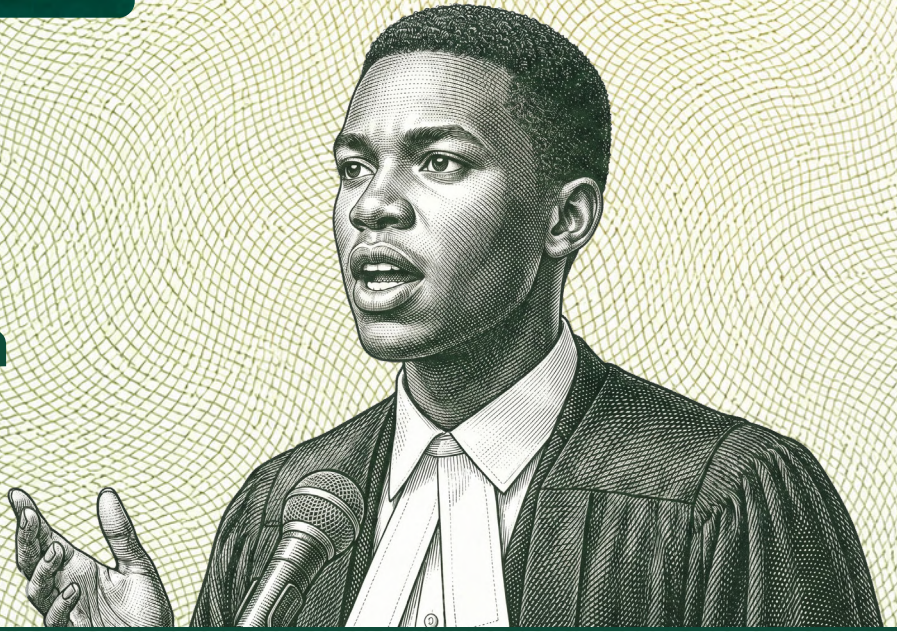




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## Competition Rules 2026



# The Official Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Competition Rules

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## **Preamble**

Within the profound mission of Unwanted Witness (UW) lies a commitment to deepening the comprehension of Data Protection and Privacy, while concurrently fostering awareness among emerging legal minds. As a dedicated pursuit towards realizing these noble objectives, UW orchestrates the annual UW Privacy Moot Court Competition. To meticulously govern the intricacies of this transformative competition, Unwanted Witness conscientiously embraces and upholds the following set of Rules:

## **Chapter I: General Rules**

### **Art. 1 - Object**

- a. The present rules (“Rules”) govern the Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition (hereinafter “the Competition”), organized by Unwanted Witness (hereinafter “the Secretariat”).
- b. The Secretariat has the overall responsibility of the organization of the competition
- c. The Secretariat’s Office is located at Plot No.26, Sentema Road, P.O Box 71314, Clock Tower, Kampala, Uganda; Mob: +256-414 697635; Email: [info@unwantedwitness.org](mailto:info@unwantedwitness.org)
- d. All materials developed by the Secretariat for the Competition, including, without limitation, the Official Rules and the Competition Hypothetical Problem, are the sole property of Unwanted Witness. These materials may not be reproduced for any purpose other than participation in or administration of the Competition without the express and prior written consent of Unwanted Witness. In addition, all Memorials become the sole property of Unwanted Witness, and may not be republished without its express consent.

### **Art. 2 - Subject**

- a. All teams participating in the Competition are presumed to have knowledge of and shall be subject to these Rules.

### **Art. 3 - Interpretation of the Rules**

- a. The Secretariat has the authority to interpret and amend the provisions contained in the Rules.
- b. The Secretariat reserves the right to make changes at any time before the commencement of the Preliminary Round when necessary. Any changes made will be communicated to the participating teams on the moot website ([www.uwmoot.com](http://www.uwmoot.com)) and official social media pages.

### **Art. 4 - Aim of the Competition**

The Competition aims to encourage university law students to improve their knowledge of data protection and privacy in practice and its jurisprudence, through arguing a hypothetical case. In addition, the Competition provides participants with the opportunity to become familiar with the internationally set standards of data protection and privacy.

