# KARNATAKA STATE LAW UNIVESITY'S LAW SCHOOL'S MOOT COURT SOCIETY



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#### ABOUT THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Law School strives to promote the culture of law and justice in the institutions of the state, NGO's and every individual by providing informal legal education, training and legal service. Above all, the school aims at inculcating a spirit of high moral and human values in all the students. The Law school also focuses on imparting knowledge about the practical facet of the legal profession and enhancing the students as dynamic professionals. To meet these primary objectives, the K.S.L.U's Law School instituted the Moot Court Society in the academic year 2009-2010. Since its inception the society has attained great fame and has reached astounding heights. The Moot Court Society (MCS) consists of:

- 1. Moot court society ordinary members.
- 2. A management and coordination Committee.
- 3. A Selection panel.
- 4. An Executive Committee.

#### I. MOOT COURT SOCIETY ORDINARY MEMBERS.

All LL.B students of KSLU'S Law School will be the member of the Moot Court Society.

#### II. MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE:

The members would include Vice-Chancellor, as chairman and the director KSLU'S Law School and the current moot coordinator as members. Their primary function is to appoint the members of the other committees and regulate the overall functioning of the society.

#### III. SELECTION PANEL:

Selection panel would select the home teams for various competitions. The panel will consist of a) the Director, KSLU'S Law School; b) the moot coordinator; c) Convener; d) joint convener; e) two special invitees (specialists in the field of law).

#### III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

This is the prime functioning committee of the Moot Court Society. The members of the Executive Committee are appointed by the M&C Committee

#### The office bearers of the said committee would be:

- 1. A convener: He/she shall have the authority to take all decisions relating to the moot court society with the consent of the M&C committee.
- 2. A joint convener: He/she shall assist the convener in all aspects.
- 3. Five student representatives: they shall be the part of all the activities of the moot society and also assist the mooters and the researchers as and when required.



#### **THE MOOT COURT PANEL 2011-12**

The Moot Court Competition for Selection of Panel of Mooters was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Coram consisted of Prof. Hegde, visiting faculty, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad and Prof. B.S. Patil, faculty, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa.

The moot problem specifically focused on right to privacy. As many as 32 students participated in the selection and 17 students were selected as mooters. The panel of mooters is:

- 1. Ms. Pranusha Kulkarni, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked first;
- 2. Mr. Ravi Prakash Avin, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Second;
- 3. Mr. Shanel Punnoose, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Third;
- 4. Ms. Megha Savanur, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Third;
- 5. Ms. Maitreyi Hegde, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Fourth;
- 6. Mr. Shahnawaz Mamdapur, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Fourth;
- 7. Ms. Aditi Joshi, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Fifth;
- 8. Mr. Shabaz Qazi, II year, B.A., LL.B., Ranked Sixth;
- 9. Ms. Vishaka Bhosle, I year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Ranked Seventh;
- 10. Mr. Tushar Vadavadgi, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Ranked Eight;
- 11. Mr. Isaac Justin Sullad, III year, B.B.A., LL.B; Ranked Ninth;
- 12. Ms. Neha Sullad, I year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Ranked Ninth;
- 13. Mr. Abhishek Patil, III year, B.B.A., LL.B., Ranked Tenth;
- 14. Ms. Namrata Patil, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Additional Mooter;
- 15. Mr. Akash, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Additional Mooter;
- 16. Ms. Shruti, I year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Additional Mooter;
- 17. Mr. Sourabh Sondur, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons), Additional Mooter.

Subsequently researcher's test was held on 09<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Mr. Manoj Hiremath evaluated the researcher's answer sheets.

