



**Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya,  
Indore**

Shri Vaishnav Institute of Law  
&  
Shri Vaishnav Institute of Forensic Science



# Moot Court Competition- 2025

10<sup>th</sup> Edition

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025 ( Online )

6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 ( Offline )

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## About Moot Court Competition-2025

A moot court competition simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal against a final decision), in which participants analyze a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral arguments. Moot propositions are typically set in areas of law that are unsettled or have been subject to recent developments. They usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side. The procedure imitates what is followed in real courts: the judge enters, the mooters and the judge bow to each other, the clerk announces the matter, the mooters give their appearances and are then called on in turn to present their submissions, the judge asks questions to the mooters, the court adjourns, and the judge then returns to deliver a brief judgment and some feedback to the mooters. Mooting is not the same as public speaking or debating, although it shares some common elements with these activities. It is a specialized application of the art of persuasive advocacy. It has been part of the process of training lawyers for centuries and plays an important role in legal education. In this Moot Court Competition-2025, various teams of mooters will participate from undergraduate programs of Law and Forensic Science. Each team shall comprise of minimum of 2 & maximum of 3 students as mooters and researchers.

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# INVITATION

## MOOT COURT COMPETITION- 10<sup>th</sup> EDITION

Respected Sir/Ma'am,

Greetings from the Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore.

We are elated to inform you that we are organizing the Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya **Moot Court Competition, 2025** which will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> November & 22<sup>nd</sup> November ( Online ) and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Offline)** in hybrid mode at **Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore (M.P)**. We are glad to extend an invitation to your institute and request you to send a team of students to participate in the Moot Court. Your University/Institute/College's participation in the event will be highly appreciated.

The competition strives to give a platform to the budding lawyers of our Country to imbibe analytical skills in real time situations. Its aim is to engage with students and allow them to have first-hand experience of the complexities of the law. We positively look forward to your participation in the event.

For any other query:

Contact details of coordinators are present in the Brochure itself.

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# Rule book

## I. INTRODUCTORY-

1. **Short Title:** These Rules shall be called the Moot Court Competition 10<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules, 2025.
2. **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed here in under as:
  - a. **Competition:** The Competition refers to all the aspects of the “ 10<sup>th</sup> SVVV Moot Court Competition, 2025”
  - b. **Organizing Committee:** It shall mean the Moot Court Committee of the SVVV, Indore.
  - c. **Participating Team:** It means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
  - d. **Participating Institution:** It shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
  - e. **Court Master:** The “Court Master” shall be an officer of the Court. The officer shall be entrusted with the duties of smooth functioning of the Court. Such an officer shall be the medium of communication between the Organising Committee and the Court during the competition.
  - f. **Dispute Resolution Committee:** The appellate committee in always issues shall be referred to as Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC). The decision of the DRC shall be final. No further appeal is allowed from any order of the DRC.
  - g. **Memorial:** It means the written arguments submitted by the team, on behalf of both parties, according to the Rules of the Competition by each team.
  - h. **Oral Rounds:** It refers to the competition rounds during which the teams orally submit their pleadings in front of the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
  - i. **Memorial Evaluation Committee:** The committee entrusted with the evaluation of memorials in the competition shall be referred to as the Memorial Evaluation Committee. The committee shall submit the feedback-cum-score sheet to the Organising Committee after scrutinising the memorial of the teams.

## II. GENERAL RULES -

**Date:** The Competition shall be organized on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025 ( Online ), 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 ( Offline )

**Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

1. Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
2. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

**Note:** The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

## III. LANGUAGE -

**Language:** The language of the Competition shall be English.

## IV. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION-

1. **Eligibility:** The Competition shall be open to students who are–
  - a. Pursuing an integrated 5 year Law in India or
  - b. Pursuing 3 year LL.B in India.
2. **Team Composition:** Each team shall consist of minimum of two members and maximum of three members.
3. **In the event where a team consists of three members then–**  
Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers and one as researcher at the time of registration itself.

## V. REGISTRATION -

Link and QR code-

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9lu3Wdabnxm3dz6GfrNJtR2lql\\_7\\_h28eA68ElzT5otoHzA/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9lu3Wdabnxm3dz6GfrNJtR2lql_7_h28eA68ElzT5otoHzA/viewform?usp=dialog)



## VI. PAYMENT DETAILS -

### Registration Fee- 3000/- per team

Registration fees must be remitted online as per the details mentioned below.

