

Application Guidelines

To participate in the 2026 WIPO IP Moot Court Competition, your team must first submit an application.

An application must include the following in order to be complete:

- (1) a pre-recorded video argument (please see video submission requirements below); and
- (2) a completed and signed [registration form](#).

Video submission requirements

Teams are required to prepare a video of **no longer than 5 minutes**, responding to one of the following two questions based on the following scenario:

A pharmaceutical company and a national space agency co-develop the “Smart Space Sipper”, a squeezable medicine pouch designed for astronauts to safely take liquid medication in zero gravity. Its contoured body prevents spillage, its one-way valve stops liquid from floating loose, and its sleek, spaceship-like curves are marketed on Earth as part of a futuristic wellness brand. They now seek industrial design protection over the pouch’s shape.

Question 1: What is your assessment as to whether these co-developers will be able to obtain protection for the Smart Space Sipper using design rights and what features could be protected?

OR

Question 2: If protection by design can be obtained, who should be recognized as the holder of design rights in the Smart Space Sipper—the pharmaceutical company, the national space agency, or both as joint creators, and on what legal basis?

Your video response should reflect your knowledge of industrial property law, your ability to frame legal issues with clarity, and your capacity to advance arguments with precision and persuasiveness.

Please note: The “Smart Space Sipper” scenario and questions above are not taken from this year’s fact pattern but are merely for purposes of the application.

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Video content

To be considered, a video must meet the following requirements:

- The video should not exceed 5 minutes in length. Any content beyond the five-minute mark will not be reviewed.
- Both members of the team must participate in the video.
- The video must include the six elements listed below.

1. Team Introduction

- Introduce both team members.
- Indicate each member's role (e.g., first oralist, second oralist).

2. Issue Overview

- Clearly present the question and your team's position.
- Provide a concise explanation of why the issue matters in today's industrial property landscape, including references to your jurisdiction where appropriate.

3. Legal Framework

- Identify the relevant legal frameworks. If appropriate, refer to key national or regional legislation, international treaties, or jurisprudence.

4. Substantive Legal Arguments

- Present at least two core arguments supporting your position.
- Ground your reasoning in legal principles while linking to real-world disputes and technologies.

5. Counterarguments

- Briefly anticipate at least one counterargument and your response.

6. Conclusion

- Summarize your key points in a clear, structured manner.

Tips From the Judges: Try not to read from a script. Present as if addressing a court. Teams should demonstrate courtroom decorum, including the use of formal legal language, structured reasoning, and professional delivery. Teams should also balance depth of analysis with clarity and conciseness.

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Technical requirements

- Language: English
- Maximum duration: 5 minutes
- File format: MP4 or MOV
- Maximum file size: 200 MB
- Submission method: [Upload to Tresorit using the dedicated link](#)

Evaluation Criteria

The video submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Clarity and structure of argument (20%) – Logical organization and coherence of presentation.
2. Understanding of legal issues (30%) – Depth of knowledge of industrial property law and its applications.
3. Persuasiveness (20%) – Effectiveness in convincing the judges of the team's position.
4. Use of legal frameworks and authorities (20%) – Appropriateness and accuracy of references to laws, treaties, and case law.
5. Professionalism and presentation (10%) – Courtroom-style delivery, confidence, and teamwork.

We appreciate your interest in joining the 2026 WIPO IP Moot Court Competition!

Should you have any questions about the application process or the competition itself, please contact youth@wipo.int.