The panel of researchers was announced on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Following students were selected as researchers:

- 1. Ms. Bhavani Patil, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 2. Ms. Shweta Avin, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 3. Mr. Naveen F.M., III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 4. Mr. Hitendra Hiremath, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 5. Ms. Anusha Viruppanavar, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 6. Mr. Girish Patil, III year, B.A., LL.B.;
- 7. Mr. Kumar Neeraj, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 8. Mr. Gururaj Ramkrishna, II year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);

The executive committee was announced on 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and consists of following members:

- 1. Convener: Mr. Shanel Punnoose, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.
- 2. Joint Convener: Ms. Megha Savanur, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.
- 3. Executive Members:
  - i. Mr. Ravi Prakash Avin, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
  - ii. Ms. Pranusha Kulkarni, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
  - iii. Ms. Aditi Joshi, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
  - iv. Mr. Shabaz Qazi, II year, B.A., LL.B.;
  - v. Ms. Vishaka Bhosle, I year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons)

#### **EXECUTIVE PANEL MEMBERS 2011-12 PROFILES**

#### **The Convener**



Shanel Punnoose, Convener 2011-12 Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Shanel Punnoose, an undergraduate in the IV year of B.B.A., LL. B., currently held the office of the Convener for the academic year 2011-12. He is a founding member of the Moot Court Society & had been given the top job, observing his administrative capabilities & achievements in the arena of activities that fall under the M.C.S.

Representing Karnataka State Law University's Law School at the National Level, Mr. Punnoose has participated in the six national level competitions and added to the prominence of the law school and the moot court society. He has bagged laurels in the following competitions:

- Secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> place, as a semi finalist in the first national triple advocacy competition, in February 2011, held by SDM Law College, Mangalore.
- A team represented by Shanel Punnoose was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> among the 55 participating teams in the 14<sup>th</sup> S.C. Javali Memorial National Moot Court Competition, organized by University College of Law, Dharawad, in October 2012.

- In January 2010, he represented the law school in the national fest Lex Novitas, held at V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa and participated in the negotiation and ad-lib moot court competition. He was the quarter finalist in the negotiation competition and the team represented by him in the ad-lib moot court competition stood 4th in the entire competition.
- Further he has also participated in numerous other National Level Fests, Negotiation & Client Counseling competitions.

He has worked on topics related to Standardization of Moot Court Competition (on a wider scale), Uniform & Comprehensive Marking System adaptations to State & National-Level Moot-Court & Client-Counseling Competitions to elucidate the participants' take on the issue.

He has dedicatedly contributed to the Moot Court Society during his tenure as the Convener. He had arranged various interactive sessions by the mooting legends including Adv. Veeresh Budihal, renowned practicing advocate, circuit bench, Dharwad; Adv. Kirti Krishna, Associate Advocate, Thiru & Thiru, Bangalore, etc.

He has also added significance by constantly interacting with the student-organizers of the first convener's & co-convener's conference held at NLIU Bhopal.

#### **The Joint Convener**



Megha Savanur, Joint Convener 2011-12, Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Ms. Megha Savanur is currently in the IV year of B.B.A.,LL.B., at K.S.L.U's Law School and had been selected as the Joint Convenor of the Moot Court Society of K.S.L.U's Law School for the year 2011-2012. She has been the member of the Moot Court Panel for three successive years.

A founding member of the Moot Court Society, Ms. Savanur has participated in the following national fests and moot competitions:

- She has been a part of semi finalist team in the first national triple advocacy moot court competition held by Shree Dharmasthal Manjunatheshwar Law College, Mangalore, in February 2011.
- She has also been part of the team that stood fourth in the ad-lib moot court competition
  of the national fest Lex Novitas in January 2010, held by V.M. Salgaocar College of law,
  Goa.
- She has represented the law school as mooter and stood as quarter finalist in the 12<sup>th</sup> S.C. Javali Memorial Moot Court Competition in March 2010.

• She has participated in the first national dual advocacy competition in October 2009 conducted by Shree Dharmasthal Manjunatheshwar Law College, Mangalore and was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the 24 participating teams. She has also participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> S.C. Javali Memorial National Moot Court Competition in October 2012 and the team was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> among the 55 participating teams.

Distinguished by her achievements & other contribution, she had been selected as the Joint Convener for the year 2011-2012.

She has contributed vastly in assisting the Convener in the functioning of the Moot Court Society.

