



SIXTH BRU FOUNDATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025

OFFICIAL RULES

INTRODUCTION

1. The Bharat Raj Upreti Memorial Foundation ("**BRU Foundation**") was founded in 2016 in the loving memory of late Hon'ble Justice Bharat Raj Upreti, founding member of Pioneer Law Associates, Senior Advocate and former justice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Nepal. Late Hon'ble Justice B. R. Upreti is fondly remembered for his legal acumen in commercial laws in Nepal as well as his astute observations in law.
2. BRU Foundation aims to play an instrumental role in the legal profession and legal education, on topics such as arbitration, and independence of Nepalese judiciary, through research, publication, capacity building, policy dialogue and reform intervention. It is in this spirit, that the Sixth BRU Foundation Moot Court Competition ("**Moot Court Competition**") is being organized to encourage students to learn and understand the niceties of court settlement of commercial disputes. This year's competition is being held in continuation of the success of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and the Fifth BRU Foundation Moot Court Competition.
3. The following rules have been formulated for the purposes of the Moot Court Competition, and are subject to clarification, as may be necessary.

GENERAL

4. BRU Foundation is the organizer of the Moot Court Competition.
5. The Moot Court Competition comprises of – (a) preparation of Legal Opinion, and (b) Oral Hearings for both sides representing KhumbuTech and the Fantastic Four members (as defined in the Moot Problem).
6. The Moot Court Competition shall be held on 4th and 5th of July 2025. The Venue and Time will be disclosed closer to the date of the Competition.

7. The legal opinions shall be prepared in English language. The oral pleadings may be done in English or Nepali language at the discretion of the respective teams.

REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

8. For a team to be eligible for the Moot Court Competition, it must have three members who are currently enrolled in the same law school or three-year LLB Program. Two of the members shall be speakers and one shall be a researcher.
9. For the purposes of registration, each team shall send a Letter of Endorsement by the concerned law school, and Registration Form (attached herewith as Annexure A), to the following email address: bru.foundation.memorial.moot@gmail.com by 5 PM on 19 May 2025.
10. Upon completion of registration, the teams shall be provided with their Team Code/Name, which is to be used throughout the entire Moot Court Competition.

TEAM STRUCTURE

11. The teams/respective law schools are free to decide on the composition and structure of the team of three members, as they deem fit.
12. Every team is to specify a "Contact Person" on behalf of the entire Team, with whom the BRU Foundation shall be communicating. It is expected that this Contact Person will relay the information to the entire team.
13. Once the team and its members have been registered, substitution of the team members have to be communicated to the BRU Foundation by June 29, 2025. Substitution thereafter is not encouraged, and shall only be allowed in special circumstances, and with the permission of the BRU Foundation.

LEGAL OPINION

14. Each team shall submit two legal opinions – one on behalf of KhumbuTech and the other on behalf of the Fantastic Four members.

15. Each Legal Opinion shall strictly follow the requirements mentioned herein. All Legal Opinions shall be submitted in Times New Roman, 12 pt, double spacing, justified text, with a margin of 1 inch.
16. Foot notes shall be in Times New Roman, 10 pt, single spacing, justified text.
17. The format for citation to be followed is the OSCOLA, latest edition.
18. Each Legal Opinion must contain a cover page including:
 - a. Team code (at the top-right corner);
 - b. Name of the Competition/Year;
 - c. Title of the Legal Opinion (whether for KhumbuTech or the Fantastic Four members).
19. Teams shall ensure that the Legal Opinion be in question-answer format and shall not exceed 30 pages. A separate orientation shall be provided to the teams in writing the Legal Opinion.
20. Teams are in no way to disclose their name and identity in Legal Opinion and only use the Team Codes for the purpose of identification.
21. Both the Legal Opinions are to be submitted in a single email to the address specified above but as separate attachments for KhumbuTech and the Fantastic Four members in both PDF and Word formats by June 23, 2025. In essence, every team shall send one email, with four attachments. Submission in any other form shall not be entertained. Teams are not required to submit hard copies.
22. The legal opinions shall be adjudged on the basis of Annexure B, attached herewith.
23. The legal opinions shall be scored by a designated panel and this score shall remain constant throughout the Moot Court Competition.

