

Peel Judicial Education Network

Davis Cup- Local Rules

Overview

A coach's meeting was held on February 4th, 2025. At that time, Justice LeMay was present along with Amelia Berot-Burns of OJEN. The Rules set out by OJEN in its publication "The Official Rules" continue to govern both the preliminary and final rounds of the Davis Cup. However, based on the questions and discussions in that meeting, as well as other issues, there are some local rules for the Davis Cup competition.

Where a local rule is specifically different from the OJEN rule, the local rule governs.

Permanent Local Rules

There are three permanent local rules that apply to the Davis Cup competition, as follows:

Number of Lawyers

The OJEN rules apply for the number of lawyers on a team as a whole. However, in the presentation of the case in each round, a maximum of four (4) lawyers is permitted.

Objections

Only the lawyer who is conducting the examination in chief/cross examination of the witness may object when the opposing counsel is asking questions.

Witnesses

While witnesses may be permitted to use their Affidavit, there will be a penalty between one and two marks deducted in each round for each witness that uses their Affidavit, depending on the extent of the use. The question of whether a deduction is appropriate and whether it should be one or two marks is a question for the presiding judge to determine depending on the extent to which the Affidavit is used.

Local Rules for This Year's Problem

There are three local rules that apply for this year's specific problem, as follows:

- 1) **Exhibits**- although the entry of exhibits is optional, a team that fails to enter an exhibit will have a mark deducted from their score, in the discretion of the presiding judge.
- 2) **Exhibits**- Exhibit 2 is to be entered as one exhibit.

- 3) **Cross-examination**- there is NOT to be any cross examination on specific social media platforms.

If there are any questions on these rules, the teacher representatives on the PJEN Committee can be contacted to forward those questions to the Committee as a whole.