#### **The Executive Members:**



Raviprakash Avin Executive Member 2011-12, Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Mr. Raviprakash T Avin is a student of IV year, B.B.A., LL.B. He was an executive member of the Moot Court Society of K.S.L.U's Law School for the year 2011-2012.

As a member of the Moot Court Society, Mr. Avin has represented Karnataka State Law University's Law School in various competitions at the National Level.

He has stood as the semi finalist in 6th All India Moot Court Competition conducted by Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram in January 2011. He has also represented the law school in the 11<sup>th</sup> National Client Interviewing Competition held by Kerala Law Academy, in November 2009 and was ranked 11<sup>th</sup> among 40 participating teams.

Mr. Avin, a founding member of the Moot Court Society, is distinguished for his enthusiasm & administrative capabilities.



Pranusha Kulkarani Executive Member 2011-12 Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Ms. Pranusha Kulkarni is a founding member of the Moot Court Society of KSLU's Law School & has been the Executive Representative of the moot Court Society for three consecutive years.

As a senior member, Ms. Kulkarni has represented Karnataka State law University's Law School in five National Moot Court Competitions till date.

- As Semi-finalist, the team was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> at the VI<sup>th</sup> All India Moot- Court Competition organized by Government Law College, Trivandrum.
- The team represented by her, stood 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ad-Lib Moot of Lex Novitas 2011, organized by V. M. Salgaoncar college of Law, Miramar, Goa.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Intra-Collegiate Moot Court Competitions of K.S.L.U.'s Law School, she stood 1<sup>st</sup>; and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intra-Collegiate Moot Court Competition, stood 2<sup>nd</sup>.

• A team represented by Ms. Kulkarani qualified as semi finalist in the M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Moot Court Competition organized by R.L. Law College Belgaum.

By virtue of these achievements, Ms. Kulkarni's administrative membership was of great significance to the Moot Court Society.





Aditi Joshi Executive Member 2011-12 Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Aditi Joshi, currently in the III year of B.B.A., LL.B., at K.S.L.U's Law School is a founding member of the Moot Court Society. She is the executive member of the Moot Court Society of K.S.L.U' Law School for the year 2011-2012. She has been the executive member of the moot court society for three successive years and has also held the office of the Joint Convener formerly.

She has represented Karnataka State Law University's Law School in the following competitions at national level:

- A team represented by Ms. Joshi qualified as semi finalist in the M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Moot Court Competition organized by R.L. Law College Belgaum in March 2012.
- Secured 4<sup>th</sup> position in the 6th All India Moot Court Competition conducted by Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram in January 2010.

- Quarter finalist in the 12<sup>th</sup> S.C. Javali Memorial National Moot Court Competition in March 2010 held by University College of Law Dharwad.
- Represented the law school in Surana & Surana National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition- 2011 jointly organized with JSS Law College, Mysore in February 2011 and ranked 9<sup>th</sup>; 1st All India Corporate Law Moot Court Competition 2009 organized jointly by National Law University, Delhi and U.K.C.A Law Chambers, New Delhi in November 2009 and ranked 10<sup>th</sup>.

In merit of these achievements, Ms. Joshi's presence, to the Moot Court Society, was of immense significance.



Shabaz A. Qazi, Executive Member 2011-12 Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad.

Shabaz Qazi, a student in the III year of B.A., LL.B., was an Executive Member of the Moot Court Society's Executive Panel for the academic year 2011-2012.

As an active member of the Society, he has always welcomed every opportunity with great enthusiasm to learn, explore, seek and conquer challenges and to make a positive sustainable difference.

He has represented Karnataka State Law University's Law School at the following national level events.

- Participated in the  $22^{nd}$  All India Moot- Court Competition for the Kerala Law Academy Ever Rolling Trophy organized by Kerala Law Academy's Moot- Court Society, Trivandrum held on February  $10^{th} 12^{th}$ , 2010 at KLA, Trivandrum.
- Participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Paras Diwan Memorial "Energy Law" National Moot- Court Competition organized by the College of Legal Studies, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun held on 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- Stood 6<sup>th</sup> in the intra-collegiate Moot Court Competition, October 2011.
- Participated in Dominus Litus, A national level moot court competition organized by Shree Dharmastala Manjunatheshwar Law College, Mangalore, in February 2012. In the

same competition, the team represented by Mr. Qazi was ranked  $3^{\text{rd}}$  in the arbitration competition.