ORAL ARGUMENTS

24. Since the Moot Court Competition is a court hearing, the Speakers will be Counsels representing KhumbuTech and the Fantastic Four members before the Labor Court. The teams shall be seated opposite to each other and will plead before the Court.
25. Oral arguments shall be held in two rounds. i.e. Qualifiers, and the Finals.

26. Each team shall be given 40 minutes to present their oral submissions, including the time for rebuttal/ surrebuttal, which shall not exceed 5 minutes. Teams are free to divide the time allocated to them, as suitable to them.
27. There will be two qualifying rounds for the Qualifiers, where each team will get to plead on behalf of KhumbuTech and the Fantastic Four members. This will be based on the fixtures created by the organizing committee using a method of drawing of lots. The four teams with the highest scores in the Qualifiers and Legal Opinion shall go on to the Semi-finals. The winner at the end of the Finals shall be the team with the highest legal opinion score and finals score.
28. Pleadings are not limited to Legal Opinions. However, the rebuttals shall be limited to the points raised by the opponents, and the surrebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals.
29. The Speakers shall be adjudged on the basis of Annexure C, attached herewith.
30. The marking of the Moot Court Competition shall be transparent and published at the end of the Moot Court Competition.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

31. Remember it is not only about winning, but about learning and enjoying the process. Nevertheless, we would like to appreciate the efforts put in by the teams with special mention of the outstanding performances.
32. The winner of the Finals shall be declared the "Winning Team", and the team that comes second in the Finals shall be declared the "Runners-Up".
33. There shall be an award for "Best Legal Opinion" given to the team with the highest total legal opinion score (total of Legal Opinions on behalf of KhumbuTech and the Fantastic Four members).
34. There shall be an award for the "Best Speaker", adjudged on the basis of the total scores awarded during the Qualifiers.
35. All teams will be awarded with a Certificate of Participation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 36.** The BRU Foundation takes the issue of plagiarism seriously. If it is found that any work has been plagiarized and proper attribution to authorities has not been given, then the legal opinion of such teams shall be disqualified from the Moot Court Competition. The communication regarding such disqualification shall be made at the time of announcement of result.
- 37.** Any team seeking any clarifications to the rules/problem may send all its questions, preferably in a single email by May 30, 2025.
- 38.** All communications shall be addressed to bru.foundation.memorial.moot@gmail.com.
- 39.** The BRU Foundation reserves the right to clarify the rules, problems and release research material as may be necessary.

ANNEXURE A
Registration Form

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of Law School	
2.	Complete Address of Law School including the Phone Number	
3.	Names of students participating	
4.	Contact person	
5.	Email of contact person	
6.	Annexures	<p>Please ensure that this Registration Form is accompanied with:</p> <p>1. Letter of endorsement by respective law school.</p>
7.	Remarks	

ANNEXURE B

Marking Criteria for Legal Opinion

S. No.	Particulars	Marks	Details
1.	Formatting	10	Font, Spacing, Page Setup Cover Page General Appearance Confirmation with OSCOLA, latest edition
2.	Language	5	Grammar and sentence structure Punctuation
3.	Content	20	Appreciation and application of facts Recognition of issues: complete, correct recognition and weighing of issues Logical structure and clarity of thought Correct primary and alternative submissions Ingenuity
4.	Research	10	Identification of the appropriate legal principles Knowledge of basic concepts and principles Applicability of law
5.	References	5	Identification and use of correct laws Reference to case laws, academic writings, scholars
	Total	50	

ANNEXURE C

Marking Criteria for Speaker(s)

S. No.	Particulars	Marks	Details
1.	Presentation	10	Decorum before the Court Logical structure and clarity of thought Confidence Time management
2.	Language	5	Grammar and sentence structure Clarity and diction
3.	Content	20	Appreciation and application of facts Recognition of issues Correct primary and alternative submissions Knowledge of basic legal concepts and principles Ingenuity
4.	References	5	Identification and use of correct laws Reference to case laws, academic writings, scholars
5.	Persuasiveness	10	Ability to answer arbitrator's queries Ability to respond to the other side
	Total	50	