

## 19. MOOT COURT SOCIETY REPORT 2019-2020

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The annual selection process for selecting students to represent the College in National and International Moot Court Competitions began with a Selection Moot Court at the beginning of the academic year. The Moot schedule was notified to the students, which was as follows:

Content	Scheduled Date
Uploading of the Moot problem on the college website <a href="http://www.vmslaw.edu">www.vmslaw.edu</a>	22/07/2019
Moot Orientation for F.Y. B.A.LL.B.	26/07/2019
Moot Orientation for F.Y. LL.B. (Degree)	27/07/2019
Registration for Moot	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 30th July 2019 (till 1.30pm)
Selection Moot Round for S.Y. & T.Y. LL.B. (Degree) and T.Y., Fourth Year & 5 <sup>th</sup> Year B.A.LL.B.	02/08/2019, the said round was postponed to 05/08/2019
Selection Moot Round for F.Y. LL.B. (Degree) and S.Y. B.A.LL.B.	09/08/2019

### ➤ *Orientation*

Unlike the higher classes, students of FY Degree and SY BA L.L.B being freshers are neither acquainted with the art of mooting, nor the drafting of the moot memorial. Hence orientation is mandatory for students of FY Degree and SY BA LLB.

Dr. B.S. Patil briefed the students on the art of preparing for a moot competition. The students were instructed to watch the selection round that was scheduled on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019, so that they could observe and learn the moot techniques. Asst. Prof. Shruti Kamat Dalal attended the sessions.

➤ ***Moot Problems & Utilization of the Court Halls***

The moot problems for the freshers were based on Criminal Law, whereas for the higher classes, the problem was on Constitutional and Civil Law.

On 5<sup>th</sup> August, a total of 9 court halls were functioning and 12 participants presented the moot to the judges in each of these halls. Whereas on 9<sup>th</sup> August, a total of 8 halls were functioning and 9 or 10 participants presented the moot to the judges in each of these halls.

➤ ***Registration & Selection of the students***

<b>Content</b>	<b>Number of Students Registered</b>	<b>Number of Students Selected</b>
Number of students from S.Y. & T.Y. LL.B. (Degree) and T.Y., Fourth Year & 5 <sup>th</sup> Year B.A.LL.B.	108	37
Number of students from F.Y. LL.B. (Degree) and S.Y. B.A.LL.B.	78	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>54</b>

A total of 54 students were selected from 186 students who had participated in the selection round. A WhatsApp group of selected students referred to as Moot Court Society (MCS) 2019 – 2020 was constituted so that any formal communication including the details of upcoming moots, updates of the competition, performance & result and other instructions would become direct, easier and faster.

➤ ***Capacity Building Training Sessions for the Selected Candidates***

The selected students were instructed to attend a couple of training sessions that would aid their capacity building skills for participating in upcoming moot competitions. These sessions focused on being tech savvy for easy accessibility of legal database from the point of enhancing research

skills. Subsequent sessions were on developing effective communication and for strengthening the confidence level of the participants.

*The sessions were as follows:*

Sr. No	Sessions Conducted	Date	Time & duration of the session
1.	Lexisnexis training @ advance.lexis.com	20/8/2019	2.30pm – 3.30pm (60 minutes)
2.	Workshop on communication skills – Day 1	21/08/2019	1.30pm – 2.30pm (60 minutes)
3.	Workshop on Communication Skills – Day 2	22/08/2019	1.30pm – 3.00pm (90 minutes)
4.	Lecture on “Why I was successful” by Adv. Parag Rao.	28/09/2019	9.00am – 10.30am (90 Minutes)

*Session engaged by Advocate Parag Rao:*



*Workshop on communication skills engaged by Asst. Prof. Ashwini Naik:*



➤ **Trial Moots**

As a rule, the Director of the Moot Court Society holds the veto power to cancel the teams' participation at any stage of the preparation if he does not like the level of preparation of the mooters. The veto is exercised based on the recommendation of the Associate Director and the trial moot teachers.

Each team representing the institute has to compulsorily give two oral presentations to the satisfaction of the teacher. To implement this rule MCS was amply supported by the Principal and faculty.