By virtue of his role of support in events, his achievements & intensity, his addition to the Executive Panel added value.





Vishaka Bhosale Executive Member, Moot Court Society, K.S.L.U's Law School, Dharwad

She is currently studying in the second year of B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) and she was selected as the executive member of the Moot Court Society for the year 2011-2012.

She has participated in the Intra College Selection Moot Court Competition and ranked 8<sup>th</sup>. She has proved to be a promising mooter and her performance in the intra college selection moot court competition was deeply appreciated by the panel of judges.

Ms. Vishaka has always shown great inquisitiveness to learn things and has also been keenly participating in all the endeavors of the Moot Court Society. Her perspective has contributed vividly to the expansion of the Moot Court Society.

Her passion to work for the enhancement of the Moot Court Society, as the executive member of the Moot Court Society added great worth to the Moot Court Society.

#### **INAUGURATION OF THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY**

The moot court society commenced its official functioning from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The moot court society was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012. Shri Darpan Jain, District Commissioner, District Magistrate, Dharwad, inaugurated the society and gave the inaugural address. In his address he advised the students to be aware of their role as responsible citizen, and to strive for the welfare of the society. He further said students should learn, for development of their personality, from different areas and help the poor and needy.

Dr. J.S. Patil, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University, presided over the function. In his presidential remarks he advised the students to comprehend the justice delivery system prevalent in Sirigere and Dharmastala. He added that the students should also try to draw parallels between formal and indigenous ways of delivering justice which be achieved.

Shri Subhash Malkede, Registrar, Karnataka State Law University; Shri K.S. Bagale, Registrar Evaluation, Karnataka State Law University and Dr. Arundati Kulkarani, Director, K.S.L.U's Law School were also present.

#### MEETINGS HELD

#### I) <u>Executive Panel Meeting:</u>

The Executive Panel's first meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Arundati Kulkarni, Moot Court Coordinator, and K.S.L.U's Law School's Director. The discussion in the meeting was focused on:

- 1. Comprehensive restructuring of the Constitution of the MCS;
- 2. Frequent meetings of the Panel;
- 3. Rehearsals before actual participation;
- 4. Organizing competitions.
- 5. Formation of teams for the national competition.

Post discussion, the Executive Panel made the following decision:

- 1. The Constitution of the MCS will undergo comprehensive restructuring and will include the code of conduct of the members, rules for participation, procedure for amendment;
- 2. The Moot Panel Meetings shall be held once in a month and the executive panel meeting twice in a month;
- 3. No team shall participate in the state or national level competition if it is unable to meet the level of preparation required and without rehearsals.
- 4. The MCS shall organize various intra college, inter college moot court, client counseling and negotiation competitions. The MCS shall outline the procedure for a national or state level moot court competition.

#### II) The Panel Meeting:

The moot panel held its first meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Arundati Kulkarni, Moot Court Coordinator, MCS, K.S.L.U's Law School. The meeting primarily focused on conception of teams for various moot courts. The meeting also focused on activities pertaining to moot courts to be introduced in the law school. After the deliberations it was decided that:

- 1. The Moot Court Society shall invite experts to train the students for moot courts;
- 2. The Moot Court Society shall make recommendations to concerned authority to appoint a moot trainer;
- 3. The moot panel shall be restructured;
- 4. The Moot Court Society shall organize competitions.

