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### **Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Organized International Scholar in Residence Programme**

**11th of August, 2023 to 12th of August, 2023**

**Taking forward its legacy of Internationalization Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized an International Scholar in Residence Programme of Dr. Rebecca Elizabeth Todd** from 11<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023. Ms. Todd is a lawyer in Keene licensed with Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) as well as Antioch University Counsel, West Chesterfield, New Hampshire, United States.

**Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari**, Director at SLS, Nagpur felicitated the Guest and shed light on her experience as a disciple of Dr. Rebecca Todd himself as well as he thanked Dr. Todd for spending time here at SLS Nagpur and imparting such valuable knowledge to the students. On day one of her arrival Dr. Rebecca Todd engaged with 2023-2028 batch students belonging to BA.LLB and BBA.LLB from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Her two consecutive sessions included talks about identifying legal issues and an introduction to the IRAC method. Her second workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 PM on the topic of legal writing skills was attended by number of students who registered from all across batches.

During her workshop Dr. Rebecca Todd addressed the batch of 2023-2028 batch students on mooted skills using 2 correlating topics including spotting legal issues and the IRAC method. The session addressed by her was indeed very enlightening and informative for students with almost no prior experience in mooted and research methods. She went into detail about what a legal issue is and how it is differentiated from a factual issue. Her main focus remained on how to point out the legal issues and how to frame the relevant questions to be asked after hearing a given case. She ensured the workshop was an interactive session as she presented the class with a set of case facts and allowed the students to form their answers and discuss the same with all. She highlighted the imperative use of the IRAC method (issue rule application/analysis conclusion) in mooted skills and later on in the courtroom. She descriptively explained the

whole process to be followed and then ended the session with a complete IRAC analysis of her own given case as discussed in class. The workshop was extremely well received by the whole batch. The sessions addressed by the Dr. Todd was indeed very enlightening not only for the students but for the faculty members too, as she addressed the students on how to identify what is a legal issue and a factual issue as well as how to incorporate these things in their legal career.

Dr. Rebecca engaged with a selective group of students from all batches on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> August from 3:30 to 4:30 PM on the topic of writing skills. The workshop mainly focused on how to produce a systematic and well-versed moot memorial. She talked extensively about the constituents or the contents of the moot proposal and mentioned several terminologies that are preferred and others that are to be avoided while composing a memorial. She gave instructions to help structure one's argument. She warned the students against the usage of legalism and jargon. She at length discussed the importance of being convincing and revealed methods to sound conclusive about one's argument. She concluded the session by giving the students the right questions to ask when compiling a moot proposal.

The Session proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students from all batches. The mooting workshop for 2023-2028 batch students proved to be a guiding eminence for their upcoming fresher's moot court competition that is to be held in January and therefore was very well appreciated by the student body. The writing skills session for the group of students from all batches on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August proved to be a great learning opportunity for all. On the day of her visit which is on 11 August 2023; Dr. Todd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. was accompanied by her student usher Padmza Mohan {3<sup>rd</sup> Year law student} for a campus of SIU Nagpur and Nagpur city tour too.

The Session proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students across the country with a participation of more than 100+ attendees. The session was followed by the very exhilarating and captivating Question & Answer session. **Prof. Ahmar Afaq** extended the formal vote of thanks.



**Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director at SLS, Nagpur felicitated Dr. Rebecca Todd.**



**On the first day of her address to the students.**



**Dr. Rebecca engaged with group of students during workshop on legal writing skills**



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