



Canadian Competition Law Moot Rules

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I. GENERAL

a. Overview

The Competition Bureau is partnering with the Competition Tribunal and the Canadian Bar Association to host Canada's first competition law moot in the 2018-2019 academic year. This event will provide Canadian law students with an exceptional opportunity to tackle timely, complex civil or criminal issues in a growing field of law that strives to balance private economic incentives with the public interest all the while improving the advocacy skills of participating students.

b. Definitions

Advisory Group: senior members of the Bureau, Bar and Bench responsible for providing guidance about the conduct of the Competition.

Committee: the administrators of the Competition responsible for the enforcement of these Rules.

Competition: the 2019 Canadian Competition Law Moot.

Factum Judging Panel: the panel of i) practitioners from the Bar, ii) judicial members of the Competition Tribunal or Federal Court, and iii) representatives of the Competition Bureau or the Department of Justice, that will judge all of the factums submitted by the Schools.

Oral Judging Panel: a panel of i) practitioners from the Bar, ii) judicial members of the Competition Tribunal or Federal Court, and iii) representatives of the Competition Bureau or the Department of Justice, that will judge one or more oral Matches.

Match: a round of oral arguments between a Team representing the appellant and a Team representing the respondent.

Mooter: a student selected to represent a School in the Competition and who will present oral arguments, subject to the eligibility requirements set out in these Rules.

Moot Problem: the official problem for the Competition.

Organizing Partners: together, the Competition Bureau, the Canadian Bar Association and the Competition Tribunal.

Rules: these official Competition rules and any applicable supplements to these rules published by the Committee, as amended.

School: a law faculty participating in the Competition with: i) two Teams of two Mooters to represent each of the appellant and respondent sides, ii) if desired, a research student (subject to the Team composition requirements set out in these Rules) and iii) up to two coaches.

Team: a pair of Mooters.

c. Interpretation of the Rules

The Committee will interpret these official rules in the interest of fairness and equity and will settle any questions that arise in the Competition. The Committee reserves the right to modify these Rules or promulgate additional measures as may be deemed advisable for the orderly conduct, quality, integrity and reputation of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition. Modifications shall not violate the spirit of these rules or the best interests of the Competition.

d. Administration of the Competition

Phases

- The Competition will consist of 2 phases:
 1. a written phase and;
 2. an oral phase
- Each Team will submit a written factum during the written phase and make oral submissions during the oral phase of the Competition.

Rounds

- The oral phase of the Competition shall consist of 2 levels:
 - A **Preliminary Round**, in which all Teams will participate, and a **Final Round**.
- Advancement of Teams through the Competition shall be determined based on the following rules:
 - The appellant Team and the respondent Team with the highest total Team score(s) in the Preliminary Round shall advance to the Final Round.
 - In the event of a tie, the Team with the highest factum score (among those tied Teams) shall advance.
 - In the event that the tie remains after considering factum scores, the Team with the highest individual oral score shall advance.
 - Ties are not allowed in the final round. To the extent that the scores of the finalist Teams are identical following the final Match, the tie-break rules above shall be applied mutatis mutandis to arrive at the final scores.

e. Registration

Initial Registration

Each School must complete initial registration using the [online registration form](#) by October 31, 2018, which date is subject to change without notice by the Committee.

Each School must designate a team coordinator no later than November 30, 2018.

The team coordinator is responsible for i) updating the School's registration according to the provisions below, and ii) working with the Committee to ensure that the School complies with applicable requirements in advance of and during the Competition.

Updated Registration

As soon as possible, but no later than January 11, 2019, each Team coordinator must update his/her School's registration online to indicate which Mooters will be representing the appellant and respondent sides, and the order in which each Mooter on each Team will present their oral argument.

Payment

The registration fee for each School is CDN\$500.

Each participating School must submit a registration cheque to be received no later than November 30, 2018.

