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SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN LAW

MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION REPORT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

16th PROBONO ENVIRO NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023

PRELIMS & QUALIFIERS – 28/01/2023 – 29/01/2023

FINAL ROUND – 18/02/2023

ABOUT THE PRO BONO ENVIRO MOOT COMPETITION:

The Moot Court Association [MCA] of the School of Excellence in Law, Chennai was established in the year 2008 with the view to promote oral advocacy skills and legal writing techniques. The foremost endeavour of the MCA is to develop and encourage mooting. Our flagship Competition, the Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition conducted annually since 2007 in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, is the first Competition in the country to address environmental issues. This moot encourages students to expand their awareness of environmental concerns in the present world.

16TH PRO BONO ENVIRO MOOT COMPETITION:

There were totally 55 teams from various universities and colleges participated, more than 150 students took part in this 16th pro bono enviro moot court competition. The problem for this year revolved around anthropogenic climate impact arising out of animal agriculture. The problem was about the state of Periyarnadu in Nationalisthan is rich in biodiversity and natural resources, with five perennial rivers and three major freshwater lakes. It also has six estuaries, serving as habitats for migratory birds and cetaceans. In 2018, the government announced a grant for setting up harbours in 10 states, including Periyarnadu. However, the establishment of a fishing harbour in the Ithuvumpocha estuary faced opposition from environmental groups and fisher welfare organizations due to potential harm. Construction began without proper clearances, leading to a significant public outcry. Renowned ornithologist Mr. Pakshi from Kochiko filed an application in the National Green Tribunal (NGT), arguing that the project violated laws, rendering the process redundant. The NGT admitted the application for a final hearing, considering factors such as ecological significance, the EIA Notification, and the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, which prohibits the project due to the area's importance as a turtle nesting site and high erosion rates.

REPORT:

The 16th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition was conducted in hybrid mode. The researcher's test, rounds I and II of the preliminary rounds, the quarterfinals, and the semifinals all took place online.

The **Researcher's test** was conducted on 27.01.2023. Considering the Covid-19 Pandemic the participants were made to attend the test in the format of that of a Google Form. They were asked questions regarding The Environment (Protection) Act, the United Nations Conference on Human Environment, and so on. The Researcher's test proved to be comprehensive and challenging for all participants, and Mr. Prabhat Singhmar from Team Turkey was adjudged as the Best Researcher, with a praiseworthy 31/40 points. The **Preliminary rounds** I and II were conducted on 28.01.2023. The top 8 teams qualified to the **Quarter-finals** which was held on 29.01.2023. Team Quail from Sastra Deemed to be University, Team Kiwi from Institute of Law, Nirma University, Team Bluebird from Kerala University of Law and Team Nightingale from Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology were qualified to the **Semi-finals** which was conducted on 29.01.2023.

The much awaited **Final Rounds** of 16th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2023 was conducted offline in the premises of the School of Excellence in law between the Team Quail from Sastra Deemed University as Petitioners and the Team Bluebird from Kerala University of Law as Respondents.

The judges of the Finals are: Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.S. Ramesh being a former Additional Government Pleader for State of Tamil Nadu and has represented the government in various important cases. He was later elevated as a Hon'ble Judge of Madras High Court. The Second judge of this competition is Mr. Srinath Sridevan who is one of the three founding partners of HSB Partners, a leading law firm in Chennai. He is also a member of the mining law committee of the International Bar Association, and has also made presentations before the parliamentary committee discussing the 2013 proposed amendments to the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act. Thirdly, we had Mr. STS Murthy started his practice in Erode. He was appointed as the government pleader and further, as the Additional Advocate General and is Currently, one of the Senior Advocates of Madras HC. Finally, we had Mr. Yogeshwaran who has filed notable public interest litigations on environmental issues and sought remedy to a mass population. He has been closely associated with the bar and been a part of various awareness boots and camps. The Finals rounds had begun with the arrival of the Judges. The Valedictory ceremony begun with Prof. Dr. Rajith Ommen Abrahan as Convener and the President of

the MCA, SOEL Ms. Mansi Sethiya presented the Event Report. Lastly, the Results have been announced.

WINNERS/RUNNERS

The Team Quail from SASTRA Deemed University won the 16th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition,2023 while Team Bluebird from Kerala University addressed as Runners Up.

