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Since 1988 the European Law Moot Court Society (hereinafter “the Society”) organises each year the most important international university competition in the field of EU Law known as the European Law Moot Court (hereinafter, “the Competition” or “ELMC”). In the early 1990’s President Ole DUE invited the European Final to be held in the premises of the Court of Justice of the European Union and to be decided by the Court’s Judges.

The aim of the Society is to get the best Universities and best law students involved with the Competition, deepening their knowledge of EU law while offering a unique bilingual legal practice experience in written and oral form;

The Competition, furthermore, unites the participants in a common purpose, overcoming national barriers and stimulating informal networks of people with a common interest in the European project values and ideals;

To ensure the optimal running of the Competition, the Society has adopted the following Rules:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. ELMC Structure

The European Law Moot Court consists of three phases:

The Written Phase, in which all Teams shall prepare written pleadings for both, the applicant and the defendant, based upon the ELMC Case, a hypothetical EU law problem.

The Oral Phase, consisting of four (4) Regional Finals in which the Teams, who are selected on the basis of their double blind graded written pleadings, shall defend their arguments before a Regional Final Court, pleading for both, the applicant and the defendant, and either as an Advocate General or as a Commission Agent.

The European Final takes place at the Court of Justice of the European Union (hereinafter “CJEU”) in Luxembourg, during which the winning Teams (applicant & defendant), the winning Advocate Generals and the winning Commission Agents of the Regional Finals will compete before the Judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union.



2. Case

The annual ELMC Case is a hypothetical EU law problem, which is pleaded during each season's Competition and which is prepared yearly by EU law experts upon the invitation of the Society. The Case is published at the ELMC website www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu on September 1st every year.

3. Language

The Competition is bilingual at all stages, English and French being the official languages.

4. Participants

- 4.1 The Competition is open to all law students, enrolled in a university or a similar institution (hereinafter "university"), 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.
- 4.2 Present and former members of the Society and the central Organizing Team, designated by the Society in cooperation with its Host University to help with the management of the Competition (hereinafter "the OT"), are excluded from participation in the Competition.
- 4.3 The ELMC is open to participants from outside Europe and to Teams representing non-European Universities.

5. Teams

- 5.1 The students are required to form Teams of three or four members representing the same university and may be supervised by a coach. Team members shall register and identify themselves to the OT by means of the official identification sheet, following instructions that are published on the ELMC Website.
- 5.2 Any change in the composition of a Team is prohibited after registration and may be grounds for disqualification.
- 5.3 When several Teams from the same university have applied for participation, only the two best Teams, based upon the written pleadings score, shall be allowed to proceed to the Regional Finals Oral Phase.



- 5.4 When two Teams from the same University progress to the Regional Finals Oral Phase they are not allowed to be coached by the same person. In addition, the coaches, participants and guest(s) of such Teams cannot be present in the Regional Final where the other Team from their university participates.

6. Fair Play

- 6.1 The motto of the ELMC is “Moot, Meet and Compete”. 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.
- 6.2 This can be achieved for instance by exchanging handshake before and after all oral hearings and by all Teams being present during the announcement of Friday’s and Saturday’s results, during the Finals, during the Prize Award Ceremonies and at the farewell dinner.
- 6.3 The ELMC is a student competition. Fair play therefore also entails that outside assistance, over coaching and unfair strategies should be avoided at all stages of the competition:
- a) During the Written Phase, coaches and faculties should have a limited role of guidance and should refrain from contributing actively to the presentation, structure and substance of the legal arguments. Coaching shall be limited to sharing of knowledge about the Competition, a general discussion of the issues raised by the case and questioning sessions with the students. Over-coaching should be avoided at all times: ask questions do not give answers. The final submission of the written pleadings must be an effort of the Team students only.
 - b) During the Oral Phase Coaches can join Teams to support students in their performance, and eventually grade them, but may not help them with answering questions or optimizing pleadings, be it inside or outside the court rooms. Note taking in handwritten or digital form while seating in the audience is prohibited. The oral pleadings must be an effort of the Team students only.
- 6.4 The European Moot Court Society 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 Executive Secretary, after consulting with the panel of ELMC Judges.



