



“MUKADAMA”

The Pursuit of Justice

IFIM-KILPAR's Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025
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About *IFIM LAW SCHOOL, Bengaluru*

IFIM Law School, Bengaluru, was established in 2015 and is based in the Silicon Valley of India. It has earned recognition as 1st in the category of Eminent Law Schools in India, 5th in the Southern Region in India, and 4th in the State of Karnataka by the Global Human Resource Development Centre (GHRDC) Survey, 2023. In the GHRDC Law Ranking 2024, IFIM Law School was ranked 1st among the Top Eminent Law Schools in India, 4th among Top Private Law Schools in Karnataka and 5th among Top Private Law Schools in the Southern Region. It was also ranked 6th among Top Private Law Schools in Karnataka by IIRF Ranking, 2024. In the GHRDC Law Schools Survey 2025, IFIM Law School was ranked 5th among the Top Leading Law Schools of Super Excellence in India, 4th among Top Law Schools in Karnataka and 5th among Top Law Schools in the South Region.

IFIM Law School is committed to delivering excellence in legal education through its innovative pedagogy, #SMARTLawyer, led by a distinguished and experienced faculty. The institution's holistic approach integrates academic rigor with practical exposure, preparing students to meet the evolving demands of the legal profession. The school's core strengths include a research-intensive curriculum, corporate mentorship, social immersion programs, a well-structured Personality Enhancement Program, and meaningful international collaborations. At IFIM, diversity and intellectual vibrancy are celebrated. The Law School attracts high-caliber students from across the country, fostering an inclusive and forward-thinking academic environment. With a strong emphasis on merit, innovation, and professionalism, IFIM Law School stands as a transformative platform for the next generation of legal professionals.

About *KARNATAKA INSTITUTE FOR LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY REFORM (KILPAR)*

Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform (KILPAR) is a premier Institution established by the Government of Karnataka under the aegis of the Law Department. It functions as an autonomous body dedicated to strengthening the rule of law and enhancing the quality of legal and legislative research and reform in the State.

KILPAR plays a vital role in promoting legal awareness, legislative drafting excellence, and informed law-making processes. It collaborates with Government Bodies, Universities, and Civil Society to undertake impactful research projects, legal literacy initiatives, and capacity-building programs for legislators, legal professionals, and the general public.

Objectives of KILPAR include:

- Undertaking legal research and recommending reforms to ensure effective governance.
- Enhancing public understanding of law through awareness and literacy programs.
- Organizing training programs and workshops for Legislators, Advocates, Judicial Officers, and Students.
- Supporting the drafting and revision of laws in consultation with stakeholders.
- Creating a repository of legislative materials and facilitating access to legal information.

Through its initiatives, KILPAR seeks to foster an inclusive, transparent, and just legal environment in Karnataka and beyond.

About *THE CENTRE FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY,* *IFIM LAW SCHOOL*

The Centre for Legal Advocacy (CLA) at IFIM Law School, established in 2023, is a student-led initiative dedicated to providing law students with invaluable hands-on experiences and opportunities to hone their courtroom advocacy skills. Comprising committed and enthusiastic student members, the CLA actively fosters a culture of experiential learning through the organization of Crime Scene Investigations, Mock Trials, Trial Advocacy Competitions, and skill-based workshops on campus. The Centre thrives on principles of teamwork, dedication, and meticulous organization, ensuring impactful learning experiences for its members.

Our Core Mission – We aim to bridge the gap between legal theory and practice by equipping students with the tools necessary to excel in the courtroom. From conducting engaging Crime Scene Investigation competitions that teach the fundamentals of evidence collection and analysis, to hosting sessions that refine argumentation and witness examination techniques, the CLA is committed to developing practice-ready legal professionals.

Our Core Vision – We strive to cultivate a robust advocacy culture within IFIM Law School and beyond. By empowering students with experiential learning platforms and encouraging participation in both intra and inter-college advocacy initiatives, the CLA envisions shaping a generation of confident, capable, and articulate legal advocates. Our ultimate aspiration encompasses nurturing a culture of legal advocacy not only within IFIM Law School but also across the broader student community.

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About “*MUKADAMA*”: *The Pursuit of Justice, IFIM-KILPAR’s Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025*

The Centre for Legal Advocacy (CLA) at IFIM Law School, Bengaluru, is thrilled to announce “**Mukadama**”: *The Pursuit of Justice*, IFIM-KILPAR’s Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025. This event represents our dedication to fostering the skills and competencies essential for future legal professionals, providing a platform for law students across India to engage in Trial Advocacy practice. It covers crucial aspects of trial advocacy, including trial preparation, courtroom etiquette, and bridging the gap between academic learning and practical application.

“**Mukadama**” is designed to simulate real courtroom experiences, allowing participants to step into the roles of attorneys and witnesses. This immersive experience aims to develop their litigation skills, enhance their ability to think on their own feet and refine their legal arguments in a realistic setting. The participants are assessed on their presentation, argumentation, and witness examination skills.

By organizing “**Mukadama**”, CLA underscores its commitment to excellence in legal education and advocacy. Such initiatives are vital in shaping competent, ethical, and effective legal practitioners. We are excited to witness the display of talent, dedication, and passion that participants will bring to the courtroom.

Theme of the Competition: White Collar Crimes

Brief of the Problem:

The case involves a large-scale white-collar crime centered around a corporate entity accused of orchestrating a complex financial fraud. The alleged misconduct includes the fabrication of business records to fraudulently claim tax refunds, laundering of substantial funds through offshore entities, and the reintroduction of these illicit proceeds into the domestic economy under the guise of legitimate investments. The scheme is also said to involve the bribery of public officials, tampering with digital evidence, and the forgery of regulatory documents to evade detection and obstruct investigation. The matter engages multiple legal provisions under financial, criminal, anti-corruption, and anti-money laundering laws.