BEST MEMORIAL

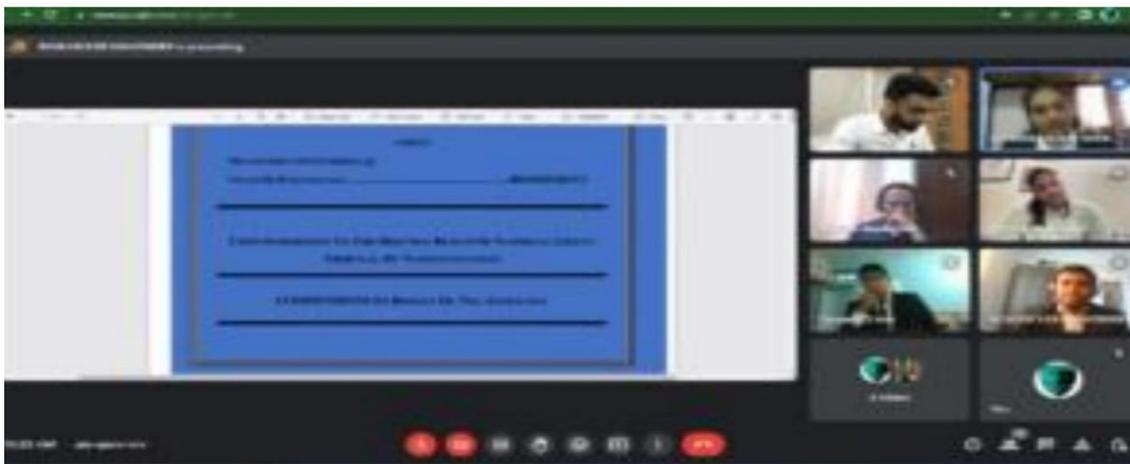
The Best Memorial was given to Team Kingfisher from School of Law, Christ University.

BEST SPEAKER

The Best Speaker was adjudged to Speaker 1 of Team Panda Ms. Maria Binny Palamattom from School of Law, Christ University.

After announcing the results, the participants shared their valuable feedback and this comes to an end to the Flagship Event of the Moot Court Association, SOEL's 16th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition,2021. It was conducted and completed successfully.

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TNDALU SOEL'S TAMIL STATE MOOT COURT

COMPETITION, 2023

PRELIMS, QUALIFIERS & FINALS - 03.02.2023 to 05.02.2023

ABOUT THE TNDALU SOEL'S TAMIL STATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION:

The Moot Court Association (MCA) of the School of Excellence in Law, Chennai was established in the year 2008 with the view to promote oral advocacy skills and legal writing techniques. Moot is a faux theatre of war that trains you for real-life cut and thrust of the court. The MCA regulates the participation of students in all Moot Court & Allied Competitions conducted at the State, National and International Levels. Tamil state moot competition is conducted by the MCA to encourage mooting in Tamil. The State Tamil Moot Court Competition bolsters the students to have mooting experience in Tamil. It is preceded by the moot court association's faculty coordinator and the president of the MCA and the students would be introduced to niche of Tamil and the pertinence of learning law in their vernacular language as a part of their journey in their law school.

REPORT:

The 1ST Tamil State Moot Court Competition was conducted in online mode. The researcher's test, rounds I and II of the preliminary rounds, the quarterfinals, the semifinals and the finals all took place online.

The *Researcher's test* took place on 03.02.2023 which was conducted through Google forms. Around 20 teams participated and Yuvashree from Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University was qualified as the best researcher. The Researcher's test proved to be comprehensive and challenging for all participants. The *Preliminary round* was conducted quiet successfully on 4th of February which was adjudged by various faculties of SOEL and other advocates of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. Eight teams out of the whole were qualified to the Quarter Final round based on the aggregate scores of the two rounds. The *Quarter-final* round was conducted on 4th of February and after following a series of extremely thought-provoking and persuasive arguments put forward by all the teams the top four teams qualified to the Semi-

finals. The *Semi-final* round was conducted on 5th of February where after some great mooting skills were displayed, the top two teams were announced and advanced to the Final Round.

The *Final Rounds* of the State Tamil Moot Court Competition was conducted on the 5th of February between SASTRA Deemed to be University and Government Law College, Chengalpattu. The Final and valedictory of the Moot Court Competition was witnessed by Judges for the final round: Mr.R.Ramanlal, Additional Government Advocate, Mr Muthukumar, Public Prosecutor, Court of Appeal, Mr.D.Srinivasan, Special Public Prosecutor and Mr.B.Thiagarajan, Senior Advocate, Basanmala Uir Court.

The judges then discussed their experience judging this year's State Tamil Moot Court and finally the results were announced.

WINNERS/RUNNERS

The winners were The Sastra, deemed to be university and the runners were The Government Law College, Chengalpattu.

BEST SPEAKER

The Best Speaker was Prassanna from Barath University of Law.

BEST RESEARCHER:

The Best researcher was Yuvashree from Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.

