

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY
FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA**

Preamble

We the students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka, idealising the integrity of the legal profession, free from any political, religious or racial bias or influence and animated by the zeal to inculcate and apply, through constructive activities the knowledge, skill, analysis, and incisiveness integral to the practice of law, hereby resolve to establish, continue, develop and nurture a ‘Moot Court Society’ under the guidance of the Faculty of Law for the purposes and in the manner set forth in this document.

1. Name

This moot court society of the students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka shall be known as the “Dhaka University Moot Court Society” (hereinafter "the Society").

2. Office

The official address of the Society shall be as follows:

The Dhaka University Moot Court Society,
Faculty of Law,
University of Dhaka,
Dhaka-1000,
Bangladesh.

3. Purpose

The purposes of the Society shall include the following:

- a) To coordinate activities aimed at introducing, developing and exhibiting oral and advocacy skills and drafting expertise contemporaneous with the demands of the legal profession, by way of:
 - i) Organizing Moot Court Competitions at the national, regional and international level;
 - ii) Participating in the Moot Court Competitions at the national, regional and international level;

- iii) Initiating orientation programs for novices, meaning those students with no mooting experience;
- iv) Organizing workshops/seminars for the students to strengthen their skills in mooting and specially, in drafting memorials.
- v) Organizing practice sessions for the students to evaluate their skills developed through mooting.

b) To gradually enlarge the scope of progressive activities and endeavours in conformity with the philosophy and purposes as contained in this document.

4. Membership to the Society

All current students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Dhaka are eligible to be the members of the Society.

5. President of the Society

Dean of the Faculty of Law shall be the Ex-officio President of the Society.

6. Functions of the President

- a) President shall approve the annual plan and budget of the Society.
- b) President shall appoint the Moderator.

7. Moderator

- a) There shall be a Moderator appointed by the President of the Society from among the members of the Faculty having experience of being Coach/Judge at the National/International Moot Court Competitions.

8. Functions of the Moderator

- a) Forming the Executive Board of the Society.
- b) Appointing the members of the General Committee as per the recommendation of the Executive Board.
- c) Guiding the teams participating in moot court competitions, in the capacity of a coach/judge or assigning any person in such capacity.
- d) Presenting annual plan and budget of the Society before the President for approval.

9. Executive Board

There shall be an Executive Board to the Society comprised of as many members as the Moderator deems fit who shall be the students of the Faculty of Law at the commencement of their term and will carry out all responsibilities and exercise all powers hereinafter mentioned jointly and through consensus.

10. Appointment of the Executive Board

The Moderator shall appoint the members of the Executive Board.

11. Qualifications for appointment to the Executive Board

The eligibility criteria for being a member of the Executive Board shall include:

- a) Participation in the activities of the Society and strong dedication towards the fulfillment of the purposes of the Society.
- b) Satisfactory performance in mooting, debates, public speaking and any other stage performance requiring trained oral delivery.
- c) Experience in professional writing/drafting.
- d) Experience in research related activities.

12. Powers and functions of the Executive Board

The powers and functions of the Executive Board shall be as follows:

- a) Conducting meetings and program activities of the Society
- b) Representing the Society in any internal or external event organized by the Society.
- c) Administering and managing the finances of the society, for the activities of the Society.
- d) Forming teams to participate in external or internal moot court competitions.
- e) Recommending the General Committee, for the purpose of conducting the activities of the Society.
- f) Forming Program Committees if necessary for the purpose of managing any particular event of the Society.
- g) All final decision-making powers relevant to all activities of the Society shall rest with the Executive Board subject to the approval of the Moderator.

13. Term of the Executive Board

The term of any Executive Board shall be of one year. Provided that, if the circumstances deem it necessary it may be extended by the Moderator for another year but in no case the term of any Executive Board shall continue for more than two years.

14. The General Committee

The General Committee of the Society shall be comprised of maximum ten members and will carry out the functions of the society as entrusted to them by the Executive Board.

15. Appointment of the General Committee

The Moderator shall appoint the members of the General Committee as per the recommendation of the Executive Board. The members of the General Committee shall be recommended by the Executive Board from among the members of the Society having experience in mootng, good academic conduct, organizing capacity, research ability and strong inter-personal and communication skills.

16. Powers and Responsibilities of the General Committee

a) The General Committee shall exercise such powers and responsibilities as may be fixed by the Executive Board from time to time in accordance with the purposes and activities of the Society.

i) Co-coordinating Functions

This would essentially require coordinating the functions of the Society with Executive Board, General Committee, the members of the Society and other concerned persons, as and when required under the supervision of the Executive Board.

ii) General Secretarial Functions

This would entail keeping an account of the activities of the society, arranging logistics and support relevant to the functions of the society, liaison with the co-coordinators with regard to meetings etc., and such other functions as may be determined by the Executive Board.

b) Members may be entrusted with the abovementioned functions for the tenure of his/her office. There will be no separate committees to carry out such functions. However, as and when required in the interests of the smooth functioning of the Society and its activities, the concerned members of the General Committee may at times, co-opt members from among the body of members of the Society in consultation with and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

17. Term of the General Committee

The term of the General Committee shall be of one year. Provided that the members of the General Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment.

18. Cancellation of Membership

Membership of the Society will cease in the following cases:

- a) Ipso facto upon cessation of studentship at the Faculty of law, University of Dhaka.
- b) Upon any gross academic misconduct resulting in any disciplinary action by the Faculty itself.
- c) Upon carrying out or planning to carry out any activities subversive to the purposes and procedures of the Society as contained in this constitution resulting in any disciplinary action by the decision of the Executive Board of the Society.

19. Amendment to the Constitution

- a) Any proposal for the amendment of this Constitution may be submitted to the President through a resolution passed by the two-third-majority vote of the members of the existing Executive Board and General Committee in an extraordinary general meeting convened by the Moderator.
- b) Upon receiving any such above-mentioned resolution, President shall refer that to the Faculty Meeting for necessary amendments.

20. Effectiveness

This constitution shall become effective from the day on which it gets approval from the Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka.