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ABOUT - GURU GOBIND SINGH INDRAPRASTHA UNIVERSITY

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) was the first university established by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi under the provisions of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Act, 1998, and is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

It is a teaching and affiliating University with the explicit objective of facilitating and promoting “studies, research and extension work in emerging areas of higher education with a focus on professional education”, offering a myriad of courses including engineering, technology, management studies, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, education, law, etc., with a view to achieve excellence all such connected fields.

The University’s vision is to stimulate both the hearts and minds of scholars and to empower them to contribute to the welfare of society at large, by training them to adapt themselves to the changing needs of the economy. It strives hard to provide a market-oriented professional education to the student community of India, in general, and of Delhi, in particular, with a view of serving the cause of higher education as well as to meet the needs of the Indian industries. Its various Schools of Studies are Centres of Excellence in emerging areas of education, with thrust on creativity, innovation, continuous change and motivating environment for knowledge creation and dissemination through its effective quality management system.

In a span of more than two decades, the University has earned the best of national accreditations, including UGC's recognition under Section 2(f) and 12(b). It is also graded as ‘A’ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore, ISO 9001:2000 in 2008 and upgraded later to ISO 9001:2008 in 2009; and Re-certified again in February 2011-February, 2014. It has further been awarded internationally with the ‘Platinum Technology Award for Quality and Best Trade Name’ by OMAC Association - Other-ways Management & Consulting, Paris, France, on December 20, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The beautiful campus at Dwarka also boasts of being the house to ingenious projects like that of Rain Water Harvesting, Sewage Treatment Plant, extensive usage of solar energy, and is landscaped with sports facilities and shopping complex, attractive exteriors and murals and sculptures. It is a centre where excellence and endeavour meets societal welfare, and the University plans on taking this to the next level in the coming decade.





ABOUT - University School of Law & Legal Studies

University School of Law and Legal Studies (USLLS) envisages an advancement of institutional expertise in the area of legal research and education by augmenting academic and professional excellence, developing critical and relentless engagement with legal theory and practice, while synergising law, legal research, legal education and action to further the quest for justice. It aims at becoming an internationally recognised centre for education and research.

Established in 2001, USLLS's objective was to run Five Year Integrated Professional Law Course and to serve as an institution of advanced legal studies. It was the first University Law School established in the vicinity of the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court. Its Faculty is selected prescribing higher qualifications than the University Grants Commission (UGC). It also offers LL.M, LL.M (Weekend), Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research facilities in law.

USLLS aspires to open new vistas in the arena of law, legal studies, theoretical and clinical legal education through an incessant endeavour towards developing academic potential, critical analytical ability, advocacy, counselling and mediation skills so as to fully equip the students with learning that is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching; to give back to the society legal luminaries who can change the way law as a profession is followed. It, therefore, trains them for placements in judiciary, quasi-judicial bodies, regulatory authorities, commissions, voluntary organisations, ADR systems and other sectors.

To realise its mission, the school finds adherence to quality standards absolutely essential, wherein there is a constant involvement with processes and practice of law in the professional, social and economic arenas of life by encouraging interaction between the institution and those involved in these processes. Further, it strives to expand the facilities for advanced research in law, introduction of new and vibrant courses and for augmenting the capacity to undertake consultancies and projects with state, national and international agencies, industry etc.

Some of the important centres which are a part of the main campus include the Legal Aid Centre, Children and Family Counselling Centre, Documentation and Internet Connectivity Centre, Placement Cell, Indraprastha Moot Court Society, Indraprastha Technology Law Journal (ITLJ), and the recently launched Indraprastha Law Review (ILR). It also runs various community development programmes, wherein an attempt is made to make the thought process not individualistic but oriented to national development, for a holistic development of the students and community alike.

Mission of USLLS

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Vice Chancellor's Message

Since its inception in 1998, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University has upheld its mission of creating a research-intensive, future-ready mindset amongst the students. We aim to provide a learning environment that promotes excellence in academic and professional standards where instruction, research and knowledge-transfer can be taken as a passion. The University believes in sensitising the student community towards socio-cultural & economic obligations, environmental sustainability and equal opportunity to nurture in them, the values of integrity and leadership.



Newsletters are an important source of exchange of information, experiences and the present endeavours in the college. I find this method of dissemination of information as a great initiative especially during these dire times of the pandemic when the regular happenings have come to a standstill. Sharing experiences and advices from our learned Alumni for the students who are getting ready to pass out from college and enter the working world is a great way to ease their minds. I have faith in the team that they will take this to new heights. I wish success and best of luck to the team on their future endeavours.

Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Patron-in-chief

BDS, MDS, MBA, FAMS, FDSRCS (England), FDSRCPSG (Glasgow),
FDSRCS (Edinburgh), Ph.D. (IPU), Ph.D. (HC)

Padma Shri Awardee

Dr. B.C. Roy Awardee

Vice Chancellor - Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Delhi

Registrar's Message



I am delighted to know about this initiative of University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU to create a newsletter. A newsletter is a great platform to connect everyone during this period of lockdown. It is in tune with the demands of the present times and I have faith that this will be an amazing platform to exchange information and showcase various talents and creative concepts. I extend my best wishes to the faculty members and the team in this innovative endeavour.

Ravi Dadhich, Advisor

Editor-in-chief's Message



Starting its journey way back in 2001, University School of Law and Legal Studies was the first public institution to commence a five-year law programme in the National Capital Region. The mandate was the advancement of legal learning, research and education by augmenting academic and professional excellence, developing critical and relentless engagement with legal theory and practice synergising law, legal research, legal education and action to further the quest for justice. Today the legal landscape in Delhi NCR region is dotted with 100s of legal learning institutions imparting five year legal education, however the University school of law and legal studies as an affiliating institution, having over a dozen law colleges affiliated to it, aspires to open new vistas in the arena of law, legal studies, theoretical and clinical legal education through an incessant endeavour towards developing academic potential, critical analytical ability, advocacy, counselling and mediation

skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching.

It is this awakened community of young legal learners which has made a mark in an increasingly competitive world of legal academics, by figuring in major moot court, arbitration and conciliation, mediation, client counselling and several such other competitions across the country and abroad. It is this drive and energy of our students that kindles hope in us and assures us that we shall establish ourselves as the leading law school in Delhi and NCR region guiding the path of innovative approaches towards law, legal education, training and legal processes through capacity building of the faculty and facilitating access to advanced academic courses.

Keeping in mind the fast-changing career landscape wherein a legal professional is expected to hit the moving target, we have undertaken a massive exercise of revamping and redesigning the course curriculum in which the opinions of all stakeholders are being incorporated for the purpose of making the curriculum not only a useful tool for evolving a set of legal skills amongst learners but also to create a benchmark in legal learning and research processes. Expansion of facilities for advanced research in law, introduction of new and vibrant courses for augmenting the capacity to undertake consultancies and projects with State, National and International agencies remain some of our targets in the days to come. I am confident that the hardworking community of University School of Law and Legal Studies with enormous amounts of young energy to excel in every walk of life shall enable us in proving to be a beacon in the legal learning and research processes not only in Delhi and NCR region but across the country and the world.

Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Dean USLLS

Editors' Message

University School of Law & Legal Studies is the pioneer and founding department of the GGSIP University. It has glorious twenty years of achievements in terms of setting a benchmark of quality legal education. The strength of USLLS lies in its students, both current as well as influential alumni practicing law across the country and world, faculty members and university staff who look forward to excel in every form of legal education. The university in the past two decades of its existence, have been actively involved in conducting various quality programs for staff, extra-curricular activities for students of national and international nature.

Maintaining the trend, USLLS under the philosophical guidance of Prof. Amar Pal Singh, Dean, has planned to extend it by introducing biannual Newsletter. This Newsletter is an attempt to compile the information of various activities and the events organised by USLLS during the session January-June, 2020, apart from Faculty Achievements, Student's Accomplishments, and Alumni Updates. A particular section is dedicated to the write-ups of the faculties and students of USLLS. To welcome the inputs from the experts, scholars, and students on various contemporary issues, a part of the Newsletter is devoted to the Guest section.

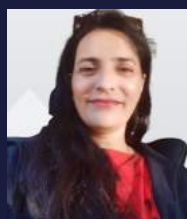
The editorial team of the newsletter express their gratitude to our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahesh Verma (Padma Shri Awardee), Ravi Dadhich, Registrar, Prof. Amar Pal Singh, Dean, USLLS, Faculty members for contributing in this initiative, and last but not the least the team of our students, who worked tirelessly as without their support, it would not have been possible to compile the information at one place during these difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic. This is the beginning of our collaborative efforts as a team to put together all information. In the upcoming session, we hope to add more flavours to the newsletter.

Stay safe and enjoy the Newsletter.

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Dr. Neelu Mehra



Dr. Zubair A. Khan

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FACULTY CORNER



***Prof. (Dr.) Kanwal D.P. Singh,
Former Dean, USLLS
Director, Legal Aid Centre (GGSIPU)
Vice-President, Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP)***

AGENCY THEORY OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA : A CASE STUDY OF TATA MISTRY

The progression of theories or models of corporate governance, have taken new dimensions. Distinct societal values, different ownership structures, business circumstances, and competitive conditions effect business. Corporate governance is focused on Board of Directors as a crucial monitoring device to minimise the problems brought about by the principal-agent relationship. In this context, agents are the managers, principals are the owners and the Boards of Directors act as the monitoring mechanism. The separation of ownership from management has its own disadvantages as India has concentrated ownership structures and large dominant shareholders, who tend to control the managers and minority shareholders.

The Tata-Mistry dispute reflects corporate governance issues in the corporate structure of TATA group and India's corporate governance laws. India's corporate governance laws have taken base from US's Sarbanes Oxley Act. In the US, shareholding pattern is different from India. US requires that board should be accountable to reduce the agency problem. In India on the other hand there is concentration of share-ownership in a few hands and the presence of a relatively 'weak' board is an issue and there is exploitation of minority shareholders at the hands of majority shareholders. These two concerns reflect in Tata-Mistry tussle

The ousted Cyrus Mistry had stated interference by Mr. Ratan Tata. The larger corporate governance issue here is the creation 'honourable positions', like those of chairman emeritus. Presently, there are no formal rules and regulations defining the powers, duties, and rights, of these position holders towards the company. Therefore, regulating

the involvement of company's promoters in the company's managerial affairs in the capacity of honourable positions becomes important.

Another major corporate governance issue is under-representation of minority shareholders and domination of majority shareholders. In this case, upon Mr. Tata's retirement as the chairperson, the company's articles of association were amended wherein the majority of the directors nominated by the Tata Trusts were vested with the authority of 'affirmative voting. This concentration of managerial powers in the hands of a few directors cannot *per se* be termed as illegal, though it may lead to oppression or mismanagement under the Companies Act.

Mr. Mistry also complained against the mis-governance at the Tata Trusts, which holds 66% of shares in Tata Sons, a holding company in the Tata Group. This is important to improve governance at the level of public trusts when these public trusts are majority shareholders in a company. Other corporate governance issues found in Tata Group are (a) lack of succession planning within the group (b) challenges posed by cross-holdings among the businesses and (c) board of directors acting as agents of the shareholders instead of discharging their duties as company's fiduciaries.

The Tata-Mistry controversy points to the need for Indian lawmakers to frame the corporate governance laws in India while keeping in mind the typical characteristics that India's corporate world possesses. Therefore, it is significant to re-visit corporate governance in India in the light of the major corporate war and develops a perspective which has a universal view.



Prof. (Dr.) Queeny Pradhan
Professor of Modern & Contemporary Legal History

Law and Literature: An Emerging Paradigm in Interdisciplinary Study

Law and literature are among the oldest disciplines in the world. There has always been close conjunction between law and literature. Both the disciplines echo the societal complexities. The society seeks remedy in law by establishing different normative structures.

In the modern period, with the increasing separation of power, a certain disconnect emerges between the two domains of law and literature. Intersection between law and literature is based on the idea that law and justice start losing their meaning if seen in isolation. The purpose of a legal system is to constantly work towards reducing injustice in the society. Literature, as an independent discipline, has been taking up sensitive societal concerns of inequalities and differences among people and groups. Literature opens up a passage for novel juristic thinking. In a way, literature shapes the jurisprudence.

There is a long list of poets, novelists, dramatists who have been writing on various social and political issues. Romantic poets are known for raising their voice against slavery, exploitation of the working class; literature has inspired people to work for the slave abolitionist movement; racial, colonial and post colonial narratives, Holocaust narratives, Partition narratives sensitise us on how humanity has suffered in the past. The societal concerns in Premchand's works, Dalit writings, Women's writings bring our attention to injustice in our society on the basis of caste, class, and gender. The students of law can best understand human behaviour by reading the literature of their society. Literature articulates the immediate concerns of society through metaphorical narratives. Inherent in them are the ethical and moral questions, which otherwise may not be raised. A few examples are the works of Kafka's *The Trial*, Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*

and Victor Hugo's *Les Miserable*. Om Prakash Valmiki's *Joothan* highlights the inequities and injustice inherent in the caste system and the plight of the Dalits in the Indian society.

Literature attunes them to societal problems. It also opens them to think in multidimensional ways of dealing with legal issues. Such an approach questions the position of vantage. James Boyd White, a committed advocate of the study of law and literature, argues that 'fiction stimulates the reader's capacity to imagine other people in other universes'. At the same time, C. Dunlop suggests that 'after a lawyer or law student reads Charles Dickens's *Bleak House*, he can never again be completely indifferent or "objective" towards the client across the desk'.

Jules Getman talks about bridging the schism between professional and human voice. Successful lawyers require human understanding and not just an intellectual prowess. He further argues that by stating 'training lawyers to be lawyers at the law school and not people, law schools singularly fail to equip their students for resolving the decisions which really matter.' We need to equip students with the human side of law and in this language plays an important role. In the course of legal training, students get caught up in the legal language as the professional and rational one, disengaging themselves from the literary language as 'improper'. Law needs to be grounded in its social reality. One must understand that just as society changes, the dynamism of language too changes and the legal language also has to consider this. A language of empathy is not 'improper' if today's lawyers enter into mediation or conciliation as a way of settling the disputes. He/she cannot disassociate with the language of the people. Excessive legalese discourages the people on whose behalf, he/she may be holding the brief—the human experience constructs the legal language as a literary one.

FACULTYS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Award(s):

Prof. M Afzal Wani - National Law Day Award, Indian Council of Jurist (2016)

Dr. Shivani Goswami - Received Women Empowerment Award, 2020 on International Woman's Day 2020 by Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti on March 6, 2020.

Dr. Kavita Solanki - Best Presentation Award at World Academy of Science, Engineering & Technology, Berlin, Germany (2017)

Book(s) Authored / Edited:

Prof. M. Afzal Wani - Peace Development and Artisanship in Kashmir: Conventional and Constitutional Perspective (Upright Study Home, New Delhi 2019) ISBN: 978-93-5361-316-7; Social Dynamics and Legal Control of Child Marriage in India (Vikalaf Law Society, New Delhi 2014) ISBN: 978-81-921654-9-3

Prof. Kanwal DP Singh - Land Laws (Including Land Acquisition and Rent Laws) - Satyam Law International 2016. Edited book on "Vulnerability of Women in Contemporary Times: A Socio-Legal Perspective" by Satyam Law International.

Prof. Amar Pal Singh - Property Laws - Lexis Nexis 2015

Dr. Lisa P. Lukose - 'Law and Morality - SAARC Perspective (ed., 2020), Thomson Reuters, ISBN – 9789389891300; "Disaster Management Law in SAARC Countries" (ed., 2019), published by Commonwealth Institute for Justice Education and Mohan Law Book House, ISBN: 97893872640699; Magna Carta and Human Rights: The Legacy of 800+ Years (ed., 2018), published by European College of Law and Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA Asia-India) ISBN: 9789387264021; Rights of Indigenous People in SAARC (ed., 2018) published by Mohan Law Book House, ISBN: 978-8192986890.

Dr. Shivani Goswami - Authored book about Family Laws published with Central Law Publications. Edited book on "Vulnerability of Women in Contemporary Times: A Socio-Legal Perspective" by Satyam Law International.

Dr. Anuradha Jha - Strategy of Privatization in SAARC Nations - Earth Vision Publications 2018

Dr. Vandana Singh - The Law of Geographical Indications: Rising Above the Horizon - Eastern Law House 2017

Dr. M. Sakthivel - Broadcasters Rights in the Digital Era: Copyright Concerns on Live Streaming - Martinus Nijhoff 2020

Grant(s) Received:

Prof. Kanwal DP Singh - Principal Investigator & **Prof. Amar Pal Singh** - CoInvestigator — Analysis of Functioning of Legal Aid Cells in Various Law Schools and Impact of Digitisation of Legal Aid on Access to Justice. Dec 2017 to Oct 2018 (Total project cost – Rs. 20 Lakh). Funding Agency: Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India.

Prof. Amar Pal Singh - Principal Investigator & **Prof. Kanwal DP Singh** - Co-Investigator — Analysis of Lack of Infrastructure & Vacancies and its Impact on Pendency in Subordinate Courts: A Study of Delhi, Punjab & Haryana, 2019-20 — Funding Agency: Schemes under Department of Justice for Action Research & Studies on Judicial Reforms (Total Project Cost 25 Lakh)

Dr. Deepshikha Aggarwal - Coordinator, USLLS - 10 days Research Methodology Course. March 2018 (Total Cost - Rs. 5.5 Lakh). Funding Agency: ICSSR, Ministry of HRD.

Dr. M. Sakthivel - Principal Investigator - Minor Project on Interface between IPR and Taxation (2018). Funding Agency: Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT.

International Contribution(s):

Prof. Queeny Pradhan - Empanelment with ICCR, she taught at University of Vienna for 3 months (2018)

Dr Lisa P Lukose - Principal Investigator and Chief Coordinator of Commonwealth Comparative Constitutional and Public Law (3C&PL) Project by CLEA (2019 onwards)

Dr. Neelu Mehra - Contributed to survey on "Impact of COVID-19 on Justice System" that is published in the Global Access to Justice as a part of International Project.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ORGANISED BY USLLS

Judicial Delays: Maladies and Remedies



National seminar was conducted for two days i.e. **10th and 11th January 2020** at C block Auditorium, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Dwarka, New Delhi. The group of participants were consisted of Academicians, Research Scholars and Students. More than 50 colleges from approximately 10 different states participated in the National seminar. There were six technical session, each followed by the Major themes selected for the National Seminar was in consonance with the Scheme for Action Research and studies on Judicial Reforms and on the basis of the Major theme participants had submitted their abstracts and full papers for the National Seminar respectively.

The conference undertook six major themes for the National Seminar:

- Judicial Delays : Introspecting the Purposes of Judicial system (Technical Session 1)
- Judicial Delays and quality of justice(Technical Session 2)
- Primary Judiciary : Infrastructure bottlenecks and its impact. (Technical Session 3)
- Vacancies in Primary Judiciary and its impact(Technical Session 4)
- Court and Case Management Techniques : Any impact? (Technical Session 5)
- Technology in the Courts : Can it be the Saviour? (Technical Session 6)

Special Lecture on International Opportunities for Post Graduate Students

Visiting **Prof.Thomas Nanney** of Kansas City School of Law, USA interacting with USLLS under graduate students on **January 22, 2020**



The first day of this National Seminar on "Judicial Delays: Maladies and Remedies" started with the inaugural sessions and a welcome address by **Prof. A.P. Singh, Dean, USLLS, GGSIPU**. The occasion was graced by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Delhi High Court**. He delivered the keynote address enriched with his own professional experiences focusing on technological developments affecting the legal field. **Prof. M.P. Singh Chancellor, Central University, Haryana**, delivered the inaugural address focusing on the age-old problems of Judicial Delays. Thereafter **Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh Vice Chancellor National Law University, Delhi** delivered the Presidential Remarks by giving noteworthy facts and suggestions related to the problem.



Republic Day Week Celebration 25th-31st January, 2020 Conducted by the Constitutional Club.

Objective: In order to celebrate Republic Day, 2020, a quiz competition, a declamation competition, poster-making competition, and research paper presentation were conducted.

USLLS organised Curriculum Revision Workshop which was held on **March 12-13, 2020** in which all affiliated institutions participated and faculty presentations in their respective papers illustrated the required changes under the supervision of Prof. (Dr) A.P. Singh, Dean, USLLS. All the faculties of USLLS were assigned roles under various capacities in order to make this event a great success. Circulated copies of the syllabus of various papers received by USLLS from the affiliating institutions in respective areas of interest.



Workshop on IPR and Patent Filing

13th January, 2020

Conducted by the IPR Patent Office, Govt. of India, Dwarka, in association with USS

Objective: Familiarising all participants with the basics of IPR, Copyrights, and Patent filing process by covering the importance and scope of IPR in academic researches; the types of innovations patentable and how to test their patentability; and the procedure of patent writing.

Guest Lecture on Enforcement of Competition Law in India: Journey of a Decade (2009-19) by Avinash Sharma, AOR, Supreme Court of India

14th January, 2020

Organised by the Alumni Association, USLLS

Objective: To provide all students participating with the knowledge of the technicalities involved in the enforcement of competition law, and the evolution of the same in the past decade.

National Youth Parliament



Since last two years Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University has been organising National Youth Parliament Competition under the aegis of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, which is coordinated by the USLLS. The competition is fully funded by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. Around fifty-five students of different departments participate in this event out of which six best speakers of the event get selected by the panel. As per the rules the event is judged by a panel of three judges having one Member of Parliament (MP), Academician and one group coordinator, the representative of Ministry. It is an inter-university competition in which the higher educational institutions from all over the country participate. Dr. Neelu Mehra is the coordinator of National Youth Parliament.



WEBINARS DURING LOCKDOWN

COVID 19 pandemic necessitated global lockdown to curb the spread of disease. Keeping in mind the safety of students, it was decided to temporarily close all the Universities. This caused a major disruption in the present education delivery process.

In these circumstances, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University deemed it imperative to utilise online platforms. This not only continued the knowledge imparting process but at the same time ensured the safety of students. In pursuance of the same, following measures were undertaken by the University:

1. University started conducting online lectures for students. All students were directed to download an app using which lectures were delivered online. So, professors instead of going for traditional classroom teaching started delivering lectures in virtual classrooms.

2. The above-mentioned step was accompanied by online submission of assignments, dissertations, presentations; which were either directly mailed to the concerned professor, or were uploaded online through apps like Google drive and link to access the same was shared with the concerned teacher.

3. University also realised the fact that students are under great mental stress and coping with the sudden break of classes amid lockdown. The lockdown restricted movement, which was new or “novel” not only for students but also for professors and academicians alike. In view of this, USLLS organised series of events including webinars and com to help and guide students and professors to deal with mental stress and highlight the importance of mental well-being.

A. IP Law Lectures Series-II with Dr. Chitra Arvind, Patent Attorney & Patent Agent, Partner, Lexipcare on “Nuances in Patent claim construction” was organised on 9th May 2020.

B. Webinar on the topic “Mental Health awareness & Emotional Well-being: Legal imperatives in COVID 19 scenario” was organised on 10th May 2020, in which students were required to submit a small write-up of 300 words and were asked as to what do they mean by mental health. This was done to identify the key areas where students need help and guidance.



C. IP Law Lectures Series-III with Dr. Kshitij Kumar Singh, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi on “Biotech Patents and Innovation” 16th May 2020.

D. National Webinar of the eve of International Day of Biological Diversity with Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan, Honorary Professor, CUSAT and Prof. Biswajit Dhar, Professor, JNU on 22nd May 2020.

E. One week long (1st June – 7th June 2020) series of lectures to help alleviate the mental stress caused by lockdown was organised by the University to create an ashram like peaceful atmosphere for students at their home. Webinars were not only organised to deal with mental stress but also to develop oratory skills, which are otherwise taken care of by moots and classroom interactions.

F. “All India Vimarsh Speech Competition” was organised by the USLLS on 28th May, 2020 to help students develop oratory skills. It was purposely made open for all Universities in India so as to enable students of IP University to compete with students of universities all over India.

G. International Webinar on Geographical Indications & Developing Countries: Future Ahead where Guest Speaker was Prof. Irene Calboli, Texas A& M University USA organised on 30th May 2020.

H. Webinar on Environment day, 5th June, was organised to sensitise students on the importance of environment and create awareness among all about the responsibilities towards the environment.

I. Panel Discussion & Webinar on Modern Banking Services in India were held on 11th & 12th June, 2020.

MOOT COURT SECTION

“ Mooting is an art of argument “ understanding this notion USLLS since its inception has long striven to develop the tradition of Mooting amongst students. Furthering this effort, the Indraprastha Moot Court society has been able to organise six editions of Indraprastha National Moot court Competition. Other significant endeavours include Organization of state level moot court competition for first year law students and three editions of Grand Intra moot court competitions. Various faculty convenor has successfully led these efforts in the past including Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Upma Gautam, Dr. Sakthivel, Dr. Zubair A Khan and Dr Rakesh Handa. Presently the moot court committee is headed by Dr Upma Gautam and includes Prof Kanwal DP Singh and Dr. Lisa P. Lukose as expert members.



SAARC Law JLU Moot Court Competition, 2020

Runners-up.

Team: Kaushitaki Sharma (2ndyear), Paridhi Gaur (2ndyear) and Dev Sareen (2ndyear)

KK Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2020

3rd Rank.

Team: Ishita Khurana (3rdyear), Shiva Pande (3rdyear) and Rohan Mandal (3rdyear).

1st Annual Inter College Moot Court Competition, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University

Semi-finalists.

Team: Askini Shokeen (3rdyear), Sarthak Yadav (2ndyear) and Ananya Mago (1styear)

National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Jaipur School of Law

3rd Rank.

Team: Aakriti Yadav (2ndyear), Akshita Jain (2ndyear), Aditi Singh (2ndyear), Seerat Kaur (2ndyear) and Yashdeep Lakhra (2ndyear).

6th AURO National Moot Court Competition

Semi-finalists.

Team: Ishita Kheria (1styear), Kunal Mehta (1styear) and Tanya Sharma (1styear).

4th C.L. Agrawal Memorial Moot Court Competition, Raffles University, Neemrana

Semi-Finalists.

Team: Shrishti Sachan (1styear) and Shreya Mishra (1styear).

Surana And Surana Family Law Moot Court Competition, 2020, AIL, Mohali

Quarter-finalists

Team: R. Karthik, Karan Raj Ahir and Sahil Yadav

TLL- Ansal University First National Online Moot Court Competition, 2020

Quarter-finals; 2nd best speaker award (Shreyashi Panjla)

Team: Shreyashi Panjla (1st year), Yashdeep Lakra (2nd year) and Samarth Luthra (2nd year).

24th All India Moot Court Competition, ULC Bengaluru, Bengaluru University

2nd Best Researcher Award (Samarth Luthra)

Team: Samarth Luthra (2ndyear), Bharat Kapoor (2ndyear), Tanya Sehrawat (2ndyear).

Moot Court Achievements of the Previous Years

8th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2019

August 2019

Second Runners Up

Team: Ishita Khurana, Shiva Pande and Rohan Mandal

Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (India Rounds)-2019



Lloyd National Trial and Appellate Advocacy Competition

Quarter-finalists.

Team: Akshita Khanna (2ndyear), Rishika Radhakrishnan (2nd year) and Rashi Singhal (2nd year).