7. Time-limits

The deadlines for registration and email submission of the written pleadings are published every year around October on the ELMC website. For indicative purposes only, generally registration is open until mid-November, submissions are made around the end of November, results are published around mid-January, Regional Finals are held in between the end of January and the beginning of March, and the European Final takes place in March or April.

8. Registration

8.1 Teams shall register within the deadline announced by the Society on its website every year around October and proceed to the payment of the Participation fee.

8.2 A Team is considered as participating Team after the OT has received the official registration confirmation and the participation fee in a timely manner.

9. Fees

9.1 The ELMC Society shall fix the fees. The total amount of the fees is used exclusively for the running of each year's Competition, at the launch of each season.

9.2 The fees consists of:

- a) a participation fee, payable by all Teams;
- b) a Regional Final fee, payable by those Teams proceeding to a Regional Final;
- c) a European Final fee, payable by those Teams proceeding to the European Final.

9.3 The ELMC Society may under exceptional circumstances and at its full discretion give a full or partial waiver of payment of a fee to a Team or a Team member upon a reasoned request of this Team or Team member, which provides detailed information on why such a waiver should be justified. .

9.4 The Teams qualified to the Regional Finals and to the European Final may only be accompanied by registered guests paying the fees, specified for registered guests. Only registered guests can follow the official program of a Regional and the European Final.



10. Anonymity

- 10.1 Strict anonymity of the Teams is required. Upon registration, each Team will be assigned an ID number for the Competition, which is emailed to the Team immediately upon receipt by the OT of the official registration sheet and the participation fee.
- 10.2 For the Regional Finals and the European Final an ID letter is attributed to the qualified Teams upon arrival, following the public drawing of lots.
- 10.3 The name of the university or the name or the nationality of the Team members shall neither be mentioned in the written submissions nor in the oral proceedings to the ELMC Judges, whether directly or indirectly (e.g. wearing of special attire or national robes, referring to special national symbols, or other similar behaviour).

11. The ELMC Judges

- 11.1 The ELMC Judges, assessing the written pleadings and sitting at the Regional Finals are high profile EU law experts (law firm Partners, Professors, Researchers, Judges, Member State's & EU institution's Agents etc.) selected by the ELMC Society in cooperation with the Regional organizing Team attached to the Regional Final Hosting University (hereinafter "the RT").
- 11.2 Five (5) judges are nominated directly by the Society and three (3) or five (5) are proposed by the RT. These numbers may vary due to exceptional circumstances.
- 11.3 The Society ensures that all ELMC Judges sitting in Regional Finals have corrected some anonymous written pleadings of that season's Competition.
- 11.4 The Society ensures that no ELMC Judge sits in a Regional Final involving a Team from a University he or she is professionally engaged in.
- 11.5 Each ELMC Judge shall act individually and independently. The scoring will be kept on official scoring sheets.
- 11.6 The President of the Moot Court, elected by the ELMC Judges before each hearing, manages the hearing and may disqualify a Team or one of its members in case of any flagrant violation of the Rules or other behaviour detrimental to the whole event and its fair play spirit, after consulting with the Executive Secretary.



I. WRITTEN PROCEEDINGS PHASE

12. Interpretation

Any questions concerning the interpretation of the Rules that arises during the written phase of the Competition must be emailed to the OT organising.team.elmc@gmail.com, and answered by the ELMC Society Board.

13. Written Pleadings

13.1 Every Team must submit two written pleadings, one on behalf of the applicant and one on behalf of the defendant, each one in the form of a Word document named [Team XX – Applicant OR Defendant].

