

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	INSTITUTE OF LAW
Name of Programme:	B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), B.Com.LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)
Course Code:	0FL003VA24
Course Title:	Skill Lab III- Moot Court Exercise
Course Type:	Supplementary
Year of Introduction	2022-2023 (for B.A.,LL.,B. (Hons.) and B.Com.,LL.B. (Hons.); 2026 (for B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.))

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

After the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop advanced problem-solving skills in order to identify relevant legal issues in a factual scenario.
2. Articulate the skills to identify, locate, analyze, evaluate and synthesize materials so as to be able to undertake advanced legal research.
3. Adapt critical thinking, logical reasoning, and analytical skills; and
4. Improve their public speaking and rhetoric skills.

Content Unit

Total Teaching hour: 60
Teaching hours
02 Hours

Unit-I Conventions of Mooting
1.1. What are moot courts?
1.2. Object, purpose and importance of moot courts
1.3. What not to expect from moot courts?
1.4. How are moot courts different from real courts?

Unit-II Researching for the Moot
2.1. Legal research and moot research
2.2. Finding laws in uncharted terrains
2.3. How to use moot facts for purposive research?
2.4. Preparing research note for moot

04 Hours

Unit-III Argumentation Skills
3.1 Developing an argument
3.2. Putting moot research to the best use
3.3 Acknowledging alternative arguments
3.4 Countering counter-arguments

10 Hours

Unit-IV Indices of Memorial Drafting
4.1. Structuring of the Case
4.1.1. The overview
4.2.2. The conclusion the court will be asked to reach

10 Hours



- 4.2.3. Summary of the Facts
- 4.2.4. Outline of important legal principles
- 4.2.5. Outline of frame of arguments
- 4.2.6. Counsel's Opening
- 4.2.7. Conclusion and Prayer for Relief
- 4.2.8. Rebuttal

4.2 Method of Citation (Bluebook 21st edition to be taught in principle; other ways of citations to be taught as well)

4.3 Brief Writing of both sides of the case

Unit-V Court Ethics 04 Hours

- 5.1. How to address the court and the bench ?
- 5.3. General courtroom mannerisms
- 5.4 Correct forms of speech
- 5.5 Courtroom etiquette

Unit-VI Moot Court Training 25 Hours

- 6.1. Oral argumentation
- 6.2. Oral articulation skills
- 6.3. Principles of Advocacy
 - 6.3.1. The Basics
 - 6.3.2. Eye Contact
 - 6.3.3. Voice
 - 6.3.4. Body Language
- 6.4. Advanced Advocacy-
 - 6.4.1. How to address the questioning of the Judges ?
 - 6.4.2. The flexible approach
 - 6.4.3. The Simple approach
 - 6.4.4. Answering directly

Unit-VII Client Counselling and Mediation Counselling 05 Hours

Self-Study:

- J Snape & G Watt, *How to Moot: A Student's Guide to Mooting* (2nd ed, Oxford 2010)
- Christopher Kee, *The Art of Argumentation: A Guide to Mooting* (Cambridge 2006)
- Jeffrey Hill, *A Practical Guide to Mooting* (Palgrave Macmillan 2009)
- Paul I. Wierzer, *How to Please the Court: Moot Court Handbook* (Peter Lang, New York 2004)

Suggested List of Experience:

- Training sessions by advocates and judges of High Courts and Supreme Court