Additional authorities.** No additional authorities will be used for this particular moot, unless otherwise allowed for by the judges.
  3. **Judging.** Participants will be evaluated on the basis of the quality and coherence of their oral arguments, their presentation style (which includes persuasiveness, clarity and structure), and the ability to respond substantively to the Judges’ questions. Judges will offer feedback and advice on participants after they have concluded their presentations.

# MINGLING SESSION

* 1. After the moot, there will be a mingling session, allowing participants and judges to interact.
  2. Pairs that mooted against each other during the mooting session will be grouped together for the purposes of the mingling session. Each group of participants (consisting of maximum 4 persons) will be assigned to one of the judges who was present during the moot.
  3. The mingling session will take place in the groups of 5 and will be held at an external venue up to the discretion of the Judge who is in charge of the group.

1. **NUS COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES (“SMM”)**
   1. All NUS participants are to declare their vaccination status in uNivUS if they have not already done so.
   2. All NUS participants are to present their NUS Green Pass on the day of the Event, and hence are also required to adhere to the FET ART Self-Test programme in accordance with the current NUS Circular.
   3. During the Event, participants are to be in groups of up to 5 persons, with 1 metre distance between individuals, or if it is not possible, at least 1 metre distancing between groups (of up to 5 persons).
2. **SCHEDULE**

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| **Event** | **Date and Time** |
| Registration Deadline | Wednesday 9 February 2022  2359 hours |
| Assignment of Participant Groups and Side | Wednesday 16 February 2022  By 2359 hours |
| Clarification Deadline | Friday 18 February 2022  By 2359 hours |
| Withdrawal Deadline | Friday 18 February 2022  By 2359 hours |
| Registration and Mooting Rounds | Friday 25 February 2022  1600 hours to 1830 hours |
| Mingle Session | Friday 25 February 2022  1830 onwards |