13.2 Both written pleadings must be composed of the following parts:

- Cover stating: [Team XX – Applicant OR Defendant – ELMC Case name and number] each on clearly spaced lines in Times New Roman 16 pt font size,
- Inside pages are in Times New Roman, 12pt font size (unless specifically mentioned exceptions), line spacing should be 1,5 (interlinear space), margins should be 3 cm top and bottom and 2 cm right and left.
- In the footer, the following text in italics should appear next to the page number: [Team XX – Applicant OR defendant]
- Table of contents
- A summary of the main arguments not exceeding 2 pages, drafted in the other official language (i.e. where French is used for the main argumentation, English must be used for the summary and vice versa).
- The main argumentation section is written in English or French and is limited to 15 numbered pages per pleading. Only (i) the table of contents, (ii) the summary in the other official language and (iii) the list of references are excluded from this calculation.
- Footnotes should be at the bottom of the page, numbered concurrently, in Times New Roman, 9 pt font size. Endnotes are not allowed.
- List of References (Books, law Reviews, Judgments etc.): Teams should make sure that their system of citation allows an easy and unambiguous identification of the document referred to, and that the same system is coherently maintained throughout both of their pleadings.



14. Submission

- 14.1 Teams shall submit their written pleadings to the OT by e-mailing the 2 Word files to the ELMC's OT as back-up within the submission deadline, announced by the ELMC Society on its website every year.
- 14.2 After the deadline expiration no Team may revise, substitute, add to, delete or in any other manner alter and resend its written pleadings.

15. ELMC Double Blind Assessment

- 15.1 All written pleadings are anonymous and will be assessed with regard to their content as well as their form by the ELMC Judges.
- 15.2 The Society ensures that no ELMC Judge assesses the written pleadings of a Team from a university he or she is professionally engaged in.
- 15.3 Each Team's written pleadings are assessed individually and independently by two ELMC Judges (the ELMC double blind grading system). The average score is the final written pleadings score of the Team.
- 15.4 In case of a difference of more than 5 points between the 2 independent ELMC Judges, and in case of equal score at the 48th position, a third ELMC Judge proceeds to a new independent and anonymous grading. The average score of the 3 gradings is the final written pleadings score of the Team.
- 15.5 If there remains to be a tie after the third review, it is for the ELMC Society to decide, after consultation of the ELMC Judges, which Team should proceed.
- 15.6 The 48 Best Teams of the Written Phase are qualified for the Regional Finals Oral Phase and are announced around January 15th on the ELMC Website.
- 15.7 The score achieved by each Team for their written pleadings shall be kept on the official scoring sheet. These scores are confidential and will only be revealed on the official Team's score sheets handed out at the end of the Regional Finals. Teams which are not qualified to the Oral Phase may be informed of their score by emailing the OT.

16. Scoring & Penalties

- 16.1 ELMC Judges will grade each pleading with a maximum score of 25 points attributed as follows:



- a) Correct legal analysis and argumentation, e.g. clarity of argument, complete and correct recognition and weighing of problems, correct application of the relevant rules, legal principles and EU case law;
 - Maximum of 10 points. The average score shall be 5
 - b) Presentation and style, e.g. persuasiveness, logic, structure, citations, thoroughness, style, eloquence;
 - Maximum of 10 points. The average score shall be 5
 - c) Linguistic skills: appropriate use of both official languages;
 - Maximum of 5 points. The average score shall be 3
- 16.2 ELMC Judges will apply the following penalties for infractions of the rules regarding the written pleadings:
- a) A delayed submission of the written pleadings will result in the following penalties:
 - one day late = minus 2 points
 - two days late = minus 4 points
 - three days late = disqualification
 - b) Exceeding the mandatory length of 15 pages for the arguments section (excluding the summary) will result in the following penalties:
 - exceeding the limit by one page = minus 2 points
 - exceeding the limit by two pages = minus 4 points
 - exceeding the limit by three pages = disqualification
 - c) Exceeding the mandatory length of 2 pages for the summary will result in the following penalties:
 - exceeding the limit by half a page = minus 2 points
 - exceeding the limit by one page = minus 4 points
 - exceeding the limit by one and a half page = disqualification.
 - d) Identity disclosure, for instance by mentioning the name of the Team members or the university anywhere in the written pleading, will result, for each mention in the following penalty:
 - minus 2 points
 - e) Non-conformity with other formalities, such as font size, interlinear space, margins, etc... will result, for each infraction, in the following penalty:
 - minus 2 points.



