Clarifications to the 2026 Wilson Moot Problem

- As stated in the Official Problem, the facts are as found by Justice Maier, writing for the Federal Court. Mooters may conduct any research they see fit in developing their arguments. Mooters are also permitted to refer to any domestic or foreign law in their written and/or oral arguments. However, no reference shall be made, in written and/or oral arguments, to any legislative, social, or adjudicative facts beyond those found by Justice Maier.
- 2. The first paragraph of the preamble to the Official Problem is amended to read:

Nadia Malik (pronouns: she/hers) is a 25-year-old refugee of Ushvani ethnicity who fled to Canada from Ruritania to avoid persecution. In March 2022, Nadia made a claim for refugee protection under ss. 96 and 97(1) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.* In <u>February</u> 2024, Nadia's claim was denied by the Refugee Protection Division ("RPD") of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (the "IRB") in a written decision (the "Decision"). As a result of the Decision, Nadia will be removed from Canada and returned to Ruritania.

- 3. With respect to footnote 1 to the Official Problem, mooters should assume that Nadia has no further opportunity—pursuant to the terms of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* or otherwise—to seek further review or recourse with respect to her status in Canada. If Nadia's appeal is denied, she will be removed from Canada. Subject to this assumption, mooters may refer to any other authorities, statutes, orders, directives, or government policies that they see fit, including the provisions of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.
- 4. The Notice of Hearing that Nadia received from the RPD advised that artificial intelligence tools may be used in the review of her application and in rendering the eligibility decision, at the RPD Member's discretion, and included a hyperlink to the Directive.
- 5. Mooters are only permitted to address the issues on which the High Court of Dominion of Canada has granted leave to appeal, as set out in the final paragraph of the Official Problem. With respect to the issue of remedy, the parties have agreed that if Nadia's appeal is allowed, the Decision will be quashed and remitted for re-determination before a different Member of the RPD.

Clarification to the 2026 Wilson Moot Rules

1. With respect to Rule VI.D(4) of the Official Rules, a team with a 1-1-0 (one win, one loss) record and a team with a 0-2-0 record (two ties) will be tied, and the determination of rank as between the who teams will be determined under Rule VI.D(5).