### **Art. 5 - Eligibility**

- a. The Competition is open to all law students, enrolled in an accredited university (hereinafter “university”) in Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya, provided that (i) the student is not practicing as a lawyer and (ii) the student has not previously participated in the oral rounds of the Competition.
- b. Each university is eligible to register only one (1) team for this Competition.
- c. Only actively enrolled students in a bachelor of Law program in an accredited university in Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya are eligible to participate.
- d. It is each team’s responsibility to ensure that its team members have a level of legal knowledge suitable for the Competition.
- e. Students admitted to practice, including by having taken and passed the bar exam, are prohibited from participating.
- f. Institutions are encouraged to ensure diversity and affirmative action when selecting teams.

### **Art. 6 - Competition Format**

- a. Each team shall consist of three (3) **persons: two (2)** of whom are mooters, and **one (1)** coach. The amount of Team Representatives may never exceed **three (3)** at any moment in the Competition.
- b. Any changes in the team composition as it was at registration, must be submitted in writing **on or before 23:59 Hours on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2026**. Any request for changes in the team composition after this time frame shall be rejected. However, the Secretariat reserves the right to allow changes in team composition after this deadline in consideration of exceptional circumstances, or the interests or fairness of the Competition.
- c. The Coach, or a team member appointed by the team, represents both the university and the team before the Secretariat.

## **Chapter II: Administrative Provisions**

### **Art. 7 - Team Registration**

- a. To register, each team is required to visit the Unwanted Witness website ([www.unwantedwitness.org](http://www.unwantedwitness.org)) and download the registration and consent forms. The deadline for registration is **23:59 Hours on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**
- b. Registration is considered complete only when both the signed registration form and the consent form, duly endorsed by the Dean or Principal of the university's School/Faculty of Law, are submitted via email to [info@unwantedwitness.org](mailto:info@unwantedwitness.org) before the specified deadline.
- c. Each team needs to submit the names, degree program, and year of all two students and coach in the team in order for the registration to be considered complete.
- d. Upon registration, the Secretariat shall communicate and correspond with the registered contact person only. Communication with the Secretariat by any other person shall not be entertained.
- e. Both oral and written submissions shall be in the English language only.
- f. The contact person is responsible for conveying the team registration number and all other relevant information and materials to their respective teams.
- g. Registration for this moot court competition is completely free of charge.

### **Art. 8 - Dress Code**

- a. Teams are required to present themselves in proper legal attire, complete with court robes/gowns, reflecting the professional decorum expected in a High Court setting.
- b. Men: Black formal coat, white shirt, Collars, black formal trousers, black formal shoes, and a black court robe/gown.
- c. Ladies: Black formal coat, white shirt, Collars, black formal trousers, black formal shoes, and a court robe/gown. Alternatively, a black executive skirt may be worn in lieu of trousers, paired with black formal shoes and a black court robe/gown.

### **Art. 9 - Team Identification**

- a. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, each team shall be assigned a team code upon their registration. The team code is given to protect the anonymity of the teams and to ensure no prejudice or bias is shown in the assessment of the memorials.
- b. This code will be emailed to each team by the Secretariat.
- c. This code becomes the team's identifier throughout the Competition.

### **Art. 10- Moot Case Publication**

- a. The annual Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition Case is a hypothetical law problem, which is pleaded during each season's Competition. It is prepared yearly by the Secretariat.
- b. The Competition case (hereinafter: "the Case") will be made publicly available on the competition's website; [www.uwmoot.org](http://www.uwmoot.org) on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**

- C. The deadline for each team to submit any questions or requests for clarifications regarding the Case is **on or before 23:59 Hours on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. Any questions or requests for clarification submitted after this deadline will not be taken into account.

