# PROSPECTUS

2027 EDITION

BIIM

## BOSTON INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION MOOT

# INTRODUCTION

The ***Boston International Innovation Moot ("BIIM")*** is the first global moot court competition focused devoted to the regulation of emerging and disruptive technologies. Centred on innovation, BIIM was created to challenge law students to think critically, argue persuasively, and draft forward-looking legislative proposals. The competition further invites experts from diverse fields to guide participants through the complex intersections of technology and law.




This prospectus sets out everything that teams and judges need to know about BIIM2027: what the Moot is, how it works, who may take part, how to register and when things happen.

# ABOUT US

## OUR FOUNDER

Boston-based attorney Dimitrios Ioannidis conceived the idea of an innovation-focused competition through his work as a judge in international and US-based moot competitions and in several MIT Enterprise Forum Competitions. He believes that lawyers tend to be anything but pioneering in technical advances, while innovation in every other discipline proceeds at blazing speed.

## OUR HISTORY

The innovation moot was held at MIT for its first four years as part of the Osmocosm Foundation Conference. BIIM is now open to law schools around the world, allowing the innovation moot to become what it was always meant to be.

## OUR TEAM

BIIM members come from various disciplines, including scientists from MIT and other leading engineering institutions, and lawyers and professors from around the world. We believe that established legal education is not always forward-looking, and that there is a clear disconnect between innovators, scientists and lawyers. BIIM seeks to bridge this gap.



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## OUR GOALS

BIIM is a collaboration between law schools and technology advisors from leading schools around the globe, who come together to form a unique educational alliance. In preparing for the competition, students engage experts from their own or other schools who guide them in approaching innovation and drafting the proposed legislation. The Global Rounds involve scientists, lawyers and other experts who debate the social and public policy questions raised by the draft legislative proposals.

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# MOOT PROBLEM

The 2027 Problem is set on Planet Mars in 2452. In *Commonwealth v. Lyra Clancy*, a mother is charged with killing her three children while allegedly suffering from "AI-induced psychosis", a delusional condition said to have been caused or amplified by prolonged interaction with a personalised therapeutic AI. The case also raises whether confidential client information entered by defence counsel into a generative-AI legal platform remains protected by attorney-client privilege and the work-product doctrine, how AI-assisted evidence destruction should be treated, and whether AI-induced psychosis should constitute a distinct defence. The full Problem is available **here**. Teams may argue only the issues presented in the Problem and must not deviate from them in any material respect.

To allow a diverse range of universities to compete on equal footing, the Directors have placed no limits on the applicable law and academic research for the 6th iteration of BIIM, as there is no established jurisdiction on Planet Mars.
Facts alleged in the Problem, exhibits and clarifications are taken to be correct unless there is a clear contradiction between them. Teams may not introduce additional facts, except facts that can be logically deduced from the Problem or that are publicly available and undisputed. Requests for clarification must be submitted by email to info@innovationmoot.com by 31 December 2026.

See ***innovationmoot.com*** for the **2027 *MOOT PROBLEM***

COMPETITION

# STRUCTURE

## Preparation Phase

**Drafting Legal Memoranda**
Students will draft and submit an *optional* written memoranda on behalf of the defence and prosecution. Consult ***BIIM Competition Rules*** *for further details*.

**Engagement with Academia & Industry**
Students are encouraged to engage with experts from their own or other institutions to refine their memoranda.

## Global Rounds

**Oral Argumentation & Evaluation**
Students will engage in oral argumentation based on the ***Moot Problem***.

**Competition Format (Online)**
Four general rounds (twice on each side), then quarter-finals for the top eight teams, semi-finals and a final.

# WRITTEN MEMORANDA

Each team submits a Memorandum for the Defence and a Memorandum for the Prosecution. Memoranda must meet the following requirements, and failure to comply will disqualify the memorandum concerned from consideration for awards:

- Paragraphs must be numbered, and references to statements in a memorandum must cite the relevant paragraph number.
- All sources must be listed in a List of Authorities at the end of the memorandum.
- Referencing must be done in-text, not in footnotes or endnotes, in short form, with the full citation in the List of Authorities.
- A memorandum may not exceed 10 pages in total. The cover page, Table of Contents, List of Authorities and other administrative information do not count towards this limit.
- Type-style: 12-point font, Arial or Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing and margins of one inch (2.5 cm) on all sides.

A list of team members must be submitted to the BIIM team via the Registration Form. It may be amended until the memoranda are submitted. After that, no new members may be added, and teams are asked to inform us of any drop-outs.

# ORAL ROUNDS

## GENERAL ROUNDS

Each team argues four times, twice on each side of the Problem. The top eight teams on scoring progress to the quarter-finals, followed by the semi-finals and the final.

## DURATION

Each team is granted 30 minutes to conduct its pleadings. The judges may extend this to a maximum of 40 minutes per team. Each speaker speaks for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 minutes.

Questions from the judges. The judges may interrupt speakers at any time to ask questions, simulating a real proceeding. Teams should prepare for a variety of questioning styles.

## ORDER OF PRESENTATION

1. 1st Counsel for the Defence
2. 2nd Counsel for the Defence
3. 1st Counsel for the Prosecution
4. 2nd Counsel for the Prosecution
5. Rebuttal by the Defence
6. Sur-rebuttal by the Prosecution

The specific schedule will be provided to teams and judges with adequate notice

COMPETITION

# TIMELINE

## REGISTRATION

$0.00 FEE

**Registration Opens**
October 12th, 2026

**Registration Deadlines**
Participants: December 30th, 2026
Judges: January 15th, 2027

## MEMORANDA

10 PAGES TOTAL
CONSULT BIIM RULES

**Defence Submission Date**
January 15th, 2027

**Prosecution Submission Date**
January 15th, 2027

## ORAL ROUNDS

ONLINE

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**Preliminary Rounds**
February 5 - 6, 2027

**Semi Final Rounds**
February 6, 2026

**Final & Award Ceremony**
February 7, 2026

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

The timeline is fixed; however, additional events such as webinars and information sessions may be proposed and organised by supporting organizations. Any such events will be communicated via LinkedIn Boston International Innovation Moot (BIIM)

# HOW TO REGISTER

## PARTICIPANTS & JUDGES

1 Refer the ***BIIM Competition Rules*** (click link) which may also be sent via email attachment upon request for further details regarding participant eligibility.

2 **Register through the following Google Forms:**
Participant Registration Form
Judge Registration Form

## WHO MAY TAKE PART

### TEAMS

Teams may consist of students at any level of study, whether pursuing a first degree (bachelor's) or an advanced degree (including PhDs). Each team must be affiliated with a university or other higher education institution that offers law as part of its programme of study. Each institution may enter only one team, which must consist of two speakers.

### ELIGABILITY

Any student who has practised law at any time, for any period, is ineligible to compete unless a BIIM Director grants express permission. Requests for a determination of eligibility must be submitted by email before registration closes. A Director will decide within 7 calendar days of acknowledging receipt, and that decision is final.

### JUDGES

We warmly invite lawyers, academics and experts from other disciplines, including science and technology, to serve as judges. Judges read the memoranda, hear the oral rounds and score the teams, and they play a central part in the interdisciplinary spirit of the Moot.

# CONTACT US


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CONNECT VIA **LINKEDIN**


For registration, eligibility and general enquiries, please contact the BIIM team at *info@innovationmoot.com* or visit *www.innovationmoot.com*.


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## CREATING A GLOBAL LEDGER FOR LAW

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