The cheque must be addressed to the "Receiver General for Canada" and couriered to the following address:

Attention: Accounts Receivable – Canadian Competition Law Moot
Competition Bureau Canada
Place du Portage I
50 Victoria Street, Room C-114
Gatineau, Quebec
J8X 3X1

Following the final date of registration, participants cannot withdraw from the moot competition.

Other individuals

Each School can register up to 2 coaches and 1 research student.

II. PARTICIPANTS

a. Eligibility

Only students enrolled at a faculty of law are eligible to participate as Mooters.

- Non-law faculty students may not participate in the Competition.
- Both the Mooters and the research student must be currently registered in a J.D or LLB program, or equivalent in Canada, unless otherwise agreed to by the Advisory Group.

Verification of a participant's status as a student may be required for registration.

Students on exchange from another country are eligible to participate under the host university.

b. Team Selection

Mooters may be chosen by any method approved by the School, including intramural competition.

c. School identification

Each School in the Competition will be assigned a number at random by the Committee.

This number must be the only form of identification used on the factum and at all times during the Competition.

d. Research Student

A School may also choose to have 1 research student. The research student must be a registered student of the School. The research student is permitted to perform any of the activities undertaken by the School to prepare for the Competition. For greater certainty, this includes research, peer coaching and factum writing.

e. Privacy

Each participant agrees that information regarding their participation in the Competition, including photographs and other recordings may be published by any of the Organizing Partners.

f. Outside assistance

Teams shall not conduct practice rounds in front of any persons who will be part of a Factum or Oral Judging Panel in the Competition.

Faculty Members

Assistance from librarians, computer research advisors, and other legal resource specialists in preparing the factum, and any other materials, shall be limited to answering specific questions regarding the location of legal sources or general legal research methods.

Coaches

It is permissible for coaches to discuss with the Mooters and the research student in general terms the issues raised in the moot problem, to suggest possible research sources and to provide instruction relating to advocacy techniques and the preparation of persuasive oral and written arguments. Ultimately, Mooters must determine which specific issues to raise.

Coaches may not prepare or draft any aspect of a Team's factum or oral arguments.

III. THE OFFICIAL PROBLEM

a. Authors

The Moot Problem shall be drafted by a Problem Drafting Committee composed of members selected by the Advisory Group.

The subject of the Moot Problem shall be determined by the Advisory Group and shall reasonably reflect current and relevant issues in the field of competition law.

Subject to the discretion of the Advisory Group, the Moot Problem shall consist of a hypothetical decision of the Competition Tribunal made further to an application filed by the Commissioner of Competition or a private party under one or more of the provisions of the *Competition Act*.

b. Jurisdiction of the Court

The court before which the Teams shall argue is the fictional “Competition Appeal Tribunal” (CAT).

The CAT hears appeals of decisions made by the Competition Tribunal.

The CAT is bound to follow precedents from the Supreme Court of Canada.

Court decisions from other jurisdictions only serve as persuasive authority.

c. Clarification questions

Procedure

Clarification questions regarding the Moot Problem must be submitted to the Committee in writing by Friday November 30th, 2018 at cb.cclm-cpcdc.cda@canada.ca.

No requests for clarification received after the deadline will be accepted.

Requests must include a brief explanation as to why each clarification is necessary.

Eligibility of questions

Requests will be answered at the discretion of the Committee.

Questions cannot relate to the substantive legal issues (or sub-issues) raised by the Moot Problem.

Requests should be clear and only in relation to facts of the case.

Notice

When a clarification is issued, both the request and the answer will be distributed to all Schools.

d. Judging Panels

Members of a Factum or Oral Judging Panel have a duty not to disclose confidential information about the problem and must keep confidential their scoring deliberations. For greater certainty, the Factum Judging Panel shall not disclose their scoring or other factum-related information to any Oral Judging Panel.

Each member of a Factum or Oral Judging Panel will act individually and independently of other members of the same panel.

IV. FACTUM

a. General

Each School shall submit both an Appellant and Respondent factum.

b. Language

Each School may submit its factums in either official language.