#### III) Executive Panel Meeting to Pass the Resolution

The executive panel held a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 chaired by Mr. Shanel Punnoose, Convener, MCS. The objective of the meeting was to pass resolution to hold articulation, composition and quiz competitions. After deliberations, the members passed the following resolution:

The undersigned, being the executive members of the Moot Court Society, hereby sign the following resolutions:

- 1. The Convener of the Moot Court Society shall forward the proposal seeking grant for holding articulation, composition and quiz competition.
- 2. The following theme shall be the focus of articulation and composition:

"Lawyers/ Media: Ethics, Integrity and Dignity Compromised"

- 3. The focuses of the quiz competition shall be general knowledge; current affairs; law.
- 4. The entire law faculty of K.S.L.U's Law School shall be eligible to participate

#### **Executive Committee:**

- Shanel Punnoose, Convener, Moot Court Society.
- 2. Megha Savanur, Joint Convener, Moot Court Society.
- 3. Raviprakash T. Avin Executive Member, Moot Court Society.
- 4. Pranusha Kulkarni, Executive Member, Moot Court Society.
- 5. Aditi Joshi, Executive Member, Moot Court Society.
- 6. Shabaz Qazi, Executive Member, Moot Court Society.
- 7. Vishaka Bhosle, Executive Member, Moot Court Society.

#### **SPECIAL LECTURES:**

#### I) Prof. Babagouda Patil

**Prof. Babagouda Patil's Profile:** He is a professor of law in V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Goa. He has vast experience in various co-circular activites like client counseling, negotiation and mooting. He also has experience in training students for the national competitions.

Prof. Babagouda Patil addressed the students on Methods of Preparation for the Moot Court Competition on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Following points were explained:

- The preparation for moot court competition shall be divided in to four stages, vis-à-vis, Stage I: Understanding the Problem; Stage II: Legal Research; Stage III: Drafting Memorials; Stage IV: Presentation.
- Stage I: Understanding the Problem: This stage includes reading the problems numerous times and interpretation of facts.
- Stage II: Legal Research: It includes primary research, i.e., research pertaining to the laws involved in the problem and secondary research, i.e., non-law research like reading the articles, referring journals etc.
- Stage III: Drafting Memorial: This stage includes framing of the issues and arguments for the respective parties.
- Stage IV: Presentation: The Presentation can be of two kinds. i. Narrative; ii. Debate.

#### II) Mrs. Shruti Shurpali Reddy

Mrs. Shruti Shurpali Reddy's Profile: Mrs. Reddy is currently the Special Officer to the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University. Mrs. Reddy possesses remarkable experience in mooting. Additionally she also has experience of internships in most celebrated institutions in the legal arena.

Mrs. Reddy addressed the students on 09<sup>th</sup> December 2011 on Co-Circular activities. Her lecture focused on the following activities:

- Moot Court Competition: The main aspect of the activity is the research work. Referring
  journals, online journals, newspapers and magazines would enhance the research work.
  Knowledge pertaining to footnotes is also a pre-requisite.
- Client Counseling: The procedure of the client counseling was explained. Ability to deal
  with variety of people and apt body language are the essentials for client counseling.
  Observing the proceedings will help developing counseling skills.
- 3. Internships: Various opportunities and alternatives for internships, like law firms, NGOs, senior advocates, High Courts, Supreme Courts, etc were focused on.

#### III) Introduction to Moot Court & Other Activities

An elaborative session on mooting and other activities was organized by the Moot Court Society for the benefit of the freshers. Introduction was given by Mrs. Shruti Shurpali Reddy. It was followed by a presentation on basics of mooting by Ms. Aditi Joshi, IV year, B.B.A.,LL.B. The presentation focused on what are moot courts, why should students participate in moot courts and how to approach a moot problem.

The presentation was followed by an illustrative presentation on Negotiation by Mr. Shanel Punnoose, IV year, B.B.A., LL.B. The presentation enlightened the students on the procedure of the negotiation competitions.

