4TH SURANA AND SURANA AND RGNUL INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOTCOURT COMPETITION, 2021

20th-22nd AUGUST, 2021



MOOT REPORT

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law has always envisioned serving the society through reforms in legal services by way of preparing professionally competent lawyers. The 4th edition of Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition was organised in continuance to fulfil this vision and keep the essence of learning in RGNUL alive. Mooting being an integral part of a law student's life finds a regular mention at RGNUL and to further the mooting culture at a national level, the University organized the 4th 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 high.

In the 4th edition of this moot Though a total of 67 team registered for the moot but owing to the pandemic and the rules in place we could only allow 38 teams and even during these tough times the enthusiasm, the interest and preparedness of young mooters prompted us to conduct the moot from 20-22nd August, 2021. This unique edition of the 4th edition of Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition was conducted on the Cisco WebEx Platform despite the global pandemic.

The 4th 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.) Naresh Kumar Vats and the Faculty Coordinator of the Moot Court Committee, Dr. Geetika Walia and her team. This edition of the Competition sought to test the oratory and research skills of the participating teams.

The Moot Court Competition witnessed the participation of 38 teams from institutes across the nation. The event was spread over three days, i.e. from 20th August to 22nd August, 2021. The draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the preliminary rounds was conducted on August, 2021.

On 20th August, 2021, the teams participated in two intellectually demanding and gruelling preliminary rounds which were adjudged by an eminent panel of academicians & practising advocates who are our Alumni. The Preliminary Rounds were followed by the Octa-Final Rounds which were organized in the late evening on the 20th of August wherein the top 16 qualified.

On the 21st of August, the Quarter-final rounds were organized which included the top 8 teams. The quarter final rounds were conducted on August, 2021 and were adjudged by a highly specialised panel of academicians and lawyers.

The teams that qualified for Quarter Final Rounds were:

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- IL 05 Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
- IL 08 Chanakya National Law University
- IL 13 School of Excellence in Law, Chennai
- IL 16 National Law University Delhi
- IL 22 Symbiosis Law School, Pune
- IL 23 Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru
- IL 27 S.V.K.M's Pravin Gandhi College of Law

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:

- 1. SASTRA Deemed to be University
- 2. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
- 3. National Law University Delhi
- 4. Symbiosis Law School, Pune

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 enervating semi-finals were:

- 1. SASTRA Deemed to be University
- 2. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur

The Riveting final rounds were organised on 22 August 2021 and were presided over by a three Judge Bench consisting of:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajive Bhalla, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court

2. Dr. Charu Mathur, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

3. Prof. (Dr.) Prabhash Ranjan, Professor and ViceDean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat.

The winners of the competition were Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur who were awarded a cash prize of INR 15, 000. Runners up were SASTRA Deemed to be University awarded cash prizr of INR 10, 000. The best memorial went to National Law University, Jodhpur and was awarded a cash prize of 10, 000. The best advocate went to Rajvir of Christ Deemed University, Bengaluru.