

JURITRUST CENTRE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY NATIONAL MOOT COMPETITION 2025/2026

Note that all teams are required to prepare written arguments for the quarter-finals, semifinals and finals, in addition to their preparations for oral presentations. Deadline for submitting all briefs is 24th March 2026. Submit to juritrustmoot@gmail.com

Note: The laws of the Republic of Magaria are identical with the Laws of Nigeria

HYPOTHETICAL FACTS FOR THE MOOT PROCEEDINGS STAGE

Dr. Musa Emeka Ayo is a billionaire resident in the Republic of Magaria and founder of the “WAZOBIA Foundation for Magarian Relief.” In 2024, the Foundation received an award for building 50 solar-powered health clinics in remote areas of Magaria. In February 2025, a joint operation between the Magarian Financial Intelligence Unit (MFIU) and the Magarian Military Intelligence Bureau (MMIB) flagged a series of suspicious movements:

1. Two and a half billion Magarian Pounds (~~M~~) was over a span of 18 months deposited into the Foundation’s account via 500 different Point-of-Sale (POS) agents, with no single deposit exceeding ~~M~~4.9 Million.
2. 2,000,000 United States Dollars transfer arrived from a “Global Peace Charity” based in a jurisdiction recently blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force.
3. Intelligence suggests that 30% of the medical supplies purchased by the Foundation were found in the hands of a several insurgent groups including the proscribed “Ax Liberation Movement (ALM)”

Dr. Musa Emeka Ayo was arrested during a board meeting. The State has charged him with:

1. Money Laundering under Section 18 of the Money Laundering Act, for “structuring” transactions to avoid detection.
2. Terrorism Financing under Section 13 of the Terrorism Prevention and Prohibition Act, for providing material support to a terrorist organization.

Dr. Musa Emeka Ayo claims that :

1. the vehicles conveying the medical supplies to legitimate sources were hijacked at various points by bandits and insurgents.
2. The POS deposits were legitimate “Zakat” (charitable) donations from thousands of anonymous rural donors who do not have traditional bank accounts.

For the Quarter-Finals

Tournament A:

Team 104 will represent the State and show that *contrary to the claims of Dr Musa Ayo, the actus reus and mens rea of Money Laundering under Section 18 of the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022 have been established.* Team 105 will represent the Defence and attempt to establish that the State has not proved liability for the offence by rebutting the alleged explanation that the transfers were zakat and that the mode of transfer was for logistical convenience.

Tournament B

Team 112 will represent the Defence and in a no case submission will argue that *the mere presence of the Defendant's medical supplies in the camp of an insurgent camp is not enough to constitute 'providing material support' under Section 13 of the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act 2022 and that the failure of the State to specify a named terrorist organization as recipient of the supplies is fatal to the case of the Prosecution.* Team 107 will represent the State and will in response argue otherwise.

Tournament C

Following the overruling of its "No case submission" the Team 119 for the defence has lodged an appeal challenging *inter alia* the court's jurisdiction as well as the failure of the charge to disclose an offence against the defendant. It has sought a stay of proceeding of the trial pending the resolution of the appeal arguing that where jurisdiction and Fundamental rights under the Constitution are in issue the trial should be stayed. Team 115 representing the State will argue that the *prohibition of a Stay of Proceedings under Section 306 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 should apply where the very jurisdiction of the Trial Court and the fundamental rights of the Defendant are being challenged.*

SEMI-FINALS STAGE

The three winning teams and the team adjudged to be overall best among the 3 teams that did not win the quarter final rounds, will participate in the semi-finals, and they will assume the role of State or Defence as follows –

1. First Semi Finals: Winner of Tournament A (State) vs Winner of Tournament C (Defence)
2. Second Semi Finals: Winner of Tournament B (State) vs Fourth Place Team (Defence)

The teams will argue for the State and Defence whether - *having regard to the provisions of Section 36(5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), the reverse burden of proof created by Section 74 of the Proceeds of Crime (Recovery and Management) Act 2022 is not a fundamental violation of the Defendant's right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty.*