

## **Advocacy Skills Activities 2017-18**

Faculty Coordinator:- Dr. Deepa Paturkar

Advocacy Skills Activities include Moot Courts, Trials, Client Counseling, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Drafting, Judgment Writing Deliberation, Treaty Appreciation, Paper Presentation, Bill Analysis Competition, Parliamentary Debate, Group Discussion, Essay Competitions and Quizzes, and Law Fests.

This academic year has witnessed achievements which made us proud of-

**Moot Court Competitions: 10 Wins, 7 Runners-up, 6 Semi-finalists, 9 Best Speakers, 5 Best Memorials and 2 Other Prizes or Positions.**

**Trial Competition: - 3**

**Judgment Deliberation: 1**

**Judgment Analysis:-2**

## **Activities and Student Involvement**

In 2017-18 a large group of students participated in various International, National and State Level Competitions and exposed to hard test of intelligence and skills.

More than 160 ILS students represented ILS Law College as speakers, researchers and participants in ---- Moot Court Competitions (including two competition outside India) -- Trial Competitions, -- Client Counseling Competitions, -- Negotiation, -- Judgment Deliberation Competitions, 1 Bill Analysis Competition

The number of students participating in various competitions and selections held in college was as follows:

**Raghavendra Phadnis Moot Court Competition : students**

**Novices' Competition: 160 students**

**Trial Advocacy Competition: ----- participants and ---- witnesses**

**The Negotiation Challenge'- --- Participants in 24 teams**

**Public International Law Moot Court Competition: ---teams**

**Selection Round for Public International Law Moots--- teams**

**Client Counseling Competition:- 24 teams with -- clients**

More than 27 students drafted well-balanced problems for various intra-college moot and trial competitions.

Senior students and especially senior mooters very enthusiastically encouraged, supported and guided all moot court teams, and judged preliminary rounds of competitions. More than 80 students assisted in co-ordination and organization of all moot court competitions and selections.

The College organized a national-level Professor S P Sathe Memorial National Moot Court Competition in February.

Dr. Deepa Paturkar organised and co-ordinated these activities this year and guided teams participating in all competitions. Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi and Isha Saxena organised the international law moots selections and team co-ordination and the Public International Law Competition. Dr. Deepa Paturkar coordinated the Novices Moot-Court Competition. Dr Tejaswini Malagaonkar coordinated the Negotiation Challenge, Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition and Counseling competition. All teachers very willingly judged competitions and guided ILS teams. Library and administrative staff gave enthusiastic support.

## **Raghavendra Phadnis Moot Court Competition**

### **Faculty in-charge : Dr. Deepa Paturkar**

Raghavendra Phadnis Moot Court Competition is an annual Intra College Competition held to foster a spirit of mooting among students and also serves as a selection round for National Level Moot Court Competitions. Students from second to final year of the Five-year Integrated Law Course and second to final year of the Three Year Post Graduate Law Course are eligible to participate. The 2017 edition of the competition was coordinated by Dr. Deepa Paturkar, Asst. Professor, ILS Law College. The Moot Court Society conducted a general orientation on mooting for the benefit of students.

The Competition was held in three rounds of preliminary, semi-finals and finals on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August respectively with 449 participants arguing the preliminary rounds in 34 court rooms. Participants for the preliminary rounds were given an option to choose one among the 4 cases in relation to (i). Law of Torts, drafted by Suganshi Ropia and Harshita Garg (IV BA LLB) (ii). Arbitration, drafted by Yojit Pareek and Aayush Mitruka (Alumni, ILS Law College, Class of 2016) (iii). Constitutional Law, drafted by Chaitanya Reddy (IV BA LLB) and (iv). Intellectual Property Rights, drafted by Rahul Agarwal and Avni Sharma (V BSL LLB). The drafters of the problem conducted an elaborate orientation on their respective moot problems for the participants. The preliminary rounds were judged by advocates and ILS alumni.

The first two rankers from each court room from the preliminary rounds qualified to the semi-final rounds held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. 68 students argued in the semi-final rounds in six different court rooms. The students argued the preliminary round's case for semi-final rounds. The rounds were judged by 12 judges, including academicians and practicing advocates.