After announcing the results, the participants shared their valuable feedback and the Tamil State Moot Court Competition came to an end. It was conducted and completed successfully

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13th K.R. RAMAMANI MEMORIAL NATIONAL TAXATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023

RESEARCHER'S TEST – 23.02.2023 & 24.02.2023

PRELIMS & QUALIFIERS – 25.02.2023 & 26.02.2023

FINALS – 05.03.2023

ABOUT THE RAMAMANI MEMORIAL TAXATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION:

The Moot Court Association (MCA) of the School of Excellence in Law, Chennai was established in the year 2008 with the view to promote oral advocacy skills and legal writing techniques. The foremost endeavour of the MCA is to develop and encourage mooting. In a fitting tribute to Late. Shri. K.R. Ramamani, the Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, School of Excellence in Law in association with S.A.P.R. Advocates has been conducting a national level taxation moot court competition for the past 12 years. The aim of this Moot Court Competition is to organize a high- quality event focused on taxation.

THE 13TH K.R. RAMAMANI MEMORIAL NATIONAL TAXATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION:

The 13th K.R. Ramamani Memorial Taxation Moot Court Competition took place in the School of Excellence campus of the TNDALU in hybrid mode. The researcher's interview was held virtually through Google Meet platform from 23rd February, 2023 to 24th February, 2023. The preliminary, quarter and semifinal rounds were held virtually through Google Meet on 25th February, 2023 and 26th February, 2023. The final round and the valedictory ceremony were held in the physical mode in the School of Excellence in Law, TNDALU campus on March 5, 2023. This year, the competition saw a diverse mix of 31 teams participating in the event from all across the country. The competition also had more than 45 acclaimed lawyers and Chartered Accountants who graciously agreed to judge the several rounds of the Moot Court Competition.

REPORT:

The 13th K.R. Ramamani Memorial Taxation Moot Court Competition was conducted in hybrid mode. The researcher's test, round I and II of the preliminary rounds, the quarterfinals, and the semifinals all took place online.

The first round of the **Researcher's test** was a Question & Answer test in which all the researchers will be given a set of questions to answer via Google forms. All the Researchers undertook a written test, for a time duration of 20 minutes to answer a few questions on a Google form, which comprised both subjective and objective questions concerning the law, the moot proposition and general knowledge in the field of the subject matter. Around 20 teams participated in the Researcher's test out of which the 5 researchers who scored the highest in the test were qualified for the next round. The top 5 teams who qualified for the second round of the Researcher's test were: **1. TEAM NOTTO 2. TEAM PALATINO 3. TEAM CALISTO 4. TEAM TRAJAN 5. TEAM CENTURY** The interview was conducted in a unique way by making participants questioned by a Judge in a one-on-one manner. The Judge for this Interview was Mr. Vikram Vijayaraghavan. The participants were asked questions regarding the moot proposition and legal knowledge about the subject matter. The interview ended successfully with a fruitful experience for the participants as well as the Judge.

The **Preliminary rounds I and II** were conducted on 20.02.2023. the Top 8 qualified team to **Quarter-finals** which was conducted on 26.02.2023. Team Times from Maharashtra National Law University, Team Rockwell from SASTRA University, Team Trajan from The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi and Team Noto from University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, were qualified to the **Semi-finals** which was conducted on 26.02.2023.

The teams which met at the much-awaited **Final Rounds** of the 13th K.R. Ramamani Memorial National Taxation Moot Court Competition are Team Trajan from NUALS, Kochi, and Team Rockwell from School of Law, Sastra Deemed to be University. The judges of the Finals Round were Mr. Vijayaraghavan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammed Shaffiq and Mr. Arvinth Pandian, the round was also adjudged by Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.R. Swaminathan, Judge, High Court of Madras. His lordship enrolled as an advocate on 30.09.1994. Though his primary areas of interest are Constitution and Taxation, his practice also extended to Environmental, Commercial and Telecommunication laws. The third judge for the final round was Mr. Arvinth Pandian, Senior Advocate & Former Addl. Advocate General of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Pandian was

among the youngest in the Bar to get the coveted 'Senior Advocate' designation. Sir has also co-authored a book titled "Guide to take-overs and mergers" in 2002 with Mr. N.R. Sridharan. His background in tax also saw him occupy the post of Secretary of the Revenue Bar Association and provide inputs on amendments of the Income Tax Act as a nominated member of a FICCI Expert Committee.

WINNERS/RUNNERS UP

The Team Trajan from The National University of Advanced legal studies won the 13th K.R. Ramamani Memorial Taxation Moot Court Competition, 2023, whereas the Team Rockwell from SASTRA deemed to be university addressed as Runners up.

BEST SPEAKER

The Best Speaker was adjudged to Speaker 1 of Team Rockwell, Anirud Narayen from Sastra deemed to be university.

BEST RESEARCHER

The Best Researcher was won by Team Calisto, Mehul Kulshreshtha of University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and Team Noto Arjun from University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University

BEST MEMORIAL

Best memorial was won my Team Algerian from Symbiosis Law School, Pune

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