The choice of language is to be made at the initial registration.

c. Respondents' Factum

Respondents' factums are not required to reply specifically to any of the arguments set out in the Appellant factums that they receive.

Oral Judging Panels shall disregard any reference to an Appellant factum that is not before them.

d. Format

Sections

The factums shall contain, at a minimum, in consecutively numbered paragraphs:

Table of Contents

Part I: statement of facts

Part II: statement of points in issue

Part III: statement of submissions

Appendix A: list of authorities to be relied upon

Form

Factums must be typed and submitted on white, standard letter size paper (8 ½ by 11 inches).

Each page of the factum shall have margins of at least one inch, or 2.54 centimetres, on all sides, excluding page numbers.

Spacing

Parts I-III of the factum will be double spaced, except for: (1) references, footnotes and titles more than one line in length and (2) quotations of 50 words or more, which shall be indented.

Numbering

The pages of the factum shall be numbered.

Length

Parts I-III of the factum shall be no more than 20 pages in total length

Covering pages (including Table of contents) and Appendix A will not be included in the page count.

Font

All parts of the factum, excluding covering pages and any footnotes, shall be in Times New Roman 12 point font.

Citations

All citations must be made in accordance with the most recent edition of the Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation (McGill Guide 8th edition).

Privacy

No Team shall be allowed to view or otherwise become privy to any factum other than the respective factums of scheduled opposing Teams.

e. Submissions

Name of File

Each Team's factum must be labeled using the file name : " Team [[insert Team#]] Factum"

Format and Schedule for Submissions

Factums must be submitted by email to cb.cclm-cpcdc.cda@canada.ca in PDF format according to the following schedule:

- Appellant Factum: Friday, January 25th, 2019, 5:00pm Eastern time.
- Respondent Factum: Friday, February 8th 2019, 5:00pm Eastern time.

Hard Copy

Within 2 business days, 7 copies of each Team's factum must also be sent by courier to the Committee, at the following postal address:

Canadian Competition Law Moot
c/o Sarah Ardito
Competition Bureau
Place du Portage I
50 Victoria Street, Room C-114
Gatineau, Quebec
J8X 3X1

Factums must be fastened by Cerlox binding.

Changes

No Team may revise, substitute, add to, delete or in any other way alter its factum once it is submitted.

Publication

All rights in and to the factums will become the property of the Competition Bureau. The Competition Bureau may publish the winning factums on its website, and may seek to have the factums published elsewhere.

V. ORAL ARGUMENT

a. Time of the Match

Each Match will begin at the time indicated in the schedule of Matches. If a Team fails to appear by the scheduled start time, after waiting five (5) minutes, the Match may proceed *ex parte*.

b. Scope of the argument

The scope of a Mooter's oral argument may expand upon issues raised in their factum, but the oral arguments must still relate to the written submissions found in their factum, or in the case of a respondent Mooter, to the written submissions found in the factum of the appellant Team against which they are competing.

c. Communication

Judging Panel

During a Match, oral communication is limited to the Oral Judging Panel and the Mooters.

No materials may be handed up to the Judging Panel during oral argument.

Team

Communication between a Team and its coach(es) is prohibited during presentation of the arguments.

Mooters shall avoid all behaviour which may disrupt or detract from the oral argument in progress.

d. Language

Each Team will present its oral arguments in the language of its factum.

Questions

Questions from the Oral Judging Panel to a Mooter shall be posed in the language being used by that Mooter.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation is available upon request for the Final Round for any Mooter who needs that service in order to understand the submissions of his/her opponents.

e. Electronic devices

The use of electronic devices (e.g., laptop, tablet) is permitted for Teams. However, they must be set to silent. All cellular phones must be set to silent.

f. Spectators

Participating Teams

During the preliminary rounds, coaches and research students may only attend Matches where Mooters from their School are participating.

Anyone who has not moved on to the final round may attend the final round.

Outside spectators

Subject to the availability of space, all rounds are open to the public, except for the period of time during which the Oral Judging Panel provides its oral feedback to the Teams.