12 students qualified to the final rounds. The students argued a case on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, drafted by Zacarias Joseph (Associate, Khaitan & Co., Mumbai; alumnus, ILS Law College, class of 2015). The rounds were judged by Mr. Zacarias Joseph and Mr. Nilanjan Sinha, In-house counsel, Godrej India.

The competition was organized by Swarnima Pandit as coordinator of Advocacy Skills Activities along with Anubhav Talloo, Sushrey Nepal, Sakshi Bumb, Harshal Sadhwani, Harshika Khanna and Jacob Thomas and Tanvi Dabir.

### **Results:**

1. Sharanya Shivaraman (IV BA LLB)
2. Aayushi Jain (IV BA LLB)
3. Nishka Tyagi (III BA LLB)

## **Selection Round for Public International Law Moots**

**Faculty in-charge : Ms. Rajlaxmi Joshi and Ms. Isha Saxena**

The preliminary round of Public International Law Selection Round 2017-18 was conducted on 19/08/2017 and the final round was held on 21/08/2017.

The theme for this year's competition was 'culling of wild birds'.

39 teams with 3 members in each team from III, IV, and V BA;L. LL.B. and II and III LL. B had participated in the competition. The preliminary round competition was judged by Dr. Sanjay Jain, Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, Dr. Ananya Bibave, Ms. Swatee Yogesh, Ms. Vaishali Jadhav, Ms. Tejashree Vatharkar, Ms. Nalinee Ambad, Ms. Shiwali Agarwal, Mr. Amit Khatu, Ms. Apurva Thakur, Ms. Priyanka Gogoi, Ms. Anvita Dinkar. 12 teams qualified for the final round. The final round was judged by Dr. Rohini Gote, Ms. Sujata Arya.

The teams according to their ranking represented college in various National and International Competitions on International law.

The organizing committee comprised of Pravin Jacob, Thejus Joseph, Harini (V BSL LL.B.)

## **10th Judgment Writing Competition 2017-2018**

**Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi**

The 10th Judgment writing competition in the memory of Judge Shri. P.N. Behere, a former District and Sessions Judge of Pune was organized on 23 December 2017 at the ILS Law College. Justice Mridula Bhatkar has instituted prize in memory of Shri. P.N. Behere.

The Competition was open for the students from the last two years of B.A. LL.B and LL.B. courses and also for LL.M. students. 43 students participated in the competition. It is a unique competition in terms of form and proceedings.

Before the Competition, Dr. Nilima Bhadbhade discussed with participants the outline of a judgment, its contents and its style, and also the law relating to Sale of goods, Arbitration and writing of an arbitral award.

Justice S. R. Sathe (Retd.) Judge Bombay High Court was the Chief Guest. He inaugurated the Competition, presided over the proceedings as arbitrator, and guided students about the subject matter and writing a judgment arbitral award. Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Mridula Bhatkar also was with the participants throughout the arbitral proceedings and gave tips about writing an award/judgment.

The case for the competition this year relates to a dispute arising from a contract for sale of goods before an arbitral tribunal. The brief consisting of Claim petition, its reply, affidavits, other documents and correspondence through e-mails was circulated to participants four days before the Competition. This brief was based on imaginary facts inspired by the moot problem

of the 11th Willem C Vis International Arbitration Moot Court Competition of 2004. It was drafted by Dr. Nilima Bhadbhade and Rajalaxmi Joshi, teachers at ILS Law College, Pune.

During the Competition Shri. B.R. Phatak , Advocate presented arguments for the Claimant. Shri. Amrut Joshi, Advocate presented argument for the Respondent. Justice S. R. Sathe (Retd.) was an arbitrator in the proceedings. All the participants had the opportunity to hear arguments of the parties, and to discuss their difficulties with the judge, before they proceeded to write the judgment with full access to the law library. Participants got to experience how Advocates argue, and with persuasion, besides the fact that arguments are not one sided activity, but rather a conversation or dialogue between the advocate and the judge. Teachers and 50 other students witnessed the proceedings.

Shri. V.K. Deshpande, Retired District Judge was present throughout the competition and also assessed the judgments.