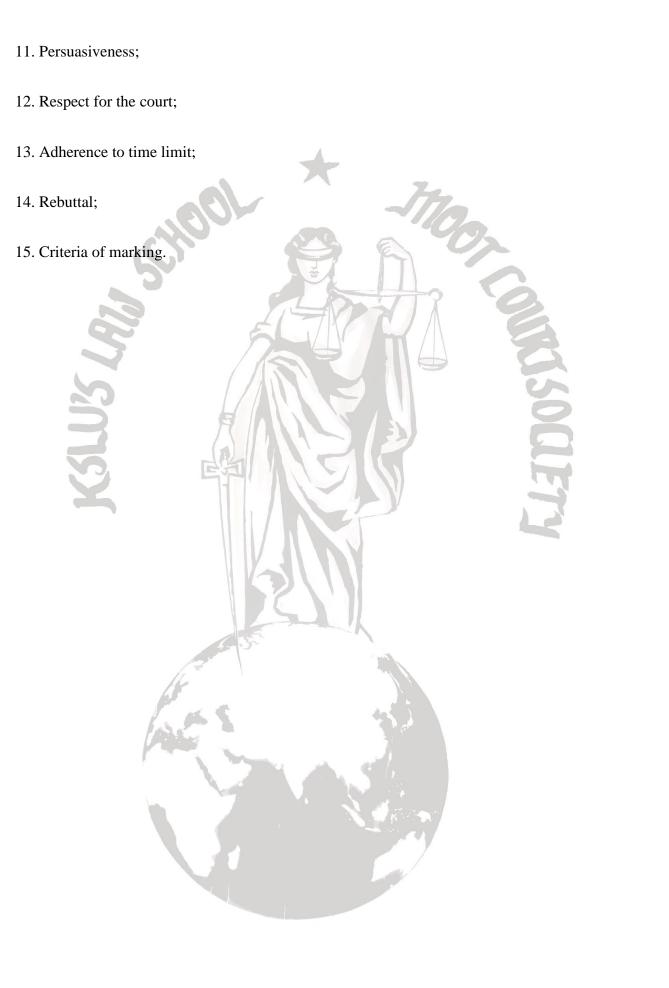
Subsequently a presentation on client counseling was given by Mr. Abhishek Patil, IV year, B.B.A.,LL.B. He explained the various stages of the client counseling. It was followed by presentation on paper presentation by Ms. Maitreyi Hegde. Further Ms. Pranusha Kulkarani elucidated on the publications.

#### IV) Adv. Veeresh Budihal

Adv. Veeresh Budihal"s Profile: Adv. Budihal is a renowned practicing advocate in the Hon'ble Circuit Bench of High Court of Karnataka, Dharawad. In the course of his Bachelor's he was considered to be an ace mooter and his mooting skills were appreciated immensely. He is part of the judge's panel for several celebrated national moot court competitions. He is also considered to be an authority in mooting and believed to be one of the most prominent and outstanding moot trainers in Karnataka. With his peerless experience in mooting and advocacy, he has contributed enormously to the mooting career of students of various law colleges.

Adv. Budihal engaged a session on preparations for moot court on 07<sup>th</sup> September 2012.. His lecture focused on the following aspects of the Moot Court:

- 1. Fact Ascertainment;
- 2. Articulation of law (law ascertained);
- 3. Presentation;
- 4. Legal Mechanics;
- 5. Oral arguments;
- 6. Appearance;
- 7. Audibility;
- 8. Ability to communicate;
- 9. Ability to answer the questions;
- 10. Arguments of law;



#### V) Adv. Kirti Krishna

Adv. Kirti Krishna's Profile: Adv. Kirti Mohan is currently working with one of the most celebrated firms, Thiru & Thiru associates, Bangalore. He has recently completed his graduation in B.A.,LL.B with excellent score of 72% from S.D.M. Law College, Mangalore. He desires to attain a position as an associate in a reputed law firm that will enhance his growth. He has continually proved his mettle as an excellent mooter. He has bagged the award of Best Advocate and Best Gentleman Advocate in 5th Justice Ramachandran Memorial All India Moot Court Competition, conducted by the Government Law College, Thrissur. He has also bagged awards like best team, best advocate in several moot court competitions conducted by S.D.M. Law College. Additionally he has participated in various prestigious Moot Court Competitions and received appreciation. He also posses various academic credentials like 'outstanding student' for three consecutive years along with numerous other achievements in extra circular activities.

Adv. Kirti Krishna addressed the students on grooming oneself to be a successful advocate. In the session he advised to realize skills, work hard and create opportunities. He added, if one is interested in litigation, speaking skills are the most important requisite for the same. He also advised to never undermine and equating oneself with others.