The College teams participated in 16 National and International Moot Court Competitions.

***Details of the Moot Competitions in which the College participated are given below:***

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>State/ National/ International</b>	<b>Competition Schedule</b>	<b>Result</b>
1.	Erushka Dias (M) Darlene Fernandes (M) Jonathan Correia (R)	Noida International University Moot Court Competition	National	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	Quarterfinals
2.	Isha Saglani (M) Kartik Panchal (M) Prabhav Sirvoicar (R)	7 <sup>th</sup> KIIT National Moot Court Competition, KIIT, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa	National	12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	Preliminary Round
3.	Harshal Desai (M) Rajiv Mendonca (M) Aashna Pathak (R)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Surana and Surana UILS Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, UILS, Chandigarh	National	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	Quarterfinals
4.	Anish Pai (M) Lourdes Alvares (M) Yash Naik (R)	Vivekananda Education Society (VES) Mumbai, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Harshuji Advani	National	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	Preliminary Round

		National Moot Court Competition			
5.	Deepti Lad (M) Akshata Bharne (M) Manasi Kamat (R)	14 <sup>th</sup> Shankarrao Kani tkar National Moot Court Competition, Modern Law College, Pune	National	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	Preliminary Round
6.	Om D'Costa (M) Vishesh Kulkarni (M) Priyanka Bhagat (R)	XVI K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2020, Delhi	International	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	Quarterfinals
7.	Rahul Rao (M) Prabhav Sirvoicar (M) Samuel Fernandes (R)	29 <sup>th</sup> All India Competition, Kerala Law Academy Trophy	National	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Moot cancelled in view of COVID 19 precautionary guidelines.
8.	Anushka Kuvelkar (M) Ben Joseph (M) Veda Kerkar (R)	GNLU Gujrat	National	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Preliminary Round
9.	Kshipra Bapat (M) Ravnak Mayekar (M) Vrutika Prabhu (R)	12 <sup>th</sup> Lokmanya Tilak National Appellate Moot Court Competition, Pune	National	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Quarter Finals
10.	Raj Ramani (M) Anusha Almeida (M) Siddhant Shetye (R)	2 <sup>nd</sup> SAARCLAW JLU Moot Court Competition, Bhopal	International	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Quarter Finals
11.	Simran Khadilkar (M) Kartik Panchal (M) Saeel Bhate (R)	2 <sup>nd</sup> VLC Moot Puttur	National	21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Preliminary Round
12.	Ritesh Rawal (M)	6 <sup>th</sup> Kashibai Navle	National	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Preliminary

	Dania Shaik (M)	Moot Court Competition		February, 2020	Round
13.	Dhruv Dhavan (M) Samuel Abraham (M) Sharlene Fernandes (R )	ULC Bangalore	National	28 <sup>th</sup> February – 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Quarterfinals
14.	Erushka Dias (M) Ekta Jha (M) Vinay Mascarenhas (R )	INTA Asia Pacific Moot Court Competition	International	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Only Memorial Round was conducted in view of COVID 19 precautionary guidelines.  <b>Result Awaited</b>
15.	Runal Divkar (M) Carlos Souza (M) Vasudev Salkar (R )	10 <sup>th</sup> edition M.K.Nambyar Memorial Moot Court Competition (Belgavi)	National	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Preliminary Round
16.	Parita Naik (M) Sanaya Monteiro (M) Anant Nagi (R )	3 <sup>rd</sup> Surana and Surana Tort Moot Court Competition	National	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Moot Postponed to August 2020 in view of COVID 19 precautionary guidelines.

➤ ***Inter class Moot competition***

As part of ‘Lex Festivalis,’ which is commonly referred to as “Fun Week,” an inter class moot competition was organized to facilitate students to be part of the academic culture of the college. All Students were encouraged to participate in the event by the General Secretary of the College

Ms. Rishwa Prabhu and the Council members. Best class prize was awarded to that class which was the highest scorer post 'Lex Festivalis'.

Academic and co-curricular events must be hand in glove, was the objective. The competition was scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The moot case was based on civil law and trophies were awarded to the winners of the competition.