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The Prize –Winners are

			Cash Prize
1st Prize	Ms. Sanchita Sontakke	II LL.B.	Rs. 2,000
	Ms. Gajjala Sruthi	V BSL LL.B.	Rs. 2,000
2nd prize	Ms. Aishwarya Deshpande	II LL.B.	Rs. 1,500
Special Prize in Marathi	Mr. Swapnil Falke	IV LL.B.	Rs. 2,000
LL.M.	Ms. Mehak Vohra	I LL.M.	Rs. 1,000

### **8th Intra College Trial Advocacy Competition**

**Faculty in-charge : Dr. Tejaswini Malegaokar**

The 8<sup>th</sup> ILS Intra College Trial Advocacy Competition, 2017-18 was held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The problem was based on Law of Crimes and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The problem was drafted by the Organizing Committee consisting of Siddharth Bharti, Kavya Rao, Deeksha Katarki, Ayush Chaddha, Samarth Saxena, Mohak Chikhale, Aakanksha Luhach, Kanak

Malik and Udbhav Gady..

The Organizing Committee conducted a Demo Trial on the last year's problem to acquaint the students with the concept and procedure of a criminal trial. A total of 24 teams registered comprising of 96 participants. Moreover, around 80 students from the I BA LLB and I LLB participated as witnesses, who induced life into the various characters involved in the problem.

The preliminary round was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 which was judged by various practicing advocates from the Sessions Court of Pune and Mumbai. One team from each courtroom i.e a total of 4 teams qualified to the semi-final rounds which were held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and further 2 teams qualified to the final round held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

The Final round was judged by the bench consisting of Shri Hasnain Kazi and Shri Pratap Pardeshi. The format of conducting a trial based competition was highly appreciated by the judges.

**Results:**

Winning Team: Asmit Agarwal, Praful Shukla, Umang Kapoor and Mohit Talwar.

Runners up Team: Divya Tyagi, Indraeel Godsay, Siddhant Nanodkar and Vikrant Bhoyar.

**List of Witnesses in the Final Round:**

Tanvi Mate, Ayaan Khan, Mehool Shah, Antara Bhide, Bhavya Shah and Dipti Deshpande

**The 6th Intra-College Negotiation Challenge, 2017**

**Faculty in-charge : Dr. Tejaswini Malegaokar**

The 6<sup>th</sup> ILS Intra-College Negotiation Challenge, 2016 was conducted in two rounds on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. A Total of 24 teams of two members each participated in the preliminary rounds. 4 teams from 2<sup>nd</sup> BA LL.B Participated in the competition.

**Orientation and demonstration**

The orientation and demonstration for the 6<sup>th</sup> ILS Intra-College Negotiation Challenge, 2017 was held on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The demo session was conducted by two teams, comprising of Roma Rudra and Harshit Gadiya (IV B.S.L. LL.B and III L.L.B) in one team and Asmit Agarwal and Mohit Talwar (IV BA LL.B) in other. The comprehensive orientation was given by Advocate. Hrishikesh Ganu, (Faculty Member- ILS Law College).

**The Preliminary Round**

24 teams of two members each participated in the preliminary rounds of the competition held on 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 in four conference rooms. Separate sets of a problem and confidential information were created for the preliminary round and final round by Lavanyaa Chopra and Swarnima Pandit (V B.S.L. LL.B), Apurva Shelke, Sahil Likhar (IV B.A. LL.B) and Nikhil Dubey, Vibha Joshi and Vaibhav Chitlangia (III B.A. LL.B.)

Preliminary round was judged by Mr. Rohan Ratnaparkhi, Mr. Nitin Daangal, Mr. Ranjeetsinh Pawar, Mr. Kunal Sarpal, Mr. Harun Banedar, Ms. Rujuta Jagtap, Mr. Shyam Joshi and Ms. Shreya Jain. A total of 4 teams went to the final rounds.

### **The Final Round**

The final round was held on 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 the judges for this round were Mr. Ameya Kunte, Founder, Taxsutra, Pune and Mr. Rajesh Pantsachiv, General Manager, Bericap India Pvt. Ltd , Pune.

### **Results:**

Winners Team: Parmeet Batra, Yash Bansal (V B.S.L. LL.B)

Runners up Team: Avni Sharma , Rahul Agarwal (V B.S.L LL.B)

Best Strategy Paper: Tannujae Tridib , Saumya Malviya (IV B.A. LL.B)

## **5th ILS Intra College Client Counseling Competition, 2016**

### **Faculty in-charge : Dr. Tejaswini Malegaokar**

The 5<sup>th</sup> ILS Intra College Client Counselling Competition, 2017 was conducted in three rounds on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. A total of 24 teams of two members each, participated in the preliminary rounds.