### **Chapter III: Competition Structure**

#### **Art. 11 - Structure**

- a. The Competition shall be conducted in two (2) distinct phases, each subject to separate evaluation: a written round (Memorials) and an oral round (Hearings). The oral round will be further divided into 3 (Three) stages: National Rounds (Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds), Semi Final Rounds and Final Rounds. National Rounds (Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds) shall take place in each participating country, with the Semi-Finals and Finals being held in the hosting country, Tanzania. Following the National Rounds (Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds), the subsequent rounds, including the Semi-Final, and Final Rounds, will occur consecutively in Tanzania.
- b. Each participating team is tasked with addressing the Case in the capacities of Applicant Counsel and Counsel for the Respondent, requiring the submission of one Memorial per role.
- c. Teams are expected to engage in two (2) oral rounds before the Bench, assuming the roles of Applicant Counsel and Respondent Counsel during the National Rounds (Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds) and Semi Final Rounds.
- d. Both the Memorials and Hearings are to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the Data Protection and Privacy laws and regulations specific to Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya, alongside a comprehensive grasp of International Data Protection and Privacy law and Standards.
- e. Advancement to the knockout advanced rounds will be contingent on the cumulative scores, with the top-performing teams progressing to subsequent stages of the competition

#### **Art. 12 - National Rounds**

- a. The written and oral phases of the Competition shall be assessed independently. Qualification to the National Rounds, comprising the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds, shall be determined based on the teams' performance in the written memorials. Upon completion of the evaluation of written memorials, and after applying any applicable penalty deductions, the four (4) highest-ranking teams from each participating country shall qualify to participate in the National Rounds.
- b. The sum of the scores obtained in both phases, the written and oral rounds, shall determine the teams' overall performance, with each phase contributing 50% of the total score. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined based on the teams' overall memorial scores and further evaluation by the judges, whose decision shall be final.
- c. The National Rounds, comprising the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds, shall be conducted separately in Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Kenya. Universities within each country shall compete amongst themselves during these rounds.
- d. In the event that the number of teams in the National Rounds is an odd number, one team will automatically qualify for the quarter-final rounds. This provision ensures fairness and continuity in the competition structure.
- e. The National Rounds will consist of an oral phase.
- f. To decide which teams will compete against each other, designated team members of the qualified teams will go through a draw of lots, picking letters provided by the Secretariat. The letter drawn will indicate the team they will face in the National Rounds.
- g. Following the conclusion of the National Rounds, the best team from each country (one team per country) shall qualify to advance to the Semi-Final Rounds.

### Art. 13 - Semi-Final Round

- a. In the Semi-Final Rounds, winning teams from Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya converge and compete. This marks a shift from the National Rounds, where universities in both countries competed independently among their country mates.
- b. The result of the written Memorials will be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Semi-Final Round.
- c. The winning teams of Semi-Final Rounds will proceed to the Final Round. The winning teams are the two (2) highest scoring teams of the Semi-Final Rounds.
- d. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined based on the teams' overall memorial scores and further evaluation by the judges following which the decision shall be final.
- e. The winning team from the respective Semi-Final Rounds shall then advance to the Final Round.

### Art. 14 - Final Round

- a. The result of the written Memorials will be taken into account in assessing the final scores of the Final Round.
- b. The team which will argue as Applicant or Respondent shall be determined by a coin toss. The winner of the coin toss shall be given the opportunity to choose their side.
- c. After tallying the results, the team with the top score will be announced by the Secretariat as the overall champion of the Competition.
- d. The team winning the Final Round will be the winner of the Competition, In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined based on the teams' overall memorial scores and further evaluation by the judges following which the decision shall be final.
- e. The decision of the judges shall be **FINAL**.

## Chapter IV: Memorial Provisions

### Art 15 - Facts and Clarification of the Moot Problem

- a. The facts that constitute the subject matter of the moot are provided in the moot case.
- b. No additional facts may be introduced unless they are a logical and necessary extension of the given facts in the moot case.

### Art. 16 - Submission of Memorials

- a. All participating teams are required to submit their two (2) Memorials (Applicant and Respondent) for each assigned role to the Secretariat via email at [info@unwantedwitness.org](mailto:info@unwantedwitness.org) on or before **23:59 Hours on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2026**.
- b. Following submission, no alterations or revisions to any memorial will be permitted.
- c. The delayed delivery of Memorials beyond the stipulated deadline will result in **automatic disqualification** from the competition.

### Art. 17 - Identification in Memorials

- a. Each team must **omit** the following references in their Memorials:
  - i. The names of team members; and
  - ii. The name of its university.
- b. Violations of this article will be sanctioned with up to **two (2) penalty scores**.

