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GNLU Sports law and Management Certificate Course by Mr Justice Mukul Mudgal, former Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court from 6-8 September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings!

Recognizing that the rapidly developing field of sports law and management in India calls for a strong need to understand and learn the nuances of sports law and management, GNLU Centre for Sports law inaugurated an intensive three-day certificate course on Sports law and Management from 6 to 8 September 2014. Mr. Justice Mukul Mudgal, Former Chief Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court inaugurated the Course on 6 September 2014. Welcome address was given by the Director of GNLU, Dr. Bimal N Patel. In his address he touched upon an important aspect of sports law. He said "In his speech about the nature and importance of sports law. Unlike other laws, sports law is a pure law and is a complex, but satisfying field due to its applicability in multiple jurisdictions."

The course touched upon the reasons behind India's poor performance in international sports events. Other subject matter that would be covered during the course are anti-doping legislation, IPR and Ambush Marketing. Mr. R K Naidu Regional Director of SAI, discussed about the need for sports lawyers to have an all round knowledge about sports. Being an eminent sports person himself, he spoke about the rampant commercialization of sports and its impact on Indian Sportspersons.

Justice Mudgal, considered being the Father of Sports law in India, elaborated on the need for advancement in sports law by giving anecdotes from his own career in law. He gave his take on famous cases involving the BCCI and explained how the evolution of sports law in India had taken place. Apart from telling the audience the importance of sports law, he also stressed on the importance of choosing a law career that is suitable to each individual person. He said that most students join firms and do desk slave jobs, which cause them to burn out, when they would much rather be participating in active litigation. He urged the present students to choose careers only based on their own interests and not based on monetary factors.

Mr. Justice Mukul Mudgal, Former Chief Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court inaugurated the Course on 6 September 2014. The course faculty included Mr. Vidhuspat Singhania (Co –author of Law and Sports in India; the first Indian Sports Law book); Mr. Anish Dayal (Advocate at Chambers of Anish Dayal and Legal Adviser Rajasthan Royals); Ms Chanpreet Arora (Entrepreneur / consultant to Jaypee Sports International, Discovery Channel India, All India Football Federation" etc.); Dr. Lovely Das Gupta (NUJS, Kolkata) and Dr. Ravindra Kumar Singh (GNLU, Gandhinagar). GNLU Centre for Sports Law offers teaching programs, conducts research and undertakes training and extension activities to promote sports law in India.

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