**Orientation and Demonstration:** The orientation and demonstration for ‘5th ILS Intra College Client Counselling Competition, 2017’ was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. A comprehensive orientation was given by Mr. Annirudha Joshi (Faculty, ILS Law College). He provided the needful insight and enlightened us with the intricacies of client consultation, which was received with applause. This was followed by a demo session conducted by a team comprising of Sangh Rakshita (V BSL) and Vayshnavi Ganesh (III LLB).

**The Preliminary Round:** 24 teams of two members each participated in the preliminary rounds of the competition held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 in six chambers. Separate sets of problems were created for the preliminary round based on Law of Contracts, Family Law, Law of Torts and Law of Crimes. These problems were drafted by Alefiyah Shipchandler (IV BSL), Stephanie Nazareth (IV BSL), Umang Kapoor (IV BSL), Anoop George (III BALLB), Rajmohan C.V. (III BALLB), Aishwarya Dixit (III BALLB) and Vayshnavi Ganesh (III BALLB).

**The Semi Final Round:** The semi-final rounds of ‘5th ILS Intra College Client Counselling Competition, 2017’ were held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017. A total of six teams went to the Semi Final rounds. There were two chambers, three teams being in each chamber. The Semi-Final problem was based on IPR and was drafted by Soham Goswami (V BSL) and Awani Kelkar (V BSL). One team from each chamber was selected to go to the Final round.

**The Final Round:** The final rounds of ‘5th ILS Intra College Client Consultation Competition, 2017’ were held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017. The Problem was on FDI and FEMA and was drafted by Meghna Nachappa from Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas(SAM), Mumbai. The finals began at 1:30 pm. The judges for this round were Meghna Nachappa, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas(SAM), Mumbai. and Advocate Dr. Sheetal Babbar

**The Winners:** The team adjudged as winner comprised of Vivek Hegde and Divya Tyagi (V BSL LLB). The runners-up were Junaid Lirani and Harini Sutaria (V BSL). Shreyas Shetty and Sanjeevni Mehrotra (II BSL LLB) won the “Best Client” award.

### **Novices’ Moot Court Competition**

#### **Faculty in-charge : Dr. Deepa Paturkar**

The Novices’ Moot Court Competition was organised in three rounds on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018 and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 for the youngest batch – mooters from I BA LLB.

160 students participated in the preliminary round in 16 court rooms on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018, arguing, according to their choice, on four cases relating to (i) Law of Contract (ii) Intellectual Property Rights (iii) Law of Crimes and (iv) Law of Torts. The cases were drafted by- -----

All the drafters conducted an orientation for the participants on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

The Preliminary Round was judged by the final year students of ILS Law College. A total of 54 judges; 3 in each court room. Participants finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each courtrooms proceeded to the Semi-Finals. The Semi-Final round was conducted on the same cases the very next day, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.

There were 4 courtrooms with 54 participants. The Semi-Final Round was judged by esteemed LLM students of ILS Law College namely, H.B. Keshava, Anvita Dinkar, Molik Purohit, and Sarat Ponnada and faculty members, Dr. Pratap Salunke, Dr. Rewati, Mr. Nivrutti Chapke, and Mr. Bhagwan from other law colleges in Pune.

Participants finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from each courtrooms were declared finalists. Following students qualified to the finals of Novice Moot Court Competition, 2017-

Erika Doulton, Aditi Desai, Sanjana Raman, Aishwarya Deshpande, Atharva Joshi, Poornima Jacob, Trishala Shetty, Vyoma Dalal, Gaurav Utagir, Ahana Bharadwaj, Khyati Mehrotra and Neil Ubhayakar.

The final round of Novice Moot Court Competition, 2017, was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The problem for the finals was drafted by Anmol Lund (III BA LLB) and Aishwarya Dixit (II BALLB). The orientation for the problem was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017, by Aayush Mitruka (V BSL LLB). 12 participants stood beside the podium for the final round of Novice 2017. The judges for the round were Dr. Medha Kolhatkar and Dr. Rohini Gote Gote.

