

School of Law, Christ University lifts the trophy at the GNLU International Moot Court Competition in International Trade Law

Gandhinagar, February 17, 2019: The campus of Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) was graced with a large number of eminent authorities in trade law this weekend, with the 11th edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition being held from 13th-17th February 2019. This moot is based on **international trade law** and attracted **56 teams including 11 international teams**.

After two days of preliminary rounds, the top eight teams went ahead to the quarters and the top four battled it out in the semis. Sunday saw the awaited final rounds of the competition, where exemplary performance was delivered by participants.

The trophy was finally lifted by the **School of Law, Christ University**, and the runners up were **National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi**.

The highly competitive rounds were judged by a distinguished panel of trade law experts consisting of Ms. Anuradha RV (Partner, Clarus Law Associates), Mr. Santanu Mukherjee (Advocate & Head of Chambers, Ex Lege Chambers Advocates & Regulatory, Policy Advisors), Mr. V. Lakshmikumar (Managing Partner, Lakshmikumar & Sridharan Attorneys), Dr. James J. Nedumpara (Professor and Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade) and Mr. Andrea Schlaepfer (Lecturer, University of Bern).

Mr V. Lakshmikumar, the Managing Partner of Lakshmikumar & Sridharan was the chief guest of the closing ceremony of GIMC 2019. He spoke to the students about the ‘true purpose of lawyers and what measures the wealth of lawyers.’ He told students that the only thing which makes a lawyer richer is experience, and the willingness to share this experience. He advised the students to ‘never be scared to train and teach their juniors because this ensures that they have intelligent people around them when they work.’ He also mentioned that the way this training is imparted is the true test of being a successful lawyer. He stated that ‘Whatever has been given to you by your formal education is not meant just for you. You need to share. Share it with your juniors. You will get the satisfaction when you see that your juniors are better than you. You will grow only when your junior grows.’

The quality and level of excellence at the competition was also praised by many of the eminent guests, with Mr Nedumpara hailing it as ‘best moot court competition that India has produced.’ Further, Mr Santanu had some crucial advice for law students as he advised law students ‘to write, write for good law journals.’ Mr Schlaepfer also stated that the competition was ‘inspiring a generation of young trade lawyers.’ Ms Anuradha RV congratulated the participants on ‘displaying their love for trade law, which is an extremely intellectually challenging subject.’



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Overall, the competition was an enriching experience for all who were associated with it. The problem involved the simulation of a World Trade Organisation Panel, and issues were raised with regard to the subsidies and countervailing measures agreement.

Gujarat National Law University partnered World Trade Institute, Bern; Centre for Trade and Investment Law – Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Centre for WTO Studies; Lex Witness; Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys; Eastern Book Company and SCC Online to make this moot a success.

Winners – School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University)

Runners Up – National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi

Best Written Submissions– The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi

Second Best Written Submissions– National Law University, Odisha (NLUO)

Best Orator – Final Round– Bansal Karthik, School of Law Christ (Deemed to be University)

Best Orator –Preliminary Rounds- Prakhar Khandelwal, National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal

Second Best Orator – Preliminary Rounds- Kartikey Bansal, National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal

Best Researcher- Pravi Jain, National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal

Second Best Researcher- Sarika Bharti, National Law University, Odisha

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