



**5<sup>th</sup> SURANA & SURANA and RGNUL  
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022  
29 September – 1 October 2022**



**MOOT REPORT**

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law has always envisioned serving the society through reforms in legal services by way of preparing professionally competent lawyers. Mooting being an integral part of a law student's life finds a regular mention at RGNUL. Last year RGNUL qualified for the International Rounds of Oxford Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, FDI International Arbitration Moot and was also declared as one of the top 8 teams at last year's National Rounds of Philip C Jessup Moot and to further the mooting culture at a national level, the University organized the 5th edition of Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition.

Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai, India has been dedicated to providing quick relief to clients and is described as the “first choice” and the “go-to” firm for legal advice by top clients from “MSME to MNC” in South India. Surana and Surana International attorneys have been actively involved in keeping the mooting culture alive and they have actually set the bar to the next level.

In the 5th edition Though a total of 40 team registered for the moot but owing to the limited slots and the rules in place we could only allow 30 teams and even during these tough times the zeal and the interest of young mooters prompted us to conduct the moot from September 29 - October 1, 2022. This 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition also brought the mooting culture back in the offline mode.

The 5th edition of Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition has been conducted under the guidance of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr.) G.S Bajpai, Respected Mr. Preetam Surana, Advocate and Head Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Respected Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar and the Faculty Coordinator of the Moot Court Committee, Dr. Geetika Walia, Associate Professor of Law at RGNUL. This edition of the Competition sought to test the oratory and research skills of the participating teams.

The draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the preliminary rounds was conducted on September 29.

On September 30, the teams participated in two intellectually demanding and gruelling preliminary rounds which were adjudged by an eminent panel of academicians & practising advocates. The Preliminary Rounds were followed by the Quarter-Final Rounds which were organized in the afternoon of September 30, wherein the top 8 teams which qualified were adjudged by a highly specialised panel of academicians and lawyers.

The teams that qualified for Quarter Final Rounds were:

1. IL 06 - University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
2. IL 16 - National Law University, Odisha
3. IL 27 - Army institute of Law, Mohali
4. IL 10 - Symbiosis Law School, Pune
5. IL 22 - Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow
6. IL 07 - School of Law, Christ, Delhi NCR
7. IL 04 - Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar
8. IL 15 - Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad

These rounds were then followed by the Semi-finals wherein the top 4 teams qualified. The quarter final and semi-final rounds were knock out rounds where the teams pushed hard for a straight win against their opponents.

The top 4 teams which advanced to the semi-finals after an interesting round of quarter finals were:

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2. IL 16 - National Law University, Odisha
3. IL 27 - Army institute of Law, Mohali
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The rounds were adjudged by three judge benches each consisting of our Alumini, senior professors and practicing lawyers. The teams were thoroughly tested on their knowledge of law and facts. The two teams which sustained the thrilling semi-finals were:

1. IL 06 - University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
2. IL 16 - National Law University, Odisha

The Riveting final rounds were organised on October 1 2022 and were presided over by a three Judge Bench consisting of:

1. Prof Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha
2. Prof. Dr. Sanoj Rajan
3. Mr. Kapil Sankhla

The winners of the competition were University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh and were awarded a cash prize of INR 21, 000. Runners up were National Law University, Odisha and they were awarded a cash prize of INR 15, 000. The best memorial went to University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh and they were given cash prize of Rs. 8,000. Best Student Advocate was Lakshita Mehta of AIL Mohali and she was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 8,000.