February 2019

5th Position

Team: Anjali Agrawal, Srishti Tiwari, Shiv Singhal and Siddhant Indrajit

[Late Shri Thakur Kashmir Singh National Moot Court 7th Lex Omnia Moot, 2019, BITS PILANI GoanALSAR](#)

November 2019

Winners

Team: Samridhi Talwar, Gautam Aneja And Kartikeya Tandon

[4th RBUSL National Moot Court Competition, Rayat Bahra University, Mohali](#)

April 2019

Winners

Team: Sanjana Aggarwal, Malvika Pal and Naina Aggarwal

[3rd National Moot Court Competition, Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida](#)

April 2019

First Runner Up

Team: Muskan Gupta, Srishti Tiwari, And Teesta Mishra

[7th Mahamana Malaviya National Moot Court Competition, Banaras Hindu University](#)

April 2019

Semi-Finalists

Team: Samridhi Talwar, Gautam Devansh Aneja And Kartikeya Tandon

[Sir Syed & Surana & Surana National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition, 2019](#)

March 2019

First Runners Up

Team: Anjali Gandhi, K. Hema And Aditi Singh

[9th PN Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition, 2019, New Law College, Bhartiya Vidyapeeth University, Pune](#)

March 2019

Semi-Finalists

Team: Preksha Gupta, Tushti Arya & Garima Garg

[XIV All Delhi NCR Moot Court Competition, LC -1, University Of Delhi](#)

March 2018

Winners

Team: Shubham Rustagi, Vasu Bhushan, Savyasachi

[NUALS Maritime Arbitration Competition, Cochin](#)

July 2017

Quarter-Finalists

Team: Vanshul Pali, Meghna Bhoirya, Chaitanya Rohilla

[3rd Auro National Moot Court Competition](#)

March 2017

2nd Runner Up & Best Memo Award

Team: Bhavya Sagar, Leepaxi Gupta & Niharika Meena

[9th Hidayatullah National Moot Court Competition, 2017](#)

February 2017

Anjali Agrawal: Best Speaker & Quarter Finalist

Team: Siddhant Indrajit & Anjali Agrawal

[National Moot Court Competition, LJ School of Law, Ahemadabad, Gujarat University](#)

January 2017

2nd Runners Up

Team: Himani Khandelwal, Mousomi Panda & Nitish Rai Parwani

ADR Achievements

[Negotiation Competition, Symfiesta 2020, Symbiosis Law School, Noida](#)

3rd Rank

Team: Laiba Ahsan (2nd year) and Teesta Mishra (3rd year)

[Mediation and Negotiation Competition, Lloyd Law College, Noida](#)

Semi-finalists.

Team: Sushmita (2nd year), Mahima Tayal (2nd year) and Harsh Vardhan Singh Rathore (2nd year).

PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP SECTION

The University School of Law & Legal Studies has, since its origin, sought to confirm that students obtain an insight into, and are provided highest exposure to the workplace by mandating students to take internships with judges, senior advocates, law firms, international organisations, NGOs, PSUs, corporate houses, commissions, ministries, state departments etc. Our students participated in the moot competitions, debates, arbitration, mediation and other workshops in the Legal Aid. They attend many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops in diverse areas, ranging from the environment to commercial laws, constitutional matters, etc. Many students contribute research papers, published with various student journals and legal research institutions. The students are focused, and they have clarity about their plans of action. They have been pursuing certificate courses to buttress their qualification in the specialised areas of law that they wish to do. The students of USLLS are conscientious citizens, dedicated individuals and most important hardworking students who have sound knowledge in field of law. This progress has been facilitated by brilliant former students of this law school who have made a mark for themselves in their respective domain and are doing remarkably well today making us immensely proud of our alumni. Our students have proven to be indispensable asset to any organisation that they are absorbed and shall strive towards contributing positively and fruitfully to the growth of that establishment as well as legal industry at large. USLLS has organised many placement events in the past, under the supervision of Dr. Ravinder Kumar. Presently, Prof. Queeny Pradhan is the Chairperson, and Dr. Gurujit Singh is the faculty coordinator.

List of Law Firms and Advocates where students have interned:

- Victoria Juris
- MV Kini & Co.
- Bharucha & Partners, New Delhi
- Laxmikumaran and Sridharan
- Khurana & Khurana, IP Attorneys
- Pavan Duggal & Associates
- Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition, NLU-Delhi
- Advani & Co.
- Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants
- Sankhla & Associates
- PSP Legal
- Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Standing Counsel of Delhi Govt.
- Chambers of Mr. Hemant Kumar
- Mr. Amish Aggarwala, Standing Counsel of Govt. of India
- Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal
- Mr. Surendra Singh Singhroha
- Mr. Nitin Ahlawat
- Mr. Amit Sahni



Batch of 2015-20

PLACEMENT RECORDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS

2019-20 & 2018-19

2019-20

Smriti Bhatt - Bharucha & Partners, New Delhi - 8 lakhs

Yatendra Yadav - Bharucha & Partners, New Delhi - Not disclosed yet

2018-19

Joel Joseph - Victoria Juris - 5 lakhs

Swarang Verma - MV Kini & Co. - 2.5 lakhs

As per the data above we can conclude the following:

Highest package: 8 lakhs per annum

Average package: 5 lakhs per annum

INTERNSHIP RECORD FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 (Name - Course & Year - Firm / Organisation)

Siddhant Indrajeet 5th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Assessment internship at Laxmikumaran and Sridharan

Shiv Singhal 5th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Jyoti Sagar Associates

Salil Tripathy 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Jyoti Sagar Associates

Vishal Aggarwal 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Khurana & Khurana, IP Attorneys.

Indronil Mukherji 5th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Khurana & Khurana, IP Attorneys.

Tushar Kohli 5th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Pavan Duggal & Associates

Md. Aqib Gulzari 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property & Competition, NLU, Delhi.

Ananya Prasad 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Advani & Co.

Srijan Pandey 4th Year, BA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Salil Tripathy 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Anurag Chajlani 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Ramsha Saifi 3rd Year, BBA. LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Kaushitaki Sharma 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Rashi Singhal 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Sarthak Yadav 2nd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Shama Jha 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Akshita Khanna 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants

Gopal Gupta 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Vishal Aggarwal 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Aiyush Gupta 5th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Saloni Saini 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Nishtha Gandotra 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Samridhi Talwar 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Akshita Khanna 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Sankhla & Associates

Anindita Gupta 4th Year, B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) - PSP Legal

Malvika Pal 4th Year, B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) - PSP Legal

Meghna Mukherjee 4th Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - PSP Legal

Mansi Malik 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - PSP Legal

Ayush Gupta 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - PSP Legal

LITIGATION INTERNSHIP RECORDS FOR 2019-2020 (Name - Course & Year - Advocate / Chambers)

Sameeksha Singh 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Standing Counsel of Delhi Govt.

Nomita Rana 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Standing Counsel of Delhi Govt.

K. Hema 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Chambers of Mr. Hemant Kumar

Dhruv Gupta 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Chambers of Mr. Hemant Kumar

Pallash Shankhdhar 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amish Aggarwala, Standing Counsel of Govt. of India

Siddhant Soti 3rd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amish Aggarwala, Standing Counsel of Govt. of India

Pallav Pal 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amish Aggarwala, Standing Counsel of Govt. of India

Ananya Kukreti 1st Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amish Aggarwala, Standing Counsel of Govt. of India

Sushmita Singh 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal

Shreya Aggarwal 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal

Vishal Aggarwal 3rd Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal

Rishika Rishabh 1st Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amarnath Aggarwal

Shambhavi Goswami 1st Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Surendra Singh Singhroha

Sidhant Verma 1st Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Nitin Ahlawat

Arjun Solanki 1st Year, BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Nitin Ahlawat

Laiba Ahsan 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amit Sahni

Rishika Rishabh 2nd Year, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) - Mr. Amit Sahni

Legal Aid Section

Current Director - Legal Aid Centre: **Prof. Kanwal DP Singh**
Former Director - Legal Aid Centre: **Prof. M. Afzal Wani**

VISION

Legal Aid Centre of GGSIP University works towards access of justice for disempowered, marginalised segments of society. In the backdrop of Poverty and Inequality, Legal Aid is an effective way towards attainment of the ideals of 'Social, Economic and Political' Justice that are enshrined in our Constitution under the Directive Principles of State Policy. The importance of Legal Aid and Awareness Campaigns as a mechanism for social progress is something that has been repeatedly stressed upon by the Government of India.