Format of *ROUNDS*

Embrace the challenge of entering the courtroom of opportunity at “**Mukadama**”, where the finest legal minds battle it out for the ultimate glory! With a cap of **24 teams**, this Competition promises to be a thrilling display of advocacy skills, legal acumen, and strategic brilliance. Registrations are open to all; however, only the Top 24 Teams from the Qualifying Round shall progress to the Oral Rounds.

1. Qualifying Round

To ensure a fair and merit-based selection process, all registered teams shall participate in an **Online Qualifying Test**. This round is aimed at assessing the teams’ understanding and application of New Criminal Laws, White Collar Crimes and Law of Taxation.

- **Format:** Online Multiple-Choice Test
- **Number of Questions:** 40
- **Duration:** 45 Minutes
- **Scope:** New Criminal Laws, White Collar Crimes and Law of Taxation

Based on the performance in the said round, the **Top 24 scoring teams** will qualify for the **Oral Rounds** of the Competition.

2. Procedural Test

The next stage of the Competition shall be the **Procedural Test**, crafted to evaluate the teams' grasp of Trial procedures and legal frameworks. While this test is **not a qualifying round**, it holds significant value as it determines the **order of teams for the draw of lots**, ensuring a fair and merit-based structure for the oral rounds. All **24 registered teams** will participate in this stage, setting the stage for the thrilling battles ahead. The Test shall cover fact-based questions, not beyond the scope of the Proposition, as well as Applicable laws in the case at hand.

Format of *ROUNDS*

3. Oral Rounds

a. Preliminary Rounds

- i. **Preliminary Round 1:** *12 teams (Group A)* will take on the role of *Prosecution*, competing against *12 teams (Group B)* representing the *Defence*.
- ii. **Preliminary Round 2:** The roles are reversed, with *Group A* advocating as the *Defence* and *Group B* stepping into the shoes of the *Prosecution*.

b. Quarter Finals

The **Top 8** teams, in accordance with the rules specified in the Rule Book, will advance to the Quarter Finals, engaging in intense **knockout rounds** to secure their place in the Semi-Finals.

c. Semi-Finals

The Winning teams of the Quarter Finals round face off with the **introduction of new facts** to test their adaptability and strategic thinking.

d. Finals

The Winning teams of the Semi-Finals round will go head-to-head in a gripping battle. With **new and complex facts introduced**, this final round will challenge the teams' wit, strategy, and advocacy skills like never before.

Registration *DETAILS*

Registration Opens: 04th August 2025

Registration Closes: 13th September 2025

There is **no Registration fee** to participate in “**Mukadama**”: *The Pursuit of Justice*, IFIM-KILPAR’s Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025.

Eligibility:

Any student currently enrolled in a **3-year or 5-year law degree program** from a recognized university or college in India is eligible to participate, with a **maximum of One Team per College**. To register, Teams are required to fill out the below-provided [Registration Form](#).

All registered teams will be required to appear for an **Online Qualifying Round**. Based on the performance in this Round, the **top 24 scoring teams** will qualify for the **Oral Rounds** of the competition.

This structure aims to uphold merit while encouraging broad participation from aspiring legal professionals nationwide.



Scan the QR Code to access the Registration form & Official Documents of “Mukadama”

AWARDS

CATEGORY	AWARD
Winners	Trophy & Cash Prize of Rs. 15,000
Runners Up	Trophy & Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000
Best Witness	Trophy & Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000
Best Counsel	Trophy & Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000

Date *SHEET*

Stage 1 (04-08-2025 to 05-10-2025)

DATE	PARTICULARS
04-08-2025	Commencement of Registration
04-08-2025	Release of Case Files & Rule Book
13-09-2025	Last date for Registration
14-09-2025	Release of Team Codes
20-09-2025 (12:00 PM)	Online Qualifying Round
21-09-2025	Results of Online Qualifying Round
27-09-2025	Last Date for seeking Clarifications
29-09-2025	Release of Clarifications (if any)
05-10-2025	Virtual Training Session

Date *SHEET*

Stage 2 (10-10-2025 to 12-10-2025)

DATE	PARTICULARS
10-10-2025	Formal Registration
10-10-2025	Inaugural Ceremony
10-10-2025	Procedural Test
10-10-2025	Draw of Lots
11-10-2025	Preliminary & Quarter-Final Rounds
12-10-2025	Semi-Final & Final Rounds
12-10-2025	Valedictory Ceremony

Under unforeseen circumstances, the dates are subject to change at the sole discretion of the organizers/administrators.

Nearest *ACCOMODATION DETAILS*

1. Olive Electronic City, Bengaluru

Location:

Sy No 66, 56/C, Electronic City Phase I, opposite to Wipro Avenue, Electronic City Phase I, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100. Situated approximately:

- 52 km from Kempegowda International Airport.
- 1.3 km from IFIM Law School, Electronic City.

2. FabHotel Astra – Electronic City, Bengaluru

Location:

177/90, Velankani Drive, Electronic City Phase 1, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100. Situated approximately:

- 50 km from Kempegowda International Airport.
- 750 m from IFIM Law School, Electronic City.

3. Nash Inn – Electronic City, Bengaluru

Location:

R-22, 3rd Cross Road, Indra Nagar, Electronics City Phase 1, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100. The hotel is approximately:

- 50 km from Kempegowda International Airport.
- 2.7 km from IFIM Law School, Electronic City.

Note: *The accommodations listed are provided solely for reference. IFIM Law School has no partnership, collaboration, or official arrangement with these hotels. Participants must arrange and pay for their stay independently and do so at their own risk.*

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