Name of Account Holder	SHRI VAISHNAV VIDYAPEETH VISHWAVIDYALAYA, Indore
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Branch	CLOTH MARKET, Indore M.P.
CMS Code	SH97VSHVVD
Account no	50100282903557
IFSC Code	HDFC0000281
MICR	452240003
SWIFT Code	HDFCINBBXXX

#### **1. Allotment of Team Code:**

Every team which has successfully registered under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the registration for the competition. Once the unique code has been allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the organizers during the course of the Competition.

#### **2. Change in Team Composition:**

Any change in team composition must be intimated to the organizers at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after registration by post.

## VII. FORMAT OF COMPETITION :

### **A. DRAW OF LOTS:**

The matchup of teams will be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

Rounds: The Competition is divided into–

- 1. Preliminary Rounds(online)**
- 2. Quarter- Final Round(online)**
- 3. Semi- Final Round (online)**
- 4. Final Round (offline)**

Each team shall represent only one side as decided during draw of lots. Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds: The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of

- i. Score of Speaker 1
- ii. Score of Speaker 2
- iii. Score of the memorial.

Arrangement of Ranking: The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked on the basis of below mentioned criteria–

1. The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds Net-Court Room Margin;
2. If there is a tie, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank;
3. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;
4. If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
5. If the ties still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted higher rank;

*Results: The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.*

## **B. QUARTER FINALS:**

- a. The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter- finals.
- b. The side for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- c. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score.

No memorial score will be added in the Quarter-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the Semi-final round.

## C. SEMI- FINALS:

- a. Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c. The win – loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score.

No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

## D. FINALS:

In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of scores computed. Deciding of Winner in Case of Tie in Advanced Rounds: In the event of tie in advanced rounds, then–

- a. The team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
- b. If the tie still subsists, the winner of the round shall be decided by adding the score of memorials to the aggregate speaker scores.

## VIII. MEMORIALS:

1. Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials: All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.
2. Memorials to be prepared from Both Sides: Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.
3. Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:
  - The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the organizers on in pdf format latest by **15<sup>th</sup> November, 2025** before 11:59 P.M.
  - Memorials shall be sent via mail **mcc.svvv2025@gmail.com** in pdf formats only in the form of single file for each side of memorial and shall be named as **TC (Team Code)** Prosecution or Defendant.
  - A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.

#### **4. Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:**

- Participants reaching the final rounds are required to submit three hard copies of the memorial from each side, i.e., six copies in total, upon arrival, and no printing support will be provided by the institute for those who fail to bring their memorials.
- No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted to the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

#### **5. Penalty for Late Submission:**

- A penalty of 2 marks per day per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
- A penalty of 2 marks per day per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.

#### **6. General Conditions for Memorials:**

- The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
- Appellant/Petitioner memorials are required to have a blue cover and Respondent/Accused memorials are required to have a red cover.
- A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses wrong cover page for each side of memorial.

#### **7. Guidelines for Formatting:**

1. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have following pages only:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Synopsis of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

2. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “A-10” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R-10” in case of memorial for Respondent.

1. **Font:** Times New Roman, Font Size– 12 points, Line Spacing– 1.5 Line Spacing

**Footnotes:** Times New Roman, Font Size– 10 points, Line Spacing– Single Spaced

2. **Pagination:** The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.

3. **Margin:** A margin of 1inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.

4. **Citation Format:** The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.

5. **Page Limit:** The memorial shall be of a maximum of 40 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be of a maximum of 25 pages. No annexure, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.

**Penalty:** A penalty of 1 mark per violation per side shall be levied in case of non- adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

*Marking Criteria for Memorials:*

SR. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Structure, Language and Grammar	15
5.	Extent and Use of Research	15
6.	Correct format and citation	10
	TOTAL MARKS	100

## IX. ORAL ROUND :

Timings for the Oral Pleadings:

- **For preliminary rounds:**

1. Each team will get thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes the time taken in questioning by the judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes per speaker.

- **Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals**

1. Each team will get forty (40) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by the judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes per speaker.

- **Final Rounds:**

1. Each team will get fifty (50) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by the judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes per speaker.

### MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge and Application of Law and Facts	20
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to answer questions	20
3.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, <u>Demeanour</u>	20
4.	Organization and Flow of Arguments	20
5.	Reference to Memorials	20
	<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>100</b>

1. **Levy of Maximum Penalties:** Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules.
2. **Submission of Authorities:** The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from journals or other authentic sources, or their xerox. The teams may prepare and submit Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

## **X. PENALTIES :**

1. **Scouting:** No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the organizers. The decision of the organizers shall be final and binding.
2. **Non – Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution or to the judges. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the organizers.
3. **Copyright:** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.

