ALL KENYAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES FOR THE 13TH EDITION RESEARCH CATEGORY.

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE AKMCC

The All-Kenyan Moot Court Competition is an annual competition that was conceptualized by students from the Kenyatta University School of Law Parklands in 2013. It allows both students and experts to not only network but also appreciate the development of Human Rights through mooting and research competitions. The research category brings together researchers from all accredited law schools in Kenya to compete in coming up with theoretically sound solutions to issues concerning Human Rights affairs.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE E-JOURNAL.

The E-Journal was introduced to document the progress in academia, research, and jurisprudence on human rights in Kenya. In this 13th edition, the best Research Papers and papers from selected experts will be featured in the E-Journal. This is to widen the platform for students and legal professionals to publish and develop scholarly-based research on human rights.

3. TOPIC SELECTION.

The Research Question in this Edition is theme-based. Therefore, each researcher will be required to write a paper on one of the 4 thematic areas provided in the research question and undertake extensive research on it.

4. RULES ON FORMATTING AND SUBMISSION.

4.1. COVER PAGE

- AKMCC LOGO (Centered) -can be found in Annex 1
- Font size 14, Font type; Times New Roman.
- The Competition Title and Edition MUST appear, BOLD, CENTERED, Research theme appears, bold, CENTERED, Font size 14, Times New Roman.
- Team Code and Researcher's NAME
- Topic:

Word Count (Max of 5000 words)

4.2. BODY FORMAT

- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Formatting: Justified (No indentation)
- All Intent Titles MUST be font size 14
- Margins (2cm Top, 2cm Bottom, 2cm Right, 2cm, Left)

4.3. SUBSTANCE OF THE RESEARCH PAPER.

The research paper should include the following in its structure:

1. **Table of Contents (Automatic generation)**

2. Abstract.

(Brief and concise, not more than 250 words)

Your work should consist of a brief and concise abstract. An abstract summarizes the major aspects of the entire paper. It is a short summary of your completed research. It is intended to describe your work without going into great detail.

3. Introduction/ background of the research work

The introduction serves the purpose of leading the reader from a general subject area to a particular field of research. It establishes the context of the research being conducted by summarizing current understanding and background information about the topic, stating the purpose of the work. Also, give a short background information on the research topic.

4. Problem statement

A statement of the problem is used in research as a claim that outlines the problem a study addresses. The statement of the problem briefly addresses the question. What is the problem that the research paper will address?

5. Theoretical framework

Your work should consist of a theoretical framework.

"The theoretical framework is the structure that can hold or support a theory of a research study. The theoretical framework introduces and describes the theory that explains why the research problem under study exists.

6. Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework is generally developed based on a literature review of

existing studies and theories about the topic.

7. Substance of your research.

The research can contain sub-topics that act as roadmaps and give your research a good flow.

8. Conclusion

At the end of your work, you will be required to give an overall conclusion and state the answer to your research question. The conclusion is intended to help the reader understand why your research should matter to them after they have finished reading the paper. A conclusion is not merely a summary of your points or a re-statement of your research problem but a synthesis of key points.

Note: Conclusions should be supported by what you have already written in your work

9. Bibliography

The bibliography should contain the following: cases, statutes, reports, websites, journals, books relied on when doing the research.

10. Referencing

The research paper must be based on properly cited and referenced scholarly literature.

- It is not sufficient to cite websites and online newspapers. Your paper must be supported by at least five peer-reviewed scholarly contributions, e.g. articles.

While citing and referencing, you should use the OSCOLA citing and referencing style.

The use of OSCOLA is likewise mandatory.

- All pages must be numbered.
- The submission deadline is as per the AKMCC guidelines: 10th January 2025
- The marking shall be done by a team of experts between 12th January to 6th February 2025.

NOTE: Any team that submits the research papers past the deadline shall have 10 points deducted from the total score awarded for the research paper. Further, the submission of the research paper more than 24 hours past the deadline, i.e., any time after 11th January 2025, 5:00 PM shall lead to automatic disqualification with no recourse to appeal.

11. Originality

The research paper must be original and where articles are borrowed it must be referenced accordingly. Plagiarism percentage for the research paper must not exceed 25% failure to which the researcher will be disqualified.

5. GUIDELINES FOR DEFENDING THE AKMCC 13TH EDITION RESEARCH PAPER.

1. General Procedure.

The Researchers shall defend their papers from the 11th March to 13th March 2025. The order of defense of the research paper shall be according to the AKMCC 13th Edition Research Program which will be provided two weeks before the actual day of the competition.

2. Delay

If a researcher fails to arrive for a scheduled round, the steering committee, after waiting for seven minutes, will proceed to call the next researcher to defend their paper and instruct the panelists to deduct five points for the delay.

3. Time Allocation.

All researchers will be accorded ten minutes to defend their paper and five minutes to respond to the questions posed by the panelists.

4. Scope of the Defense.

The Scope of the Researcher's Defense must include but not be limited to the substance of the Research Paper.

5. Scouting.

No member of a team or the public will be allowed to watch the Researcher defend their paper.

NOTE: Observers will not be accommodated in the competition. Researchers may bring only one trainer, who will also not be permitted to scout.

6. Slides Presentation.

Each Researcher shall be required to include a slide presentation to enhance his or her defense. The slide presentation should be a summary of what was included in the research paper.

ANNEX I

SAMPLE COVER PAGE

THE ALL-KENYAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION (AKMCC) 13TH EDITION MARCH 2024
THEME: 'TIDES OF CHANGE: SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENHANCING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE DIGITAL ERA'
TEAM CODE:

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RESEARCHER'S NAME (Name only)

..... RESEARCH
TOPIC/QUESTION:

6. MARKING AND GRADING.

The papers will be marked out of 100 marks by a team of experienced judges who are part of the AKMCC 13th edition partners
The research paper will account for 50% of the total marks. The oral presentation will also constitute 50% of the total marks.

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