Spectators are urged to show the utmost respect while oral arguments are in progress.

Electronic Devices

All spectators are prohibited from taking pictures or videos during a Match. All electronic devices must remain in silent mode throughout the Match.

g. Time allocation

General

Each of the appellant and respondent Teams will have a total of 45 minutes in which to present oral argument and receive and respond to questions from the Oral Judging Panel.

Before the start of the Match, the official timekeeper of the Match will ask each Team how it wishes to allocate that time between the two Mooters. Neither Mooter may argue for longer than 25 minutes in a single Match.

Enforcement

Time limits will be strictly enforced. At their discretion, the Oral Judging Panel may allow a Mooter to conclude briefly at the expiry of the allocated time, up to an additional minute.

Warning

The timekeeper will give a warning of remaining time for each Mooter when there are 10 minutes, 5 minutes and 2 minutes left to their allocated time.

Rebuttal

Each Mooter will argue once. There will be no rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

End of Match

Once the last Mooter has finished making submissions, the Match will end.

The Oral Judging Panel will then have twenty minutes to provide oral feedback to the Teams in camera, once spectators have left the room.

h. Recording

The Organizing Partners reserve the right to make audio and/or video recordings of any Match, or to take photographs during a Match.

By participating in the Competition, all Mooters consent to the recording and broadcasting of their oral arguments, and to the reproduction of any photographs thereof.

VI. SCORING

a. Factum Score

Factums are scored out of a total of 40 points. The score awarded by all the members of the Factum Judging Panel for a given factum will be averaged to arrive at the final score for that factum.

Factums will be judged prior to the preliminary oral rounds.

Factums will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- knowledge of facts and law
- correct application of relevant rules and legal principles
- clarity and logic of argument
- structure and organization
- grammar and style

b. Oral Score

Each Mooter shall receive a score out of 30 points for their oral submission. The score awarded by all the members of the Oral Judging Panel for a given Mooter will be averaged to arrive at the final oral score for that Mooter.

A Team's score for oral submissions shall be the sum of the final scores for each of its Mooters.

Oral submissions shall be assessed according to the following criteria:

- demonstrated knowledge of facts and law
- correct legal analysis and its applications to facts
- clarity and logic of argument
- ability to answer questions
- persuasiveness and fluency

c. Total Score

The total score for a Team, expressed as a number out of 100, shall be the final factum score added to the Team's final oral score.

Each Team will receive their final scores after the Competition.

The scores will not be made public.

d. Penalties

Delayed submission

5 points when received at any point within 24 hours after the submission deadline

1 additional point will be deducted for each additional 24 period.

Exceeding length of factum

2 points when one page exceeding

4 points when two pages exceeding

A written factum exceeding 3 pages over the stipulated limit will result in disqualification.

Disclosure of identity

2 points if any form of identification other than the Team number assigned by the Committee is used anywhere in a Team's factum.

Other formalities

1 point per each infraction up to a total of four 4 points:

- Margins, interlinear space, font, order of sections, missing or additional section, etc.

VII. ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

Every Mooter, Coach and research student must conduct themselves in a civil, courteous, respectful and professional manner at all stages of the competition, and in no case act in a manner that is detrimental to the integrity of the Competition.

An ethical violation may result where any Team or participant acts contrary to the spirit and content of this section or of the Rules, generally.

Any incident or allegation of ethical violations shall be referred to the Committee.

At the Committee's discretion, a Team may be sanctioned for an ethical violation by deduction of points from its overall score, or by any other sanction up to and including disqualification.

VIII. AWARDS

The following awards shall be awarded based on the relevant scoring:

1. Winning Team
2. Best Factum - Appellant
3. Best Factum - Respondent
4. Best Oralist - Appellant
5. Best Oralist - Respondent
6. Best Team – Appellant
7. Best Team – Respondent
8. Best Faculty

The nature of the prize to be awarded for each award shall be determined by the Committee at its discretion.

Additional awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.