

## **GUEST LECTURE ON “LEGAL WRITING, LAWYERING SKILLS, & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME”**

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The International Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur had a visiting faculty from Seattle University, USA on 25 & 26 of July 2019. Prof. Mimi Samuel, an Associate Professor from the School of Law, Seattle University from USA was the guest speaker on two days.

Dr. Salu Dsouza, Prof. Sachin & Dr. Deepti received Prof. Mimi Samuel in the campus. Ms. Snehil Soni of first Semester BBA-LLB while compering the session introduced the guest speaker to the students and the faculty members. Prof. Mimi Samuel has been working with law students, lawyers, and judges overseas to help them improve their legal writing. She has travelled widely and trained law students, lawyers, judges and legal administrators in Legal Writing, imparted Lawyering skills and conducted numerous faculty development programmes. She has won various awards including the coveted award of Terri LeClerc Courage Award.

During her two-day lectures, Prof. Samuel interacted with students through her fluent oratory skills and introduced to students to Legal writing and essential lawyering skills. She emphasized on thinking like a lawyer, writing like a lawyer and arguing like a lawyer. She kept students engaged throughout her lecture by presenting case studies and made students to draft the issues in a concise manner as judge does in the court. She prepared students to be aware of essential lawyering skills that would build up rapport with the clients, judges and fellow lawyers. The Question & Answer session was also witnessed the active participation from the students. On her final lecture, she addressed SLS Law Faculty members and briefed about teaching learning methodology. Students and the faculty members immensely benefited from her lectures.

Few students had one to one interaction with Prof. Mimi Samuel during the break time and cleared their doubts. On the final day, Ms. Snehil Soni proposed the vote of thanks.