MISSION

To strive to perform our duty by imparting legal awareness and promoting community consciousness through social outreach and service initiatives, awareness drives, informational meetings and donations, connecting the society at all fronts to and for those who are starving for legal assistance and perspiring with a hope for just an avenue for access to justice.

OBJECTIVE

- Awareness camps providing essential knowledge on legal rights on grey areas of Health, Education & Life with dignity.
- Free Legal Assistance & Counselling.
- Community outreach programs through fieldwork in rural areas of Delhi.
- Special attention and emphasis to economically backward classes.
- Conducting surveys for better understanding of the ground reality of needs of the under privileged.

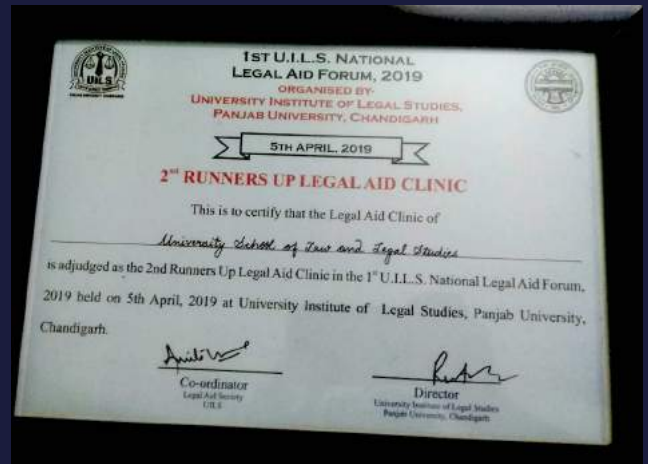
CONSPECTUS

The philosophy of legal aid as an inalienable element of fairness is evident from Mr. Justice Brennan's (Legal Aid and Education. P.94) well known words : 2 "Nothing rankles more in the human heart than a brooding sense of injustice. Illness can be put up with. But injustice makes us want to pull things down.

"There's a big difference between simply being a tourist and being a true world traveler."

In participatory democracy, it is essential that citizens have faith in their institutions. A judiciary that is seen as fair and independent is an important component in sustaining their trust and confidence. An impartial independent judiciary is the guardian of individual rights in a democratic society. For citizens to have faith in their court system, therefore, all people must have access to the justice when necessary. Poor should be able to approach the courts and their ignorance and poverty should not be an impediment in the way of their way of their obtaining justice from the courts."

Those who have responsibility to provide legal aid have to be promptly answerable for two reasons. Firstly, legal aid service is provided within a varied perspective. So as to deliver pragmatic advice on legal aid policy and to supervise effectively legal aid services provided, The providers have to be sensitive and proactive in respect of changes in social, economic and political conditions, legal practices and technological innovation. Secondly, timely and comprehensive response to public complaints or enquiries develops and inculcates a strong system of communication with members of the public, and will contribute to greater public participation in legal aid administration.



ALUMNI CORNER

Deeksha Sethi

Delhi Judicial Services (2013-2018)

Like any other teenager, I stepped into this University as a fresher with no direction. USLLS with its exquisite culture offered me innumerable opportunities to grow. The faculty ensures to be readily available for each one of us at each and every step of our life, even after those five golden and delicate years of the course that pass in the blink of an eye.

I got infinite love and lessons from my professors. They are more of “teachers” to me, who taught me “life” in addition to law. They indeed are my backbone and have always encouraged me to become independent, work hard and define my identity. I will forever be grateful!

The only advice I can share with my very little experience is “be focussed and work like crazy! Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam’s three step guide to success beautifully sums it all - find an aim, acquire knowledge, work hard and persevere. As they say, to excel is a process, you have to work hard to achieve it. Make it a way of life and the sky will be the limit for you. Enjoy this phase while it lasts but at the same time invest in all your energy and resources to understand what works the best for you.

Navdeep Gupta

B.A. LL.B.(H) (2013-2018), LL.M. (2018-2019), Metropolitan Magistrate - Delhi Judicial Service

The years spent at USLLS have given me memories to treasure for a lifetime. The time spent here provided ample learning opportunities and also laid the foundation for the challenging journey ahead. I am thankful to all the faculty members of USLLS for their efforts and support.

Finding the right path to success, that too at the right time, is indeed, very important in this competitive world. Therefore, it is important for the students to identify the areas they are good at and work accordingly rather than try working out different things simultaneously. So, my advice to all the students would be to enjoy your time here; live in the moment, and try not to worry too much about the future. This is your time to become whoever you want to be, so make the most of it. Another advice is not allowing fear to hamper your growth. One should try to take well-calculated risks. It is often seen that students discredit themselves out of the fear that they do not have value to offer. I believe that everyone has some value to offer, though one may take time in identifying it.

Shilpi Nanda

B.A.LL.B.(H) (2010-15); LL.M. (Commercial Law); Ph.D. in Law, National University of Singapore

There are three pieces of advice for anyone making their way through their first law degree at USLLS.

- First, it is okay to feel like you are not doing enough - I felt it all the time. You may feel you’re not doing enough for your grades, to gain the debating-mooting experience you need or to publish as much as you like. The truth is you can’t do it all. With the commuting time, the exams and the internships, it’s hard to balance it all. So, my advice is to sharpen one aspect of your law school experience, and then to contemplate what you want to do after law school.

- Second, it is okay to feel intimidated by your peers, or others who are a few years above you. After my LLM, I was searching for profiles to understand how does one keep growing and what to do differently after an LLM. The answer is that you want to apply for as many opportunities as possible with an open mindset.
- My third advice is to seek guidance from the seniors and mentors who have shaped your law school journey. Reach out to as many as you can to learn from their experiences (especially regarding their transition from the law school to industry/academic life), and ask around for opportunities.

Aaina Duggal

LL.B. from USLLS; LL.M. from Columbia University (Licensed Attorney in India and New York)

“What I Would Say To An Eighteen Year Old Me”

Play your strengths: My first piece of advice is the same as that of the imposter Barty Crouch to Harry Potter. Very few things that attract you simply because of the life they promise will hold your attention. Identify what you are good at and you will pursue it with natural enthusiasm.

Do your research: In every circumstance, in life and law, at dinner parties and interviews, there is no substitute for this. Read as much as you can, so that your opinions are not simply other’s opinions.

Train yourself to respect knowledge: As young lawyers, it is easy to allow an immersive culture to make us subservient and afraid of more experienced professionals. As senior lawyers, it is easy to develop and nurture inflated egos and try and quell knowledge. They are both less likely if we start, early on, to take delight in listening to anyone who makes a good point, and politely correcting anyone who is mistaken.

