



Moot-Court Committee Main Events Report

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1st INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION REPORT

On 5th of October 2019 the School of Law (SOL) NMIMS, Navi Mumbai held the 1st **Intra Moot** competition. The event received widespread participation from the students of School of Law. A total of 27 teams participated from both the batches of School of Law. Each team consisted of 2 speakers and 1 researcher. This event was aimed at providing the participants with insights on the practical applicability of law.

Before the commencement of the competition a lamp lighting ceremony took place. The lamp was lit by the director of S.V.K.M.'s NMIMS Navi Mumbai Dr. Parthasarathi N. Mukherjee, the Associate Dean of School of Law, Navi Mumbai Dr. Saurabh Chaturvedi, Prof. Manisha Band, Dr. Keshab Nandy and President of the Moot Court Committee Ms. Aditi Pareek. The lamp lighting ceremony was followed by an inspiring speech by the Director Dr. P.N. Mukherjee and later the Associate Dean of School of Law Dr. Saurabh Chaturvedi. The judges that were going to judge the participants during the competition were also present during the ceremony. The panel of judges consisted of 5th Year Law students from NMIMS, Vile Parle and from MNLU. After the introductory and lamp lighting ceremony the judges were escorted to their respective moot courts in the campus. Each Moot Court had 2 judges and had 2 courtroom masters.

The Speakers were marked individually by the Judges and the Researchers were marked on the basis of the Researcher's test that was conducted on 3rd October 2019. The Researchers test was checked by Prof. Manisha band and the apex body of the Moot Committee.

In total, there were 3 rounds of mooting and the speakers of each group were scored individually by their respective judges. Their scorecards were later added together by the Apex body of the Moot Committee under the supervision of Prof. Manisha Band. Thereafter, the rank-list was prepared, and the finalists were announced. After a while the

final round took place. The final was presided over by a panel of 3 judges- the Dean of KPMSOL NMIMS Dr. Alok Misra, Assistant Professor at KPMSOL Ms. Anu Mishra and lastly by Ms. Jharna Sahijwani, Assistant Professor at KPMSOL NMIMS. Both teams put up a good fight. The judges did not hold back and grilled the speakers well as they relentlessly kept on questioning them. After an hour long of arguments and questioning, the final round concluded, and the judges were escorted to a different room for deciding and choosing a winner.

After heavy discussion, the winners of the 1st Intra Moot competition were announced. The winners were announced by Prof. Manisha Band which was followed by the felicitation ceremony of the winners and the runner ups. The best researcher amongst the participants was also felicitated. They were felicitated by the Dean of KPMSOL NMIMS Dr. Alok Misra and by the Associate Dean of NMIMS Dr. Saurabh Chaturvedi. The felicitation was followed by an inspiring and motivating speech by Dr. Alok Misra and Assistant Professors Ms. Anu Mishra and Ms. Jharna Sahijwani. They were really impressed of the performance of the participants and they appreciated the efforts that were put in by the Moot committee in organizing the competition. The judges were also very impressed by the students and claimed that the students competed far better than they anticipated. Finally, the Vote of Thanks was given by Prof. Manish band.

Out of the 27 teams that participated, only iteam made it to the top. Nevertheless, all the participants benefitted equally after participating in this competition as they had a firsthand experience of the practical implications of the law and also learnt new methods and tricks which would serve as a valuable reference point for their future endeavors.

WORKSHOP REPORT ON- THE ART OF MOOTING AND TRIAL ADVOCACY

On the 30th of April, 2020 the Moot-Court Committee invited Mr. Saunak Rajguru to conduct a workshop on the Art of Mooting and Trial Advocacy. The workshop witnessed an amazing response from the students of School of Law, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai. With a total of 62 participants, the workshop went smoothly. Mooting is an important practice in the life of a law student as it improves on the analytical and research skills of a student which is a key requirement for a career in law which is why the Moot-Court Committee organized this very workshop on Zoom call given that it was unprecedented times of a pandemic.