He further gave a self assessment exercise which aided in determining ones area of interest. He concluded the session with the fundamentals of mooting.

#### PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS:

I) 14<sup>TH</sup> S.C. Javali National Memorial Moot Court Competition 2011

#### TEAM:

- 1. Mooter 1: Shanel Punnoose, III year, B.B.A.,LL.B.;
- 2. Mooter 2: Megha Savanur, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 3. Researcher: Isaac Justin Sullad, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.

The team, post attaining grant from the authorities concerned, participated in the aforementioned competition organized by University College of Law, Dharwad on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The team qualified as quarter finalist and was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> among 55 participating teams.

#### II) Dominus Litus

#### TEAM:

- 1. Mooter 1: Maitreyi Hegde, III year, B.A., LL.B.;
- 2. Mooter 2: Shabaz Qazi, II year, B.A., LL.B.;
- 3. Researcher: Kumar Neeraj, II year, B.A., LL.B.(Hons);

The team, post attaining grant from the authorities concerned, represented the law school in the aforementioned competition held by S.D.M. Law College, Mangalore from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The team stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in the arbitration round and was qualified as quarter finalist.

#### III) M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition

TEAM:

- 1. Mooter 1: Aditi Joshi, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 2. Mooter 2: Pranusha Kulkarni, III year, B.B.A., LL.B.;
- 2. Researcher: Gururaj Ramkrishna, II year, B.B.A., LL.B.(Hons);

The team, post attaining grant from the authorities concerned, participated in the competition conducted by R.L. Law College, Belgaum from 09<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The team was qualified as semi finalist.

### IV) 5<sup>TH</sup> Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition

TEAM:

- 1. Mooter 1: Tushar Vadavadgi, II year, B.B.A., LL.B.(Hons);
- 2. Mooter 2: Akash Naik, II year, B.B.A., LL.B.(Hons);
- 3. Researcher: Girish Patil, II year, B.A., LL.B.

The team, post attaining grant from the authorities concerned represented the law school in the aforementioned competition held by School of Excellence in Law, Chennai on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

#### V) First Jus Amicus All India Moot Court Competition

#### TEAM:

- 1. Mooter 1: Abhishek Patil, III year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 2. Mooter 2: Isaac Justin Sullad, III year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 3. Researcher: Bhavani Patil, II year, B.B.A., LL.B.(Hons).

The team represented the law school in the aforementioned competition held by Saveetha School of Law, Chennai, from 19th to 21st April 2012. The team qualified as quarter finalist and stood 5th in the competition.

#### **COMPETITION HELD**

#### I) Articulation & Quiz Competition

The Moot Court Society of K.S.L.U's Law School organised Articulation and Quiz competitions on 24th April 2012. Pranusha Kulkarni and Maitreyi Hegde were ranked first and second respectively in the articulation competition and Shivraj Huchannavar and Gururaj Ramkrishna stood first and second respectively in the quiz competition.

#### II) Intra College Moot Court Competition, 2012:

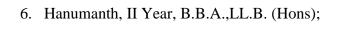
The MCS held the intra college moot court competition 2012 for selection of panel of mooters on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2012. On humble invitation by the Convener, Adv. Veeresh Budihal & Adv. Kirti Krishna adjudged the participants of the competition. As many as 37 students registered for the participation. Among the 35 participating students, top 20 mooters are selected. The panel of mooters 2012-13 is:

- 1. Shanel Punnoose, IV Year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 2. Pranusha Kulkarani, IV Year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 3. P. Ananth Bhat, III Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 4. Aditi Joshi, IV Year, B.B.A.,LL.B;
- 5. Raviprakash Avin, IV Year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 6. Raghavendra Patil, IV Year, B.B.A., LL.B;
- 7. Anukanksha Kalkeri, III Year, B.B.A.,LL.B(Hons);
- 8. Yugaank P., I Year, B.B.A.,LL.B(Hons);
- 9. Neha Sullad., II Year, B.B.A.,LL.B(Hons);