Don’t drift: Why do you want what you want? Introspect, urgently. Your response to “why do you want this job/LLM opportunity?” should never be an “I don’t know”.

Your body is a wonderland: Kidding, it is an irreplaceable asset. Get exercise, sunshine and sleep.

Be a decent person: Go out of your way to help someone you will get nothing from. “Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore, only kindness that ties your shoes.”

Don’t tie your happiness to your accomplishments: After the conclusion of a very substance-heavy course, my Corporations Professor in New York said that if we were going to take just one thing away from his semester of classes, it should be this. Aim high, but be happy anyway. Don’t let life pass you by in preparation for happiness.

HALL OF EXCELLENCE

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BA LLB (Hons), USLLS -2012. Founder,
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Ms. Achal Tyagi

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Ms. Neeti Shikha

Batch of 2007

Head, Centre for Insolvency &
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Capt. Arjun Dhankhar

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USLLS, Batch 2011

Capt. Kanika Sharma

Army JAG

USLLS, Batch 2011

Lt. Sonali Singh

Navy JAG

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Partner at PSP Legal, Advocates and
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Partner (Direct Tax) at AZB Partner –
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Senior Associate at Cyril Amarchand
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Ram Jethmalani Academic

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BA LLB (Hons) USLLS - 2006.

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Senior Associate at K&S Partners.

GUEST CORNER

Dr. Sumedh Kumar Sethi

Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Delhi

If you are reading this, then consider yourself among the privileged and empowered few out of about 8 billion people in this world and about 1.33 billion people in this country who are literate, managed to get school education and made it or are likely to make it to college. The study of law empowers you further. That's because everything around you is governed by law. From the food you eat (food safety and certification laws) to the people you meet (laws governing and sometimes restricting interpersonal relations). From the streets on which you walk (road safety and traffic laws) to the mobile phones on which you talk (telecom regulatory and information technology laws). Chances are that everything that you see or do has some law relating to it in place.

It's heartening to see that over the years, the University School of law and Legal Studies, GGSIP University, my alma mater, has built an illustrious legacy by consistently offering integrated 5-year courses in clinical legal education emphasising on the practical aspects of law and simulating real-life Court room environment through tools such as moot courts. My stint at the school ensured that by the time I completed my education in law, I was no stranger to court room practice and procedures even though I came from a non-legal background. Being located in the national capital of Delhi, the school also offered and still offers a unique experience of witnessing Court room practice at all levels at the same time. This helped in widening my perspective tremendously and gave me a holistic understanding of things rather than a myopic view of what the legal profession might be like. In the longer run, it helped me choose the manner in which I wanted to put my legal education to use and determine my role in society.

A student of law must remember, however, that no matter what role one chooses for oneself, the legal profession and legal education exist to bring society to order from chaos, to ensure fairness and secure justice for the wronged. They exist because people tend to lie and do bad things, to put it very simply. Thus, the aim of a legal professional, irrespective of whether one is an academician or in the judiciary or in litigation or a law firm, is to mitigate these wrongs and not to propagate them. So as one basks in the glory of immense privilege and empowerment, one must remember, that "with great power comes great responsibility" or as was said more recently, "when you can do the things that I can, but you don't, and then the bad things happen, they happen because of you". After all, being in the legal profession is about as close as one can come to being a 'superhero' in real life!

CS Sangeeta Harpalani

Entrepreneurship -Working as an Independent Consultant

After completing law graduation from an esteemed university most of you must be planning to join a highly paid job in a company preferably a multinational company. But are any of you thinking about working as an entrepreneur i.e. an independent legal consultant and being your boss? The path of becoming an entrepreneur is not easy. A good monthly income immediately after getting your degree may be quite tempting whereas such luxury will not be available if you plan to work on your own. Family pressure is also an issue because the family prefers their child to get a well-paid job and settle down instead of doing something which is full of challenges. This can be achieved if you have a strong desire to prove yourself and are confident of yourself.

Advantages of being an Entrepreneur

Being an entrepreneur is a challenging and difficult career option at least at the initial stage, but it has several advantages, such as:

- Being your own boss and never having to search for jobs which are difficult seeing the level of unemployment in the country.
- You reap the benefits of you work. Income depends on work done
- No fixed working hours. Managing work life balance is comparatively easy which very important especially in case of women.
- No fear of downsizing or layoff.
- You can be an innovator and do what you want to do instead of what you are told to do.

There are disadvantages also like no income or very less income at the initial stage, arranging for initial capital investment, developing a good team and also requirement of a lot of hard work but the rewards are worth the effort.

Ms. Mannat Singh, Ph.D. Scholar

My Experience of Working for Drug Awareness and Rehabilitation - "Honour"

I founded an organisation called "Honour", which would aim at conducting awareness campaigns, providing financial aid to the need and facilitating people to get the help they need. "Honour"- our NGO is taking grass root level essential steps towards creating awareness against the growing drug menace in our society. We organise awareness camps in educational institutions for children and young adults in order to catch them young, so that before they bow down to peer pressure and easy availability of drugs, we may present to them, a true picture of where this menace can lead them to. The lives of thousands of children and youth are at risk since taking the first "puff" will open the gateway to a horrendous life. It is the beginning of journey towards death.

"Honour" strives to spread awareness regarding drugs and its negative effects to prevent children and students from using drugs in future by organising awareness campaigns and by helping the children who have been caught in drugs to get rid of them by rising above the societal stigma of rehabilitation centres in Indian society and get help to overcome their addiction. We have conducted more than 200 campaigns for students all across the nation in schools, colleges, universities and in most effected rural areas, reaching out to about 20,000 students.

Ms. Gagan Deep, Ph.D Scholar

Lockdown is a Difficult Phase for the Entire Nation

During the lockdown, I witnessed a lot of people turning up at my house, seeking help from my father. My father has always been a social worker, and since childhood I have seen him helping people in whatever way he could. At first it was one or two people each day, but as the days passed, this number kept increasing. Till now we were helping only those who could reach us and tell us about their problems. We decided that instead of waiting for help from district administration or sitting at home pointing out the mistakes of authorities we will take an initiative to do whatever we can. And that's how we started "TEAM KHALSA".