*The organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute it electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.*

## **XI. CLARIFICATIONS :**

1. Participating teams may seek clarifications via mail on the Official Email **mcc.svvv2025@gmail.com**.
2. The last date to seek clarifications to the Moot Proposition is **13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025**.

## **XII. AWARDS AND PRIZES:**

1. **Awards:** The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:
2. **Best Team:** The Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 21,000 (Indian Rupees Twenty one Thousand Only).
3. **Runners Up:** the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 11,000 (Indian Rupees Eleven Thousand Only).
4. **Best Mooter:** The Mooter having the highest score in the competition shall be given the cash prize of INR 3,000 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only).
5. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given the cash prize of INR 3,000 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only).
6. **Best Researcher:** There shall be researcher test and the best performer shall be given the cash prize of INR 3,000 (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only).
7. Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying for semi final and beyond.
8. Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.
9. Trophies shall also be given to the winners.

## **XIII. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD :**

1. Food shall be provided by the Organizers to the team members in the University. The organizers will suggest accommodation facilities but will not be responsible for any issues that may arise after the hotel booking.

## XIV. MISCELLANEOUS :

1. Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
2. **Disclaimer:** *The preposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the author of the problem.*

### KEY DATES:

Sr. No	Events	Date
1.	Commencement of registration	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2025
2.	Last Date of Registration	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
3.	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications if any	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
4.	Publication of Clarification	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
5.	Last Date for Submission of Soft Copy of the Memorial	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
6.	Inaugural Ceremony & Orientation	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
7.	Draw of Lots and Researchers Test	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
8.	Preliminary Rounds (Online)	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025
9.	Quarter Finals (Online)	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 2025
10.	Semi Final Rounds (Online)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 2025
11.	Final Round (Offline)	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025
12.	Valedictory Ceremony	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025

**TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION FORM:**

**NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY CONTACT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF ARRIVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME OF ARRIVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MODE OF TRANSPORT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF DEPARTURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME OF DEPARTURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATION (TICK AS APPLICABLE): NO / YES**

**NOTE:**

Travel form must be sent latest by **25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025**

The organizers will suggest accommodation facilities but will not be responsible for any issues that may arise after the hotel booking.

## MOOT PREPOSITION:

"The Republic of Zindia is a peaceful nation with traditions and laws resembling those of India. Within this country lies the State of Rudrapradesh, home to the city of Murat."

**Anusha Reddy and Dr. Nikhil Reddy were married on 18th February 2005** under the **Hindu Marriage Act, 1955**. Anusha, a postgraduate in Economics, gave up her career ambitions after marriage to support Nikhil's aspirations. Nikhil, a practicing neurologist, rose rapidly in his profession, becoming the head of the neurology department at a reputed hospital in Murat by 2014. The couple lived in a luxurious apartment in Sangra Hills and appeared, outwardly, to lead an ideal married life. They were blessed with a **daughter, Aarushi, born in 2008**.

However, in 2017, Anusha noticed behavioural changes in Nikhil—frequent late nights, unexplained work travel, and very cold in married life. She found unfamiliar female clothing in their home closet and later, through Aarushi's school friend's mother, came to learn that Nikhil was frequently seen in the company of a young woman, later identified as **Dr. Raina Das**, a junior neurologist at the same hospital. Anusha hired a private investigator, who collected surveillance footage, hotel receipts, and even a confidential email from Nikhil's work account suggesting an ongoing affair.

When confronted, Nikhil denied the relationship and accused Anusha of paranoia. Matters escalated in 2019 when Anusha found a notarized agreement signed by Nikhil declaring Raina Das as his nominee for medical insurance, housing loan benefits, and emergency contact. Further inquiries revealed that Nikhil and Raina had jointly purchased a farmhouse on the outskirts of Murat and co-owned two properties in Avantika.

Devastated, **Anusha filed a petition for divorce in 2020 under Sections 13(1)(i) and (ia) of the Hindu Marriage Act, citing extra marital affairs and cruelty**. She also filed a **claim under Section 25 of the Act for permanent alimony and maintenance**. The trial court, after two years of hotly contested proceedings, granted divorce on the ground of mental cruelty, stating that though suspicion was reasonable, it did not meet the required evidentiary threshold. **Anusha was granted ₹1.2 crore as permanent alimony, and monthly maintenance of ₹80,000 until she either remarried or became financially independent**.