II. ORAL PROCEEDINGS PHASE

17. Invitation to the Regional Finals

- 17.1 The Society will publish the 12 (twelve) Team numbers qualified to each Regional Final on its website around mid-January. Allocation to the Regional Finals is made upon a selection based on the results of the written pleadings, available places and a geographic criterion.
- 17.2 The locations of the 4 (four) Regional Finals are generally published on the website of the ELMC at the beginning of December. Reasoned requests of Teams to be allocated to a specific Regional Final must be received *before January* and it is within the discretionary power of the Society to grant such requests.
- 17.3 Teams that are invited to compete in the oral rounds may be accompanied by a coach during the Regional Final. However, neither the participating students nor the coach may have been present as a guest, judge, coach, organizer, or in any other position at any previous Regional Final during that year. Breach of this rule leads to immediate disqualification.

18. Executive Secretary

- 18.1 The ELMC Society will designate among its members an Executive Secretary for each Regional Final and the European Final. The Executive Secretary's task, other than that specified in the Rules, is to ensure that the Oral Phase is carried out in line with the overall spirit and the aim of the Competition, as well as to resolve all matters which could be detrimental to its organization.
- 18.2 To ensure the best functioning of the Competition, all decisions of the Executive Secretary are final and not subject to appeal.

19. Interpretation

- 19.1 During a Regional Final or the European Final, all questions concerning the interpretation of the Rules must be exclusively submitted to the Executive Secretary.
- 19.2 OT and RT members have no authority with respect to the interpretation of the Rules.



20. Structure of the Oral Proceedings Phase

- 20.1 Each year, 4 (four) Regional Finals are held at different universities worldwide.
- 20.2 Each of the Regional Finals shall consist of three rounds: preliminary round (on Friday), semi-finals and final (on Saturday).
- 20.3 12 (twelve) Teams will participate in the preliminary round, four (4) Teams in the semi-finals and two (2) Teams in the final. Under exceptional circumstances, most notably in cases of *force majeure*, a Regional Final can take place with 11 or 13 Teams.
- 20.4 The winning Team and the winning Advocate General or Commission Agent of each Regional Final will be invited to participate in the European Final.
- 20.5 In the preliminary round and in the semi-final the ELMC Judges of the Regional Final shall be assigned in two Chambers of at least three members each. The final takes place before the Full Court composed of all ELMC Judges.
- 20.6 The time schedule of the Regional Finals and the European Final is communicated by the RT and the OT before the arrival of the qualified Teams.
- 20.7 The ELMC Society can decide to adjust the number of Regional Finals or the Teams participating in a Regional Final.

21. Roles

- 21.1 Each Team is required to plead in the following positions: as the applicant, as the defendant and as the Commission Agent or the Advocate General.
- 21.2 Upon invitation to the Regional Finals, the Teams will be informed of whether to prepare arguments for the Advocate General or the Commission Agent.
- 21.3 The fourth Team member should act as the legal counsel Team and may plead as the second applicant or second defendant of the Team. He/she may not act as a second Advocate General or Commission Agent.
- 21.4 The student acting as Applicant or Defendant can be replaced exclusively by the fourth Team member. In case of a Team of 3 (three) members, the student pleading as Applicant can be replaced by the student pleading the role of Defendant, or vice versa, only in case of necessity and following an authorization by the Executive Secretary.



21.5 The student acting as the Commission Agent/Advocate General can be in principle not be replaced by another Team member. Only under exceptional circumstances and only following an authorization by the Executive Secretary the Commission Agent / Advocate General may be replaced if he/she has not pleaded at the Regional Final yet and only by a Team member who has not yet pleaded in the Regional Final either. The replacing Team member may no longer act as applicant or defendant in the Regional Final.