STUDENTS' CORNER

राष्ट्र के जनसाधारण के लिए आशा के सूत्र - विधि छात्र एवं महाविद्यालयी लीगल

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भारतीय संविधान के अनुच्छेद ३१ ए में कहा गया है कि "राज्य सुरक्षित करेगा कि कानूनी प्रणाली का संचालन न्याय को बढ़ावा देता है, समान अवसर के आधार पर, और विशेष रूप से, उपयुक्त कानून या योजनाओं या किसी अन्य द्वारा मुफ्त कानूनी सहायता प्रदान करेगा, यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि किसी भी नागरिक को आर्थिक या अन्य अक्षमताओं के कारण न्याय प्राप्त करने के अवसर से वंचित न रहे।" जिस उद्देश्य के लिए न्यायपालिका की स्थापना की गई है, वह सभी को सामाजिक और आर्थिक स्थिति के बावजूद न्याय प्रदान होना आवश्यक है। बहुत बार, किसी व्यक्ति को कुछ आर्थिक साधनों या कुछ प्रक्रियाओं के कारण न्याय प्राप्त करना काफी मुश्किल हो जाता है जिसके बारे में उसे जानकारी नहीं होती है। आमतौर पर, एक व्यक्ति न्याय में देरी के कारण मुकदमे की प्रक्रिया में खुद को शामिल नहीं करना चाहता है। यह विभिन्न लोगों की मानसिकता बन गई है कि अगर कोई व्यक्ति मुकदमे की प्रक्रिया में प्रवेश कर रहा है, तो उसके लिए इससे बाहर निकलना बहुत मुश्किल हो जाएगा। केंद्र और राज्य सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न कानूनी सहायता समितियों की स्थापना की गई है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि उन व्यक्तियों को न्याय दिया जा सके जो अपनी आर्थिक स्थिति के कारण स्वयं का प्रतिनिधित्व करने में सक्षम नहीं हैं। भारतीय संविधान राज्य को उन लोगों को मुफ्त कानूनी सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए एक उपयुक्त अधिनियम बनाने की परिकल्पना करता है।

मैं यहाँ इस संबंध में विधि महाविद्यालयों की भूमिका पर चर्चा करना चाहता हूँ। वे मुफ्त कानूनी सहायता प्रदान करने में बहुत महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। पहले इस तरह के कानूनी जागरूकता अभियान को विधि संकाय (दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) में शुरू किया गया था। प्रो. एन.आर. का नाम माधव मेनन कानूनी क्षेत्र से संबंधित किसी के लिए भी नया नहीं है। कोलकाता के द वेस्ट बंगाल नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ़ ज्यूरिडिकल साइंसेज में आयोजित 1 राष्ट्रीय कानूनी सहायता सम्मेलन 2011 में व्याख्यान देते हुए, और प्रो मेनन ने एक कहानी सुनाई, जो दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में कानूनी जागरूकता अभियान को जन्म देती है। उन्होंने बताया कि १९६९ (या, आप इसे १९६९ के पास की अवधि या वर्ष मान सकते हैं) दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में सेवारत थे, वे अपने दो बच्चों के साथ एक महिला के साथ आए थे। वह अपने पति की तलाश में दिल्ली आई, जो एक मंत्री से मिलने के लिए अपने घर से निकल गया था। वह अपने स्थानांतरण आदेशों को रद्द करना चाहता था, लेकिन महिला द्वारा सूचित किया गया कि वह लंबे समय तक घर लौटी थी। लेडी और उनके पति आंध्र प्रदेश के किसी जिले के थे। प्रो. मेनन ने कहा कि वह अपने सहयोगियों और छात्रों के साथ असमंजस की स्थिति में थे कि इस स्थिति में क्या होना चाहिए। वे उस महिला के पति की तलाश में सेंट्रल जेल गए, और यह उनके लिए काफी कठिन काम था क्योंकि जेल में हजारों कैदी थे और उनमें से एक विशेष व्यक्ति की पहचान करना एक मुश्किल काम था। लेकिन, महिला और उसके बच्चों ने हजारों कैदियों में से उस व्यक्ति को पहचान लिया। इसके बाद, प्रो मेनन अन्य लोगों के साथ उस व्यक्ति को मुक्त कराने के लिए मजिस्ट्रेट के कार्यालय में गए, और उनका प्रयास सफल रहा।

JOURNEY AS A LAW SOPHOMORE

ANISHA DAHIYA - 4th Year B.A. LL.B.

*With the passion for law we commit to the law school,
The beginning is like an open window,
Unfurling our minds to the capacious field of synergy and knowledge.
Synthesis of the lectures, and dialogues, the notes, and the books,
The studies and the learning, the fests and the recreation.
The projects, the presentations, and the exams made us anxious,
Though the studies made us face it with spirit.
Marks mattered, but so did the moots, the conferences, the internships,
These varied experiences sculpted our student life.
The years glide by from first to second to fifth year;
The potpourri of knowledge and experience is intertwined,
With the lectures, and the gossips, the knowledge and the logic.
The professor's guidance and motivation to the senior's cooperation,
Is a salubrious experience.
Nescafé becoming student's congregation point,
With all the chuckles, the chatter and the Maggie,
All these experiences engendering fond memories later in life.
In time, we graduate and entrust our experiences and memories to our juniors:*

*"Always remember that time glides on,
Law is not just about your knowledge, rather it's intertwined with the society,
Law is about the knowledge, the confidence and the experiences you coalesce,
Thus, cherish every moment of yours in a law college."*

Interning in Unfamiliar Fields

SHIVAM PARASHAR 4th Year B.A. LL.B.

Knowing the realities of the job market it is also imperative for a law student to intern during his law school years. There is a way to go about dealing with internships in unfamiliar terrain. Internships should be chosen wisely. These practical experiences in the field are not check boxes to be ticked on your Resume but are meant to further your understanding of the law. Thus working with a big litigation firm straight out of your first semester might not be a good idea. That being said it also does not do to confine your experiences only to subjects you have studied. An opportunity at times is simply too good to pass up.

In the summer of 2019, I got the chance to intern with a taxation firm. Not having studied taxation I was at my wits ends when I accepted the offer. I undertook the following steps to be up to speed with the requirements of my internship. I believe that these measures would hold you in good stead too if you find yourself in a similar soup.

- Talking to your Seniors: The first thing I did was contact seniors from college. Having studied the subject they helped me navigate through most of it. They could even provide you with notes that the professors might have given. Very often someone who has worked in that particular field could guide you about the practical realities associated with it. For instance in matters of taxation, law firms focus more on appeal before tribunals or higher forums. Thus one should focus only on parts of the statute related to it.
- Getting Books: I then went to the library and issued some books. At this stage most of the books seems greek to a to-be-intern. Skimming through these books however familiarises you with common phraseology associated with the subject. One must remember, that easier the book the better it will be for you at this stage.
- Using the Internet: While this is a self-evident measure, I just wish to point out that search for latest updates in your field of work could do wonders. Most firms maintain a blog which is an invaluable window into the firm. Going through the news section in the google results for your field is a sure shot way to navigate through work and conversations in the firm.

Menstrual Health Activism

JHARNA SINGHAL 3rd Year B.A. LL. B.

"Being a law student, it interested me to analyse the role of policy-makers and other actors in regulating our bodily autonomy. To add to my knowledge of sustainable menstruation and reduction of waste, I tried to understand the use of Solid Waste Management Rules and Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules in regulating the disposal of sanitary products. What was interesting about a lot of these readings was that the text was brilliant but there exists a lack of implementation. It entailed a lot of learning and sharing of new things. I reached out to several NGOs, start-ups, and governmental bodies in Delhi to create awareness for menstruators belonging to different age groups and varied social backgrounds. Such sessions, if done at an early stage in life, can bring about a significant change in a menstruator's outlook towards their body and improve the narratives around menstruation. Doing educational sessions with young and old menstruators isn't just about giving information but also about learning from them. Talking with various groups made me learn new practices, myths, stories and experiences. Some of them were age-old effective remedies while some were rigid taboos that will take years to unlearn. And therefore, communication and discussions can change minds but de-stigmatisation is a long process."



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