

## SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Intra Client Counselling Competition Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April ,2022.

In continuation to its commitment to provide the students with opportunities the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC) of SLS-Nagpur organized its first ever Intra Client Counselling Competition on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, for second and third years' batches of the institution whereby the students participating were exposed to the practicality of Client Counselling Competition.

It was organized with an endeavor to inculcate and foster the skills along with the proficiency in relation to the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Through this competition the ADRC aimed at selecting the best candidates amongst the participants who shall be representing Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur in further External Alternative Dispute Resolution Competitions organized by various law schools across the nation.

Interviewing along with advising comprise an essential and integral part in a lawyer's work. It is often assumed for the lawyers to have the listening and questioning skills which requires to conduct an effective consultation session with a client. However, this assumption does not stand true for every lawyer which is the reason why it becomes important for a budding lawyer to hone such skills at a nascent stage. Hence, with this objective, the ADRC of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur always strive to provide its students with an exclusive platform to develop

such necessary skills pertaining to which a successful lawyer-client relationship is built.

And the ADRC team owe this opportunity of being able to organise this successful event to the director of SLS Nagpur, **Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari** who has been guiding the students on every aspect and giving them exposure to outshine in all fields of their respective careers.

Ms. Vaidehi Bhangde & Ms. Aditi Uttamani, third yr. law students of the institute. They were at the position of student in-charges for this event following which their work began by laying the foundation for proper execution of all the work and brainstorming over the timeline for the event on an intricate level. It led them to analyzing the work that would go for this event so that it would go well-managed by the entire team members on the very day of the competition. After the finalization of the initial work, the entire ADRC team, which formed the Organizing Committee, started to execute the work according to what had been brainstormed

The next according to the timeline framed was the Volunteers' briefing sessions which were yet again taken by ADRC team where the registered volunteers were briefed about their work in detail and were told as to what is expected from them on the day of competition. The sessions also dealt with the allotment of their roles which was bifurcated on the basis of already decided roles being the Timekeeper, Student Coordinator and Supervisor as per each conference rooms.

A day prior to competition day, along with numbers of dry runs that were conducted by the ADRC team with all the Volunteers to ensure smooth functioning of each conference rooms, an extensive Judges' Briefing Session was held which was conducted and moderated by the student in-charges of this event. In this session, the assessors for each conference rooms were briefed about the format of the competition and about how things will run on the very day of competition.

Now on the day of the Competition, i.e. on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, the first session was scheduled at 9:30 AM for every conference rooms, prior to which the assessors were asked to join their respective conference rooms and each conference room's volunteers were duly briefed upon by the ADRC team. There were total of twelve conference rooms and each conference room had total of four/ five rounds that were scheduled. The Counsel and client were assigned their roles. Total 73 registered for the event, out of which total 65 teams participated after the backed out by the team members.

Every session ended with the feedback being shared by the assessors in their conference rooms and the response to the same by the participants were well received. No wonder, the valuable feedback given by the assessors was helpful in rectifying their mistakes and for the preparation of the External Competitions.

### Advocates/ Assessors who assessed the Competition Virtually.

- 1) Vivek Joshi, Associate, PSL Chambers, New Delhi.
- 2) Asav Rajan, Associate, PSL Chambers, New Delhi.
- 3) **Manisha Unnam**, Partner, Unnam Law Firm, Secretary General, Registrar, Hyderabad Arbitration Centre, Hyderabad.
- 4) Purnima Mathur, Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi.
- 5) Siva Subramanian, Advocate, Madras High Court, Chennai.
- 6) Vatsala Pandey, Law Clerk to Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheswari Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- 7) Pitamber Yadav, Accredited Mediator Trainer, New Delhi.
- 8) Adv. Lakshay Mehta, Advocate at Chambers of Sr. Adv. Siddharth Luthra, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi
- 9) Tanya Mittal, Associate, PSL Chambers, New Delhi.
- 10) Juhi Ladha, Advocate, Bombay High Court, Nagpur
- 11) Pintu Babu, Associate, PSL Chambers, New Delhi.

# 12) **Jatin Kumar**, Associate Partner, Kumar & Co., Nagpur.

## Some Glimpses:



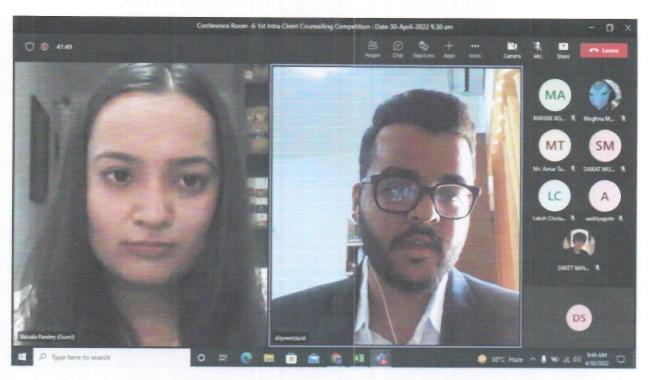
















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