22. Advocate General/Commission Agent

22.1 One Team member shall present the opinion of the Advocate General or the Commission Agent, taking into account the arguments of the other pleading parties.

22.2 During the hearings, the Advocate General/Commission Agent acts independently and without counsel from her or his Team mates.

22.3 Based on the individual scores given during the preliminary rounds, the 4 (four) best Advocate Generals/Commission Agents will proceed to the semi-finals.

22.4 Advocate General/Commission Agent who has not qualified for the Semi-Finals can act as a Legal Counsel to her or his qualified Team.

22.5 In the event of an equal or a very close score, it is for the ELMC Judges, present at the Regional Final, to consult the Executive Secretary with regard to the possibility of including two Advocate Generals/Commission Agents, competing against each other, in the final.

22.6 The best Advocate General/Commission Agent of the Regional Final shall be selected on the basis of the points attributed to him by the ELMC Judges during the semi-finals or in case of the situation described under 22.5 the final. The best Advocate General/Commission Agent of each Regional Final qualifies for participation in the European Final.

22.7 The Advocate General/Commission Agent not individually qualified to the European Final may join his or her Team, if the Team did qualify to the European Final and may act as legal counsel.



23. Legal Counsel

- 23.1 One of the Team members sits at the lawyers table as legal counsel of the applicant and the defendant. Advocate General/Commission Agent cannot sit as Counsel until her or his elimination.
- 23.2 Only the ELMC Judges, speakers for the Teams and legal counsels may communicate during the hearing. There shall be no communication, physical or digital, between the lawyers table and any individual in the Court room or outside of it during the hearing.

24. The Hearing

- 24.1 Each hearing proceeds as follows: the President of the Moot Court gives the floor to the applicant to present the main arguments, then to the defendant to present the main arguments, then to the applicant for the Reply, then to the defendant for the Rejoinder, then to the Advocate General or the Commission Agent.
- 24.2 ELMC Judges are invited to interrupt and question the speaker on any point of the argument in French and in English.
- 24.3 The scope of the oral arguments is not limited to the scope of the Team's written pleadings.
- 24.4 The scope of the applicant's Reply should be limited to the scope of defendant's oral arguments. The scope of defendant's Rejoinder should be limited to the scope of applicant's Reply.
- 24.5 The rules of procedure of the CJEU shall apply as far as the nature of the Competition allows.

25. Language

- 25.1 Being a bilingual Competition, the languages of the pleadings and the languages used by the ELMC Judges are equally English and French. Participating Teams can choose their pleading language at each instance.
- 25.2 The Team members are encouraged to switch between the two languages during the presentation of their arguments. The ability to speak both languages and to change from one to the other has a positive impact on the language score of the speaker.



25.3 Native speakers can only receive points with regard to their command of the non-native language; the exclusive use of their native language is therefore a disadvantage. A Team member pleading only in his or her native language is not eligible for the Best Speaker Award.

26. Time keeping

26.1 The main arguments of the applicant and the defendant shall each be presented within 15 minutes.

26.2 In the preliminary round and semi-finals, reply and rejoinder shall take no more than 5 minutes each and may take up to 10 minutes each in the final.

26.3 The Advocate General/Commission Agent shall present his or her opinion within 10 minutes at the end of the hearing.

26.4 The Timekeeper shall indicate with green, yellow and red signs the last 5, 1, 0 minutes of the time allocated to the speaker.

26.5 The President of the Moot Court has discretion to extend the speaking time, for a maximum of 5 minutes, in order to allow the speaker to finish his or her argument. Where an extension is granted, the other party shall be granted the same time extension. Any time not fully used is irrevocably lost and has no influence on the score.

26.6 Timekeeper stops the timer when the ELMC Judges intervene. Timekeeper restarts the timer when speaker answers questions.

26.7 The timekeeper keeps the timer running during discussions between the speaker and its Counsel, during the pleadings and when answering to a question of the ELMC Judges.