### Art. 18 - Memorial Format

- a. Each team must submit its Memorials in both **Microsoft Word** and **Pdf. format**.
- b. Each team must submit its Memorials in **size 12 Times New Roman font style**. This requirement applies

to all pages of the Memorial, including the cover page.

- c. Each page must have a margin of at least 2 cm on every side of the text.
- d. Memorials must be continuously page-numbered.
- e. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **one (1) penalty score** per violation, with a maximum of **three (3) penalty scores**.

#### **Art. 19 - Spacing**

- a. The text of the Memorial must be **1.5 spaced**.
- b. Headings and subheadings of more than one line in length must be single spaced.
- c. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **one (1) penalty score** per violation, with a maximum of **two (2) penalty scores**.

#### **Art. 20 - Page Limit**

- a. Each Memorial must not exceed **10 pages (including footnotes)**.
- b. The 10 pages include the statement of facts, issues, summary of arguments, written arguments, submissions and (optional) annexes, and exclude the cover page, title page, table of contents, list of abbreviations and index of authorities.
- c. Violations of this article are sanctioned by **one (1) penalty score per extra page**.

#### **Art. 21 - Order of Content**

- a. Each Memorial shall include the pages/sections below and shall be presented in the following order:
  - 1. Cover page;
  - 2. Table of contents;
  - 3. List of abbreviations;
  - 4. Index of authorities (list of sources);
  - 5. Statement of facts;
  - 6. Issues;
  - 7. Summary of arguments;
  - 8. Written arguments;
  - 9. Submissions;
  - 10. Optional: Annex (max two (2) pages); and
  - 11. Back cover.
- b. Violations of this article are sanctioned by **one (1) penalty score**.

#### **Art. 22 - Front Cover Requirements**

- a. The front cover (page) must contain the following information:
  - i. Team code;
  - ii. Role (Applicant Counsel or Respondent Counsel);
  - iii. Title of the Competition (Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition);
  - iv. Year; and

- v. Number of pages.
- b. The front cover (page) must be colour coded accordingly:
  - i. Yellow for Applicant Counsel.
  - ii. Green for Respondent Counsel.
- c. Violations of this article will be sanctioned **with one (1) penalty score.**

#### **Art. 23 - Footnotes**

- a. Footnotes must be uniform. Footnotes have to be in *Times New Roman font* style, *size 10 font*. Footnotes of more than one line in length must be single spaced.
- b. The text inside individual footnotes should have 1.5 line spacing.
- c. Consistency in the reference to sources throughout the Memorial is required. A referred-to document should be easy to find using the footnote.
- d. All the sources included in the index of authorities, must be included in the footnotes as well
- e. Abbreviations of sources within footnotes are allowed. The abbreviation has to be announced in the footnote itself or in the index of authorities.
- f. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **one (1) penalty score per violation**, with a maximum of **six (6) penalty Scores.**

#### **Art. 24 - Scoring Structure Memorials**

- a. Memorials for each team will be anonymously judged and scored by four judges.
- b. The total memorial score for each team is the cumulative average score by all judges for both Applicant and Respondent memorials minus any penalty scores.
- c. Scores are awarded out of a maximum of 100 scores.
  - i. Knowledge of the relevant laws and legal principles: 25 scores
  - ii. Knowledge and application of facts: 25 scores.
  - iii. Organization, structure, and analysis of the issues: 15 scores.
  - iv. Use of authorities and citations; 15 scores.
  - v. Persuasiveness, ingenuity, logic and reasoning: 10 scores.
  - vi. Grammar, style, and clarity: 10 scores.
- d. Score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the ending of the Competition.

#### **Art. 25 - Plagiarism**

- a. Plagiarism in Memorials will be sanctioned with the disqualification of the team.
- b. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

#### **Art. 26 - Memorial Penalties**

- a. Memorial Penalties shall be deducted from each of the individual evaluators' scores of a team's Memorial.
- b. The Secretariat shall notify all teams **on or before 23:59 Hours 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2026** about their penalty scores.
- c. Any written appeals against the decision to impose penalties should be submitted **prior to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2026.**

### **Chapter V: Oral Round Provisions**

#### Art. 27 - Content

- a. Each team's oral pleadings must demonstrate an outstanding knowledge of data protection and privacy and case law, as well as of the applicable international data protection law principles.
- b. The Hearings will have a maximum length of **one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes** per session and shall reflect familiarity with High Court proceedings.

