

ILS Criminal Law Cell

(Year of Inception-2015)

Introduction: ILS Criminal Law Cell was established in the year 2015 with the main objective to host events of the highest quality to burgeon students' interest in the field of Criminal Law. In furtherance of this aim, the cell organizes different interactive sessions for promoting insightful discussions on various criminal law topics. Additionally, the cell conducts various competitions, to hone students' skills which are indispensable to litigation practice at the grass-root level. The cell has also undertaken various research in the field of criminal law to foster the spirit of integration in students.

- **Faculty Coordinators:** Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Mr. Rohit Bokil and Ms. Divya Mittal
- **Students Core Committee Members:** Karishma Rajesh, Vedvati Thipse (Both V BA LL.B), Himanshu Patil, Saahas Arora, Karan Irkhede, Aastha Sharma (All IV BA LL.B).
- **Details of the activities:**
- **Weekly/Monthly sessions:**
- **Title of Session:** Recommendations on Criminal Law, Episode 1: History and Development of Obscenity Laws in India.

Date: 25 September 2021

Mode: online

Resource Person: Saahas Arora (IV BA LL.B)

No. of Participants: 22

Report: The session primarily dealt with the jurisprudence of obscenity in India, its underlying concept, the judicial and legislative history along with the grey areas in the implementation of Section 292 of the Indian Penal Code. The session was also a discussion on the proposed amendment which the ILS Research Team has submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs. A critical analysis of the same served as an opposite food for thought for the audience which the session received.

- **Title of Session:** Recommendations on Criminal Law, Episode 2: Offenses relating to marriage; Criminal Assault and Force

Date: 22 November 2021

Mode : Online

Resource Person: Ananya Krishnan and Mansi Daga (both V BA LL.B)

No. of Participants: 21

Report: In pursuance to its series "Recommendations on Criminal Law", the cell undertook its second session, primarily dealing with the posited recommendations relating to "Offenses relating to marriage" and "Criminal Assault and Force" that are scripted under the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Pertaining to "Offenses relating to marriage", there was a meticulous discussion of the recommendations tabled to amend Section 494, Section 495, and Section 498 of the Code. This was done with the help of a detailed analysis of the concept, history, contemporary relevance, and future of live-in relationships in India, along with pertinent dictums that have

shaped the literature of the Section. Pertaining to “Criminal Assault and Force”, there was a meticulous discussion on Sections 349-358 of the Code. The recommendations to amend Section 349 to 351 and the insertion of a new Section 354 B were explained in light of judicial proceedings, contemporary relevance, and previous Law Commission Reports. The debate plumbed fresh depths of thought into the viewers’ minds towards the understanding of the two Chapters and why amendments in them were in the offing.

- **Competitions conducted:**

- **Title of the Competition:** ILS Intra-College Bail & Remand Application & Argumentation Competition

Date: 23 April 2022 and 4 May 2022

Level - Intra-college

Details of the Judges: Adv. Rhishikesh Ganu, Adv. Himanshu Adwant, Adv. Nivrutti Chapke, Adv. Rohit Tulpule, and Dr. Santosh Jaybhay.

Nos. of Participants: 32

Winners:

I Position - Harshada Shrikhande and Sanjot Shirsath

II Position - Tanvi Mate and Bhavya Chikkara

III Position - Ajay Jaybhay and Abhijeet Ghule Patil

Report: ILS Criminal Law Cell conducted its first edition of ‘ILS Intra-College Bail and Remand Application and Argumentation Competition 2022’ on 23 April 2022 and on 4 May 2022. The objective of this competition was to give students a practical insight to the court proceedings pertaining to bail. The Competition was a team event and was open to the students of V BA LL.B. and III LL.B. The Competition required the participants to draft an application for bail, anticipatory bail or remand, based on the allotted FIR. Further, the participants were required to make oral arguments for the same. A total of 16 teams (32 students) participated in the competition. The Competition consisted of two rounds – preliminary and final. The preliminary round was judged by Adv. Nivrutti Chapke, Adv. Rohit Tulpule, Adv. Rhishikesh Ganu and Dr. Santosh Jaybhay. Four teams qualified to the final round, which was judged by Adv. Rohit Tulpule and Adv. Himanshu Adwant. Certificates were given to the finalists.

- **Guest Lectures conducted:**

Title of the Activity: Types of Firearms

Date: 27 November 2021

Resource Person: Col. Tarun Chhibber (Retd.)

Report: Firearms play a very important role when it comes to heinous offences since in most of the heinous offences, firearms are widely used and thus evidence relating to firearms becomes indispensable to investigators in such cases. The session discussed the concept of ‘ballistics’ and its significance in criminal investigation in discovering pieces of evidence. Further the session delved into the analysis of the definitions of arms, prohibited arms and firearms given under the Arms Act.

No. of participants: 38