27. Materials

27.1 The speaker may use notes, but is encouraged not to read from a prepared text.

27.2 The use of any exhibits or the use of electronic devices is not permitted during the pleadings.

27.3 Notes for the pleading, legal texts and textbooks can be at the speaker's disposal and shall be clearly visible at the lawyers table to allow verification by the OT.



28. Blacklist

28.1 In order to preserve fair play and prevent unfair advantages as a result of scouting, only the following participants can be inside the courtroom during the pleadings in the first three sessions of the preliminary rounds held on Friday:

- a) the student pleading as the applicant,
- b) the student pleading as the defendant,
- c) the student pleading as the Advocate General / Commission Agent, and
- d) one counsel per Team:
 - i. in case of Teams composed of four (4) members, only the fourth member;
 - ii. in case of Teams composed of three (3) members, only Team members that have already pleaded in a previous hearing.
- e) the coach and the registered guests of the Teams that are pleading as applicant, defendant and Advocate General or Commission Agent, can attend as audience.

28.2 It is strictly prohibited for the attending audience, including coaches and registered guests, to interact with the Teams during the pleading sessions.

28.3 It is strictly prohibited to record the hearings in any form, i.e. no written note-taking or electronic recording is allowed for the attending public.

28.4 Breach of any of these prohibitions may be penalized with disqualification of the Team, which is supported by the member of the attending public involved.

28.5 Photographing, recording and broadcasting of hearings is not allowed, unless permission has been obtained in advance from all parties concerned, including the Executive Secretary, the ELMC Judges and all speaking Teams.

29. Scoring

Each pleading shall be graded with a maximum score of 30 points attributed as follows:

- a) Correct legal analysis and application of relevant law (knowledge and understanding of EU law and case-law): Maximum of 10 points, the average being 5;
- b) Presentation and style, persuasiveness (ability to convincingly represent the party that is to argue): Maximum of 10 points, the average being 5;



- c) for the Applicant/Defendant, capacity to rebut the arguments of the opponent in reply and rejoinder: Maximum of 6 points, the average being 3;
 - d) For the Advocate General and the Commission Agent, Understanding of their role (ability to convincingly endorse the role of AG or AC): Maximum of 6 points, the average being 3;
- e) Language: Maximum of 4 extra points shall be given for the use of French and English as non-native languages:
 - i. Non-native speakers of English will receive one point for using English and two points for fluency in English;
 - ii. Non-native speakers of French will receive one point for using French and two points for fluency in French; and

30. Calculation of Results

- 30.1 The Executive Secretary, under the supervision of the ELMC Judges, 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.
- 30.2 To ensure the best functioning of the Competition the results are not subject to appeal.
- 30.3 Teams with equal score will be ranked by advancing from a) to c) only so far as the scores remain equal:
 - a) overall impression, if the ELMC Judges believe that a distinction can be made;
 - b) written pleadings scores;
 - c) drawing of lots.
- 30.4 The Executive Secretary calculates the average scores of each Chamber. Exceptionally, due to the fact that the ELMC Judges are assigned in two Chambers not always having the opportunity to see and question all the pleaders, and only if considered necessary, the ELMC Judges may review these results if the margin between two Teams is less than 5% of the total score awarded to the leading Team. In such a case the overall impression of the ELMC Judges is the main criterion to classify these Teams.



30.5 The Bench has to reach a simple majority decision. In case of a deadlock the Executive Secretary has to be consulted.

30.6 The Executive Secretary 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.

31. Proceeding to the Semi-Finals and the Final

31.1 Teams will be ranked from the highest to the lowest score at the end of each round. The four (4) highest-ranking Teams of the preliminary round qualify for the semi-finals. The two (2) highest-ranking Teams of the semi-finals qualify for the final.

31.2 In the preliminary round the total score of the Team comprises the score of the applicant, the score of the defendant and the score of the Advocate General/Commission Agent.

31.3 In the semi-finals and the final, the Team score comprises the score of the applicant and the score of the defendant. At these rounds, Advocate General / Commission Agent receive exclusively individual scores.