- 10. Shahnawaz Mateen, IV Year, B.B.A.,LL.B;
- 11. Shabaz Qazi, III Year, B.A.,LL.B;
- 12. Pooja Savadatti, III Year, B.B.A., LL.B(Hons);
- 13. Tushar Vadavadgi, III Year, B.B.A., LL.B(Hons);
- 14. Vishaka, II Year, B.B.A., LL.B(Hons);
- 15. Vaishnavi, I Year, B.B.A., LL.B(Hons);
- 16. Maitreyi Hegde, IV Year, B.A., LL.B;
- 17. Anusha V., IV Year, B.B.A.,LL.B;
- 18. Heena K., II Year, B.A., LL.B;
- 19. Rudragouda P., I Year, B.B.A.,LL.B(Hons);
- 20. Santosh, I Year, B.B.A., LL.B(Hons);
- 21. Vasavi H., I Year, B.B.A., LL.B (Hons).

**Researcher's Test:** The researcher's test for selection of panel of researchers 2012 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Following is the list of researchers on panel:

- 1. Bhavani Patil, III Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 2. Gururaj R., III Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 3. Netra Koppad, I Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);
- 4. Naveen F.M. IV Year, B.B.A.,LL.B.;
- 5. Neeraj, III Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons);



7. Soubhagya, I Year, B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons);

8. Smita, II Year, B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons);



10. Somreddy, IV Year, B.B.A.,LL.B.



#### **CONFERENCE:**

#### The All India Moot Convener's Conference 2012

NLIU, Bhopal, in association with Surana & Surana International Attorneys and Legally Inida hosted The All India Moot Convener's Conference 2012 on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The theme of the conference was to discuss and deliberate upon various aspects of Moots and Mooting that need overhauling, alteration or standardization and to formulate, a near perfect model that ensures that the best teams win. It was proposed that a resolution be drafted in the course of the conference, which will be signed by all the Conveners, and widely circulated among all law schools.

The Convener of the K.S.L.U's Law School's Moot Court Society, though unable to attend the conference was in steady contact with the organizers for discussion on inputs for Guidelines on Uniform Mooting Practice (GUMP) and was being updated on the developments on the same.

Consequently, the organizers sent to the university, the details and the outcome, i.e., the GUMP in India. Post analyzing the details of GUMP, it was concluded to be a substantive focus for debate. The convener also made a suggestion to initiate discussion in the same regard in the Karnataka State Law University prior to decision on applicability of GUMP to ensure that the best interest of our University is upheld.

#### REQUESTS BY THE CONVENER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SOCIETY:

- To enhance the growth and upsurge the prominence of the Moot Court Society and Karnataka State Law University, a national level moot competition may be outlined the organizing of the competition.
- The competition to be outlined may be so done that it is unlike the general traditions of the competitions held by most reputed college (i.e., the customary moot court, client counseling or negotiation competitions). The concept to be outlined shall not only attract the attention and interest of the law students but the entire legal fraternity in whole.
- Extensive training under the guidance of Adv. Veeresh Budihal along with the hard work, dedication and commitment of the participants would aid in achieving a win and adding to the fame of the Law School there by the university.
- ➤ The current constitution of the Moot Court Society fails to lay down the by laws and rules to govern the functioning of the society. A comprehensive rule book may be outlined to ensure standardized and effective functioning of the society.
- It is requested that a moot court hall adjoining to the library be allotted in order to aid the extensive research and subsequent training of the participants of the national competition.
- A distinct library card may be issued to the members of the moot panel on request of the Director of the Law School to the librarian. The card shall be used to issue the books for the purpose of preparation and research for national moot court competitions.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Moot Court Society witnessed an eventful year. The executive panel member, with special reference to the convener', joint convener and executive committee members contributed enormously to the functioning of the society. All the events were carried out successfully, specifically the Intra college moot court competition 2012 as the Judges who presided are the cream of the legal fraternity.

In the coming year, the MCS aspires to attain newer standardization and carry out more events with the aid of a resourceful student community and vast opportunity created under the auspices of the university.