#### Art. 28 - Appearance

- a. Each team scheduled to appear has a maximum of **thirty (30) minutes** from the start of the scheduled time to appear before the bench.
- b. The Secretariat may decide to delay the start of the proceedings, or reschedule the session, in exceptional circumstances.

#### Art. 29 - Speakers

- a. Each team will have **two (2) individual speakers**. Every individual speaker of a team will represent in their pleadings the **Applicant Counsel or the Respondent Counsel**. It is within the discretion of each team to decide which speaker will present the rebuttal.
- b. Only two members of each team are allowed to be present before the Bench.
- c. Each speaker will present in accordance with the time allocated under **Articles 33 and 34**.
- d. Verbatim reading of the Memorials during the Hearings is strictly prohibited.

#### Art. 30 - Communication

- a. Communication between the speakers and the coaches, team members not presenting, or Competition spectators, is strictly prohibited during the Hearings.
- b. Only those present before the bench are permitted to communicate with each other, as long as they do not hinder the person presenting at that moment.
- c. The use of laptops, mobile phones, or any other electric device is strictly prohibited during the Hearings, also when these items are solely used for measuring time. Speakers are allowed to use a watch **ONLY**. An exception can be made by the Secretariat for exceptional circumstances.
- d. Violations of this article are sanctioned with a maximum of up-to **two (2) penalty scores**. It is up to the discretion of the Bench Members, taking into account the seriousness and consequences of the violation, how many penalty scores (**with a maximum of 5 scores**) will be deducted.

#### Art 31 - Recording of the Hearing

- a. Members of the presenting team, may (voice) record their own team members during their presentation and/or rebuttal. However, it is strictly forbidden to (voice) record the opposing teams during their presentation and/or rebuttal.
- b. Violations of this article are sanctioned with **five (5) penalty scores**.

#### Art. 32 - Raising Objections

- a. The speakers are allowed to raise a maximum of one objection per session to the exposition of the Oralist of the other teams, as long as it is of an utmost importance for the procedure before the Bench and refers to the immediate argument of the pleading Oralist.
- b. An objection is only permissible in the following situations:
  - a. When any speaker refers to events that are not mentioned in the case; or
  - b. When there are radical differences between oral arguments and arguments in the written Memorial; or
  - c. For any other ground deemed appropriate by the Bench.

- c. Once the reasons for the filed objection are expressed, the Bench Members are obliged to hear the arguments of the counterpart before deciding on the admissibility or inadmissibility of the objection.
- d. The Bench will decide by unanimous vote on the admissibility or inadmissibility of the objection. In case of misusing the objection, (only) the speaker that objects will be sanctioned by a deduction of up to **one (1) discretionary penalty score**. If the objecting team is correct, a deduction of up to **one (1) discretionary penalty score** may be deducted from the score of the speaker who violated the Rules.
- e. The objection is not included in the speaking time mentioned in **Articles 33 and 34**.

#### **Art. 33 - Presentation**

- a. Presentation by Applicant Counsel: up to 30 minutes.
- b. Presentation by Respondent Counsel: up to 30 minutes.
- c. Questions posed by the Bench Members are included in the speaking time of the Presentation.
- d. The court may, at its discretion, extend the time for each counsel, provided that the maximum extension for any counsel shall not exceed **two (2) minutes**.

#### **Art. 34 - Rebuttal**

- a. Rebuttal by Applicant Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
- b. Rebuttal by Respondent Counsel: up to 10 minutes.
- c. Questions posed by the Bench Members are included in the speaking time of the Rebuttal.
- d. Speakers are not allowed to introduce new issues in their rebuttal.
- e. All arguments and issues raised by opposing counsels during both presentation and rebuttal may be discussed during the rebuttal.
- f. The court may, at its discretion, extend the time for each counsel, provided that the maximum extension for any counsel shall not exceed **two (2) minutes**.