31.4 For the Advocate General / Commission Agent to be qualified to the semi-finals and the final, their scores count individually. The four best Advocate Generals / Commission Agents of the preliminary round qualify for the semi-finals. The best AG/CA of the regional final is the one with the highest score after the semi-finals. However if decided so by the ELMC Judges, the two best of the semi-finals qualify for the final. In this case, the best AG/CA of the regional final is the one with the best score during the final.

31.5 The Teams proceeding to the semi-finals will plead both as applicant and defendant. The opponents in the semi-finals are decided by the ELMC Judges and the Executive Secretary, trying to ensure that the both Chambers of the Court see and hear most of the pleaders.

31.6 The 2 (two) Teams in the final will only plead as either applicant or defendant. The roles are divided upon either the decision of the ELMC Judges, or authorization to the Teams to agree on roles or by public drawing of lots. During the final all other Team members may act as legal counsel.



III. THE EUROPEAN FINAL

32. Invitation to the European Final

- 32.1 The European Final takes place at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg.
- 32.2 The four winning Teams (Applicant/Defendant), the two winning Commission Agents and the two winning Advocate Generals are invited during the Regional Final Prize Award Ceremony during their respective Regional Final to attend the European Final.
- 32.3 The Team that has submitted the Best written pleading receives at the Regional Final an invitation to attend the European Final as guests.

33. The European Final Hearings

- 33.1 The European Law Moot Court Society is honoured to have the European Final decided by the Judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Each year the Society invites all Judges of the institution to sit at the European Final and their availability determines the composition of the Moot Court in each round.
- 33.2 Unless otherwise indicated in the Rules, the European Final follows the same rules as applied in the Regional Finals Oral Proceedings Phase, in so far as the nature of it allows. At the request of the CJEU Judges, the Executive Secretary may deviate from the Rules. Teams will be informed within reasonable time.
- 33.3 The European Final consists of two (2) rounds (two semi-finals and a Final). During the semi-finals, the pleadings of the Applicant, Defendant, Commission Agent and Advocate General are presented. During the final, only the pleadings of the Applicant and Defendant are presented.
- 33.4 Teams shall only plead once, as either Applicant or Defendant. The roles are divided by a public drawing of lots.
- 33.5 The Blacklist rule applies during the first semi-final to the Applicant, the Defendant, the Advocate General and the Commission Agent, pleading in the second semi-final.
- 33.6 The CJEU Judges sitting at the semi-finals decide the winning Commission Agent and the winning Advocate General. These results are announced during the Prize Award Ceremony at the end of the European Final deliberations.



33.7 The CJEU Judges sitting at the semi-finals decide which Teams are qualified for the Final and which party they should present, or give authorization to the Teams to agree on roles or decide to proceed by drawing of lots.

34. Awards

34.1 The *Winning Team* is awarded the European law Moot Court Cup, which is to be displayed at their university. The Team is encouraged to attend the next European Final.

34.2 The *winning Advocate General* is awarded a Plaque of Honour.

34.3 The *winning Commission Agent* is awarded a Plaque of Honour.

34.4 The *Best Written Pleadings* Team is awarded a Plaque of Honour for having received the highest average score for the written submissions. Moreover, the Best Written Pleadings will be published in the next edition of The ELMC Book.

34.5 The ELMC and/or the CJEU Judges may award a *Best Speaker “Ole Due” Award* to a student with the highest average individual score in the oral rounds, or having delivered an exceptional performance. A speaker is not eligible for the Best Speaker Award if he or she only pleads in her or his native language.

34.6 Students from the teams qualified to the European Final or who have shown an excellent performance during a regional final may be invited to send their resumes to the Society for the purpose of an internship interview by the Sponsors of the European Law Moot Court.

35. CV

35.1 The Society recommends following this style of citation on students’ Resume’s under their main law degree, to the extent it describes their ELMC achievements:

“Master of the Universe in EU Law, Unicorn University;

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