Our speaker for the workshop, Mr. Saunak Rajguru, is a first-generation lawyer holding a B.BA.LLB (Constitutional Law Hons.) degree from School of Law, KIIT University (KLS), Bhubaneswar [2014-19 batch]. An exemplary mooter during his time in law school. He won the prestigious 33rd BCI Moot Court Competition. In his words, “A lawyer’s life starts and ends with constantly interpreting the law, and Mooting as an activity exposes a law student to this at an early stage itself.” The workshop started with Mr. Rajguru’s introduction followed by him intrinsically explaining the importance of mooting to the students. He also spoke about the step wise making of a memorial and then the techniques and tips that help in acing the oral argument round. The workshop was followed by an interactive session between Mr. Rajguru and the students. The students made sure to clear out each doubt they had while Mr. Rajguru patiently answered each question. The workshop overall was a very enriching experience for the law students. The discussions were insightful and informative.



THE 2ND INTRA MOOT-COURT COMPETITION

In our new covid challenged world, The Moot court committee of NMIMS, Navi Mumbai takes immense pleasure in announcing that the University has organized the 2nd Intra Moot Competition, 2020. However, this year it only comprised of Memorial Submissions on 15 October 2020. A total of 23 teams participated from both the batches of the School of Law. Each team consisted of 2 speakers and 1 researcher. The participants were challenged to expand their understanding on the theme *“failed love scenarios, suicide theories which have often come to the front as revenge vendetta, dowry death vs. the suicide theories.”*

The Organizing Committee comprised of students the working under the direction of the director of S.V.K.M.'s NMIMS Navi Mumbai, the Associate Dean of School of Law, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai Dr. Saurabh Chaturvedi, Prof. Manisha Band, and President of the Moot Court Committee Ms. Aditi Pareek. We express our sincere gratitude towards Saunak Rajguru (Associate, J. Sagar Associates, New Delhi) for drafting such a challenging moot proposition and help our student community develop from his rich moot knowledge.

A moot court simulates a court hearing wherein the participants analyze the problem, identify the relevant law, draft pleadings, and present oral arguments. Simply put, it is a replicated oral argument, just like a hearing before a court. The lawyer presents an argument and answers questions posed by the panel of judges within a specified time. Students who have been selected will now represent the College at various national-level moot court competitions.

The results of the memorial rounds of Respondent and Petitioner were in favor of Pratima Barde (BBALLB-2023), Raashi Agrawal (BBALLB-2023), and Sneha Nair (BBALLB-2024) who bagged the first position as a team. They were pleased to share their experience of the competition:

Sneha Nair (B.B.A.LL.B. II Year)- *“When the moot proposition was released, I teamed up with my seniors, Pratima Barde and Raashi Aggarwal, almost towards the last minute of*

submitting our teams. We read the proposition together and identified 3/4 main issues on each side and allocated them amongst each other and began our research, two days before

submission. After which, we knew we had given our best and hoped that it was good enough. To be very honest, after submission, we had completely forgotten about it until we got the mail. We expected top 5 but never thought that we'd win, let alone both sides. So, all in all, it was a very enriching experience in terms of working together on a fast-approaching deadline and still being able to put out one of our best works, as well as learning in detail about the sections about dowry death in IPC."

Raashi Agrawal (B.B.A.LL.B. III Year) - *"My experience with the Moot Committee has been utmost pleasant. I am delighted that even in these tough times of COVID-19, the moot committee gave us a platform to compete. I am thankful for this chance as it helped us in critically analyzing the problem and coming up with the best possible solution".*

Pratima Barde (B.B.A.LL.B. III Year) - *It was the early September when the Moot Committee had come up with the second intra moot court competition, once again giving a chance to all the fierce mooters to challenge themselves and come up with the best solutions. It was an amazing experience to be a part of this event. The problem needed a lot of background work. In the end 24hours felt less, but we managed to keep our end of the bargain. Bearing proudly the 1st position in the memorial rounds of both sides, pulls me up a bit in air and gives me a reason to again be a part of the future editions. Thank you to the Organizing Committee and the Institution for giving us a chance.*

“We wish the students all the very best in their future moot court endeavors and hope that they continue the tradition of bringing accolades to the college in the sphere of moot court activities.”