#### **Art. 35 - Order of the Pleadings**

- a. The order of the pleadings in each In-Person Moot at all levels of the Competition is: Applicant 1, Applicant 2, Respondent 1, Respondent 2, Rebuttal (Applicant 1 or 2), and Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).
- b. Once an oralist has completed his or her main pleading, that oralist may not make any additional argument except for rebuttal or surrebuttal. This applies irrespective of whether the pleading Team uses all of the time it has allocated for its main pleadings.
- c. Time not used in the main pleading may not extend the time allocated to rebuttal or surrebuttal.

#### **Art. 36 - Bench Composition**

- a. Each Bench will be composed of three (3) Members (appointed by the Secretariat) and shall be assisted by a Bench Clerk.
- b. Bench members for the hearings will be different from the Bench evaluating the Memorials. All Bench Members must read the Case, as well as other explanatory documents. Though not compulsory, Bench Members may wear a judicial robe.
- c. Bench Members are not permitted to give their individual opinion outside the deliberation room regarding the quality of the presentations and results of the participating teams. Furthermore, Bench Members are not allowed to give the participating teams any feedback on details of the Case.
- d. During the oral rounds, the Bench shall ensure respect for the Rules of Procedure and will assess the quality of the arguments. The Bench Members are encouraged to intervene with appropriate questions during the oral pleading to further assess the knowledge and the preparation of the oralists.
- e. The Bench will follow its own Rules of Procedure within the framework of accepted norms of judicial

practice, and with regard to questions of doubt or dispute in the procedure or facts. A decision of the Presiding Member of the Bench shall be final.

- f. The Bench Members shall mark the oral arguments in accordance with the scoring criteria provided for in these Rules.

#### **Art. 37 - Role of the Bench Clerks**

- a. The Bench Clerks are nominated by the Secretariat.
- b. The Bench Clerk is responsible for:
  - a. the collection of the score sheets and their delivery to the Secretariat;
  - b. briefing and advising the Bench Members on the Rules of Procedure contained herein;
  - c. keeping order during the Hearing;
  - d. facilitating the sessions' development;
  - e. time keeping.

#### **Art. 38 - Hearings Scores (Oral Rounds)**

- a. Scores are rewarded out of a maximum of 100 scores for the Presentation.
- b. Scores for the initial presentation are allocated as follows:
  - 1. Structure, and analysis of the issues: 25 points.
  - 2. Use of facts and legal principles: 25 points.
  - 3. Use of authorities and citations: 15 points.
  - 4. Persuasiveness, ingenuity, logic, presentation and reasoning: 20 points.
  - 5. Courtroom Etiquette: 15 points.
- c. Score sheets will be emailed to each team upon the end of the Competition.

#### **Art. 39 - Calculation of Results**

- a. The Secretariat is responsible for the calculation of the total score achieved by a speaker and by the teams, as well as for the transcription of the scores on the Official Scoring Sheets.
- b. To ensure the best functioning of the Competition the results are not subject to appeal.
- c. The Secretariat will only reveal the final scores to each individual team on an official team's score sheet after the final. The scores will not be made public to other participating teams unless the team itself wishes to share them.

#### **Art. 40 - Penalties for Inappropriate Behaviour**

- a. Every team should maintain the fullest dignity and decorum, not only in the Courtroom, but during the entire Competition.
- b. Inappropriate behaviour or blatant disregard for the procedures may result in deduction of penalty points and in extreme cases to the disqualification of the team.

#### **Art. 41 - Scouting**

- a. Scouting is forbidden at all times during the Competition.
- b. Scouting is defined as: when a team or one or more of its members attend a Hearing in which they are not participants;
- c. Violations of this article will result in disqualification. A team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

## **Chapter VI: The Awards**

### **Art. 42 - Categories of the Awards**

- a. The following awards will be given by the Secretariat after the Final Round:
  - i. Overall Champion;
  - ii. First Runner-up;
  - iii. Best Oralist.
  - iv. Best Written Submission Applicant;
  - v. Best Written Submission Respondent;
- a. Upon completion of the entire program, each participant shall receive a certificate of participation.

