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### **SYMPOSIUM ON LEGAL EDUCATION IN INDIA AND CAREER IN LAW**

**14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur had organized a one-day Symposium on Legal Education in India and Career in Law on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 in the Moot Court Hall of the Law Building. Symposium was open for and attended by under graduate and post graduate students pursuing law across the city. The Symposium was structured to revolve around four themes – Need for revamping legal education in India, the ascent of corporate lawyering in India, the prospects offered by Administration & avenues in the Judiciary. **Ms. Shreya Seth**, Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, **Mr. Pravir Shrivastava**, Legal, Legislative & Policy Consultant to Members of Parliament, **Mr. Prashant Bakhru**, Senior Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, **Ms. Purvasha Mansharamani**, Associate with the Trademarks team at Anand and Anand and **Mr. Shankar Swaminathan**, Associate, Yuti Law Partners were the resource persons for the Symposium. The resource persons belonged to various fields of Law who have carved a niche for themselves in their respective domain.

The program began with the introduction about the need for organizing the Symposium. This was followed by the welcome address delivered by Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. Following the tradition of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur of inaugurating a program, all the dignitaries on the dais proceeded for the lighting of lamp. Thereafter the guests were felicitated by the Director and other faculty members of the Law School. The Masters of Ceremony for the program were Ms. Vaidehi Bhangde and Mr. Mahadevan Sheshadri.

The Symposium was bifurcated in two sessions. The first session saw the address by Ms. Shreya Seth and Mr. Pravir Shrivastava. Ms. Shreya Seth introduced the students as to how

they should plan their Law School in the most beneficial manner. She emphasized the importance of participation in Moot Court in the Law School. Then she highlighted the prospects available to a law graduate in the corporate sector. Mr. Pravir Shrivastava was the second speaker. Being a person with experience on the policy making and legislative front, he educated the students on the prospects available to them in this branch. He also informed them about the Legislative Assistants to Members of Parliament (LAMP) Fellowship which can be taken up after graduation. After the address by both the speakers, the house was open for questions. The interactive session lasted for 15 minutes which reflected the students' inquisitiveness to know more and all the questions posed were answered by the speakers. Vote of thanks for the first session was proposed by Ms. Riddhi Mukewar.

The second session began post lunch at 1:45 pm in the Moot Court Hall. It was conducted by Ms. Aditi Uttamani. The second session began with the address of Ms. Purvasha Mansharamani, an Associate with the Trademarks team at Anand and Anand. Ms. Purvasha exhaustively explained the students about the working of a Trademarks team in a firm. She appraised them about the basics of Intellectual Property law. She shared her own experience and journey so far, inspiring the students. Thereafter, Mr. Shivshankar Swaminathan, Associate, Yuti Law Partners, a litigating lawyer guided the students about the intricacies of active practice. He acquainted them with the care that they should exercise while choosing internships. He shared his experience of working with some top-most lawyers of the country in the Supreme Court of India and how that has helped him in shaping his career. The last resource person for the second session was Mr. Prashant Bakhru, Senior Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Ahmedabad office. Mr. Bakhru spoke at length about transactional lawyering and the role it plays in today's time. He emphasized on the fact that the students should find their field of interest while pursuing law so that they can follow the same after graduation without much ado. For this he helped students lay down a roadmap for themselves where by undertaking maximum internships, they can find that area that interests them the most. After Mr. Bakhru's address, the floor was open for discussion. The students asked numerous questions which were ably answered by all the speakers of the second session.

Ms. Riddhi Mukewar proposed a vote of thanks for the second session. The program ended with national anthem.

