

LEGAL IDEAS FORUM INTERNATIONAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY

NATIONAL MOOT COMPETITION 2025

BRIEF-WRITING GUIDELINES

Qualifying Brief

The Qualifying Brief is written by competitors trying to qualify for the LIFIN Moot Competition.

Participants seeking to fulfill their competition requirement are required to submit a brief consistent with these guidelines.

- 1) **Party Represented.** Competitors writing Qualifying Brief will represent both parties in their respective qualifying briefs.
- 2) **Issue Argued.** The 3 teams with the best Qualifying Briefs will argue all issues in the grand finale in-person.
- 3) **Submission Deadline.** Competitors writing Qualifying Briefs must submit digital copies of their brief to the Moot Committee through the email Info@legalideasforum.com on or before September 1, 2025.
 - a) **Late Submissions.** Any Competitor who submits a late brief will not be considered for the Moot Competition. This restriction is subject to exceptions made for extraordinary circumstances with the permission of the Coordinators.

4) **Formatting Guidelines.**

- a) **Font-** Briefs shall be written using Times New Roman or Arial font, double line Spacing, and font 12.
- b) Brief should be sent as a Word or PDF document and must be justified.
- c) No Page limitations..
- d) The Cover Page must NOT contain the name of the Participating institution but only the unique identification codes which the Forum shall assign to each Institution upon indication of interest.

Penalty for failure to use the appropriate format: Qualifying Briefs shall lose ten (10) points (out of a possible 100 total points) for default.

Note: The Brief must conform to the stipulated structural layout of an introduction, statement of facts, issues for determination, argument, conclusion, and list of authorities.

5. Components. Briefs shall include the following components, under appropriate headings and in the order indicated:

- i) **Cover Page.** The Cover Page shall include the competitor's identification code and indicate whether the competitor represents the Appellant or Respondents.
- ii) The jurisdiction for the purpose of the Moot Competition shall be the Supreme Court of Nigeria and reliance should be had on the appropriate laws applicable in the jurisdiction.

- iii) **Issues Presented.** The Issues Presented shall be based on the facts before the Court.
- iv) **Statement of Facts.** The Statement of Facts shall include facts relevant to the issue submitted for review.
- v) **Argument.** The Argument must contain:
- vi) **Conclusion.** A short conclusion stating the precise relief sought.
- vii) **Page Numbering.** Page numbers for should be added on all pages of the Brief except the excluded pages.

5) Brief Scoring.

Scorers. Qualifying Briefs will be scored by three (3) member Judges of the Moot Competition.

PRIZES

- Winner: ₦150,000
- First Runner up: ₦100,000
- Second Runner up: ₦50,000
- Best Memorial - 50,000 naira
- Best Advocate - 50,000 naira
- Certificates for all participants