## **Chapter VII: Miscellaneous Rules**

### **Art. 43 - Interpretation of the official rules**

The Secretariat shall have absolute discretion to resolve and decide on any questions or issues regarding the interpretation and application of the official rules.

### **Art. 44 - Video Recording & Photography**

By entering the Competition, a team consents to be the subject of official video recording and photography that may be conducted by the Secretariat.

### **Art. 45 - Spectators**

All participants and spectators alike are to refrain from the usage of mobile phones during the Mooting rounds. Photography/Videography by third parties will only be allowed upon express permission from the Secretariat.

### **Art. 46 - Judges**

The Secretariat reserves the right to select and appoint judges for the memorial marking and oral rounds. Judges are carefully selected on professional basis, taking into consideration his/her experience as well as good knowledge and understanding of data protection and privacy law.

### **Art. 47 - Complaints**

- a. Complaints can only be made upon the basis of the official rules of the Competition, as stated in this document as well as the Registration and Memorial Rules.
- b. Complaints must come directly from the participating team or official coach of the team.
- c. All complaints shall be directed solely to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will, as a neutral intermediary, decide on the substance of the claim and the appropriate action. The Secretariat's decision is final.

### **Art. 48 - Observers**

- a. All Moots are open to the public. Teams may agree in advance, and after consultation with the secretariat, to limit the number of observers in a room during the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. The presence of observers affiliated with the team is permitted in the courtroom during the moot session in which the team is competing.
- c. Teams are responsible for ensuring that their observers do not engage in any disruptive behavior, and shall ensure that spectators do not disclose to judges the identity of their institution or country.
- d. For reasons of public health or safety or the fair and efficient conduct of the Moot, the secretariat may limit the number of observers or others who may be present at the Moot session.

#### **Art. 49 - Timekeeping Devices in the Courtroom**

- a. The official time of the match shall be indicated by the court clerk. No one other than the court clerk may display time-cards or otherwise signal to the oralist how much time is left.
- b. Teams may use silent digital or analog watches at the podium or at counsel table.

#### **Art. 50 - Fair Play**

- a. Students, coaches and guests are expected to conduct themselves in the most fair play manner at all stages of the Competition and show respect to all participants and organizers.
- b. This can be achieved for instance by exchanging handshake before and after all oral hearings.
- c. The oral pleadings must be an effort of the Team students only.
- d. The Secretariat expects that all participants will adhere to the principle of fair play. Any severe violation of this principle may be sanctioned with disqualification, at the discretion of the Secretariat, after consulting with the panel of Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competitions Judges.

## Art. 51 - Timeline

For ease of reference the timeline of the Competition are as follows:

Activity	Date
Privacy Moot Court Competition Unwanted Witness-University Engagements	23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026
Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition Launch	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026
Case publication on the moot website (www.uwmoot.org)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026
Team registration opens	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026
Deadline for each team to submit any question or requests for clarification regarding the case	Friday 22 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026
Deadline for registration	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
Confirmation of teams	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
UW Privacy Moot Boot Camp-Introduction to Data Protection and Privacy (Virtual)	Tuesday 23 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
UW Privacy Moot Boot Camp-Oral Submissions (Virtual)	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
UW Privacy Moot Boot Camp-Written Submissions (Virtual)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
Briefing of Judges	Tuesday 21 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026
Deadline for Submission of memorials	On or before 23:59 Hours Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026
Deadline for Marking of Written memorials	On or before 23:59 Hours Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026
Notification of teams about their penalties scores	On or before 23:59 Hours 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2026
Deadline for any written appeals against the decision to impose penalties should be submitted	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026
Releasing of Final Written Memorial Results and announcing of qualifying teams to national quarter final rounds	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026
Any changes in the team composition as it was at registration	On or before 23:59 Hours on Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026
Pre-Moot Conference / Opening ceremony of the Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition 2026	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2026
National Rounds-Tanzania	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026
National Rounds-Kenya	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026
National Rounds-Rwanda	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2026
National Rounds-Uganda	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026
Semi-Finals	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026 (Morning)
Finals and Award ceremony	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026 (Afternoon)

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