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2022 Julius Alexander Isaac Moot Clarification Questions

Part 1 – Questions related to Logistics of the Isaac Moot

Question 1 – Moot clarification question regarding anonymity. The Official Rules state under the header "Team Identification" that, "Neither the personal name of the participants or the school name shall appear on any submissions, on the person (such as name tags or insignia) or be referenced during the competition itself."

Could there be confirmation that school anonymity will be preserved both in the written and oral submissions of the Isaac Moot?

Answer – For the moot, we will be issuing random numbers to each participating team that will be used in the submissions of the Memorandum of Law. This random number will continue to be used during the oral arguments where teams will each introduce themselves as their random number. School Names or Student Names will be forbidden to preserve impartiality. School Names will only be released after during the Gala when distributing awards. Please note, however, that outside of the Moot scoring, the guests will see the students faces and if a guest is aware of a student and which school they attend, that is outside of our control. That said, the chat function on Zoom will be closed to avoid inadvertent School Name disclosure by that function.

We are working on the logistics of allowing the final round to be public and the preliminary rounds to be available to a select number of individuals at the team's discretion. Schools will be updated in January on this matter.

Question 2 – Could there be an extension for the deadlines of the Factums?

Answer – The Factum deadline has been moved from January 4, 2022, to January 8, 2022. Teams will now receive their opposing team factums on Monday, January 10, 2022. With the delay of the Moot Problem and the exam period, we thought this would be the best decision.



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Part 2 – Question on Moot Problem

Question 3 – Beyond the context of academic freedom, and with reference to addressing the application of CRT in the judicial system, to what extent are we expected to address CRT in relation to education? (The question is rooted in the reasonableness of the CJC decision. However, the moot package involves considerable discussion about race and education as well as race and the judiciary, so we are wondering what balance we are meant to strike between judicial and educational considerations of CRT.)

Answer – You may address “CRT in relation to education” to the extent you consider it persuasive to advancing the interests of your client in the moot. Other than that, there is no preordained expectation as to how mooters will organize or present their submissions.

Question 4 – Given that specific details of the Israel-Palestine conflict are not included in our Moot Package, how much information and knowledge of the conflict are we expected to convey in our submissions (factum and oral)?

Answer – As much as is relevant to the content of your submissions. There is no preordained expectation in this respect.

On behalf of the Black Law Students' Association of Canada, I wish you all the best in your preparation.

Happy Holidays,

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