Nikhil appealed the decree, denying any misconduct and challenging the quantum of maintenance and alimony, claiming that Anusha had a hidden source of income from her family's agricultural business and that she had been running an online tuition platform.

**The High Court upheld the divorce decree, reduced alimony to ₹75 lakhs,** and ordered **maintenance to continue for a period of five years only**, subject to judicial review after three years. The court also allowed Nikhil to initiate separate proceedings for discontinuation if Anusha's financial condition improved substantially. Things took a strange turn in 2023. During enforcement proceedings, it came to light that Anusha was now living in a villa in Noa, allegedly cohabiting with a man named Vihaan Sen, a corporate consultant. Vihaan was formerly known to Nikhil, having previously been part of a consultancy team hired by the hospital. Nikhil moved to terminate maintenance payments on grounds that Anusha was in a live-in relationship, financially supported by Vihaan, and no longer legally entitled to maintenance under Section 25.

Anusha denied the allegations, stating that Vihaan was merely a tenant and friend, and that the Noa property was a gift from her maternal uncle, which she later rented to Vihaan due to financial strain. She claimed that Vihaan's presence in the villa was for temporary professional reasons and that there was no intimate relationship. Anusha also argued that the court-imposed condition of financial independence as a ground to terminate maintenance was vague, unenforceable, and violated her **right to life and dignity under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution**. She further contended that courts cannot penalize a divorced woman for exercising her right to companionship in a non-marital setup, and that "financial dependency" must be interpreted contextually in light of lifestyle, opportunity cost, and health status.

Nikhil produced WhatsApp chats, surveillance photos, and joint vacation receipts to support his claim. He argued that the continuation of maintenance in such a scenario was morally unjust, legally unwarranted, and that he had since remarried and had another child, thereby increasing his financial responsibilities. He also invoked Article 14, asserting that men, too, have a right to protection from lifetime financial obligations in an era of constitutional gender equality.

Anusha responded by filing a cross-petition challenging the constitutional validity of discontinuing maintenance based on live-in relationships, arguing that personal law cannot override constitutional protections, and that a divorced woman's autonomy cannot be used against her to deny basic financial security. She sought a constitutional interpretation of Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act in line with evolving gender jurisprudence.

The matter was escalated to the Supreme Court in 2025 after both parties filed Special Leave Petitions, challenging the High Court's decree in parts. The questions raised include proof of cohabitation, the evidentiary standard for discontinuing maintenance, and the constitutionality of denying financial support based on a woman's choice to live outside traditional marital constructs.

## ISSUES:

1. Whether the continuation or discontinuation of maintenance under Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, can be justified on the ground of a divorced woman's alleged live-in relationship or financial support from a third person.
2. Whether the condition of "financial independence" imposed by the court for discontinuation of maintenance is legally sustainable, and who bears the burden of proof to establish substantial financial improvement of the recipient spouse
3. Whether circumstantial evidence such as shared residence, communication, and financial transactions is sufficient to establish cohabitation or companionship amounting to a live-in relationship for the purpose of terminating maintenance under Section 25.
4. Whether cohabitation or companionship outside marriage can constitute sufficient legal and moral ground to discontinue maintenance, or whether such an interpretation amounts to judicial overreach beyond the legislative intent of Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
5. Whether Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 should be interpreted in a gender-neutral manner to align with the evolving principles of constitutional morality, equality, and protection of both spouses from perpetual financial obligations post-divorce.

## APPLICABLE LAWS:

1. Hindu Marriage Act, 1955
2. Constitution of India
3. Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
4. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
5. Indian Evidence Act, 1908
6. Indian Contract Act, 1872

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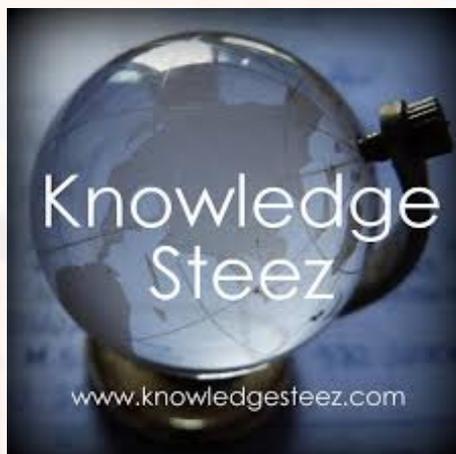
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