The competition was organized by Indraneel Godsay as the Coordinator along with Anandita Dhankher, Harshal Sadhwani, Neha Deshmukh, Sharanya Shivraman, Twishe Pant and Ziauddin Sherkar

#### **Prizes:**

First Prize: Ahana Bharadwaj

Second Prize: Khyati Mehrotra

Third Prize: Aishwarya Deshpande

### **ILS Moot Court Society**

The Moot court society was founded in the academic year 2014-15. MCS consists of batch representatives who are selected on the basis of applications received. The Moot court Society is constituted for honing advocacy skills in students and developing their mindset and tuning their thinking process. Throughout the year, various sessions are held to enhance the advocacy skills of students. The members were selected through an interview process and the core committee was formulated. The committee members democratically distributed the work amongst themselves. Below is the brief account of sessions conducted by the Society.



### ILS Moot Court Society – Sessions – 2017-18

S. No	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	10.8.2017	Inaugural Session for 2017-18	MCS Members
2.	23.8.2017	Research Operators	Mohith Gauri
3.	31.8.2017	Oral Advocacy	Anand Mohan
4.	8.9.2017	“How to read and research”	Harshavardhan Ganesan
5.	14.9.2017	Annual open house	MCS Members
6.	13.12.2017	Inaugural Session for I BA LLB & I LLB batches	MCS Members
7.	19.12.2017	“How to draft a moot problem”	Prof. Nilima Bhadbhade
8.	22.12.2017	Memo Drafting	Varad Kolhe & Tarun Srikanth
9.	02.02.2018	Memo Formatting	Rahul Agarwal
10.	03.02.2018	Memo Formatting	Rahul Agarwal
11.	05.02.2018	Novice 2018 - Orientation	MCS Members & Novice Org. Comm.
12.	06.02.2018	Novice 2018 – Problem Orientation	Drafters of the problems
13.	07.02.2018	Novice 2018 – Problem Orientation	Drafters of the problems
14.	08.02.2018	Novice 2018 - Research Operators	Novice Org. Comm.

### **ILS Teams at various Competitions**

## **International Competitions:**

### **National Competitions:**

Rohini Hirwane (III BA LLB) and Tanaya Desai (IIIBA LLB) with Madhulika Khatri (III BA LLB) represented the College at 7th Jamia National Moot Court Competition organized by Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi. They argued a case relating to International Criminal Law.

Shreya Kunwar (II BA LLB) and Muskan Gupta (IIBA LLB) with Eksha Narayan (II BA LLB) represented the College at 10<sup>th</sup> Amity National Moot Court Competition organized by Amity Law School Lucknow. They argued a case relating to Sedition and Constitutional Law.

Prajakta Zalke (II BA LLB) and Rutwick Ratnparkhi (III BA LLB) with Deepak Chatap (III BA LLB) represented the College at 11<sup>th</sup> K C Law National Moot Court Competition organized by K. C. Law College, Mumbai. They argued a case relating to Demonetization and Constitutional Law.

Siddharth Bharati (IV BSL LLB) and Prithvi Rathod (v BSL LLB) with Samarth Saxena (III BA LLB) represented the College at Bar Council of India Trust 33<sup>rd</sup> All India Inter University Moot Court Competition organized by Icfai Law College, Hyderabad. They argued a case relating to Demonetization and Advocates Act,. Ramkrishna Panigrahi (I BA LLB) and Vanissa Upadhyay (I BA LLB) assisted the team as college researchers.

Wamika Jha (II BA LLB) and Saloni Patil (IIBA LLB) with Shadan Khan (II BA LLB) represented the College at 6<sup>th</sup> RGNU National Moot Court Competition organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Ahmedabad. They argued a case relating to Sedition and Constitutional Law.

Aakanksha Luhach (II BA LLB) and Shreya Mohapatra (IIBA LLB) with Nancy Neekhra (II BA LLB) represented the College at 1<sup>st</sup> SVKM's NMIMS National Moot Court Competition organized by NMIMS School of Law Mumbai. They argued a case relating to International Taxation Law. The team secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Shreya Mohapatra was adjudged as Best Speaker and won the cash prize of Rs. 30000/-

**They also made us proud**