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REPORT ON 1st INTRA PIL DRAFTING AND ADVOCACY COMPETITION ON 29/09/2024

The 1st Intra Public Interest Litigation (PIL) Drafting and Advocacy Competition, 2024 was organized by the Student Council (2024-2025) of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. This competition aimed to foster participants' understanding of societal issues and provide a platform to address neglected areas in society, thereby contributing to the welfare of the downtrodden. Participants had the unique opportunity to enhance their written and oral advocacy skills, essential for their growth and personality development. The competition was held on 29th September, 2024 from 9.30 am onwards.

This competition was open to students from SLS Nagpur. We received participation from a total of 56 teams, each of which comprised of 3 members; 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher. Prior to the commencement of the competition, a workshop was conducted by Asst. Prof. Parth Sharma to acquaint participants with the basics of PIL Advocacy and Drafting on 3rd September, 2024 to prepare the students for the competition. The competition then worked in two rounds. Firstly, the teams were asked to take up a topic on their own discretion related to any public issue currently arising in the society, on behalf of a class of persons. The researchers of the teams were then required to draft their PIL on the chosen topic with the help of both the speakers. The respective PIL's were subsequently submitted in soft copy and hard copy submissions. Subsequently, the oral rounds commenced on the 29th of September, 2024. There were six respective oral rounds in each of the ten courtrooms. Each oral round was of a total of 30 Minutes, wherein the team had to present their pleadings in the court room based on the PIL they had drafted.

The event was evaluated by a panel of ten judges in ten respective courtrooms.

The panel included five external judges:

- Adv. Ayushi Dangre
- Adv. Abhishek Tripathi
- Adv. Sumedh Kadam
- Adv. Astha Sharma
- Adv. Bhumika Sarda

Additionally, there were five internal judges from the Faculty of Law at SLS Nagpur:

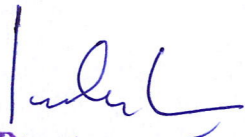
- Mr. Jimmy Jose
- Ms. Palak Otwani
- Ms. Kavita Sharma
- Mr. Parth Sharma
- Ms. Vaidehi Pareek

The teams were then evaluated on the following criteria; uniqueness of the topic, formatting/drafting skills, the arguments presented before the Judges, and, overall understanding of the draft so prepared.

Among the 56 participating teams, the competition Merit List which will be declared soon shall highlight the team ranking as per merit. This will also show who shall be eligible to partake in the “Bidding Process” to avail the opportunity to participate in External National Level PIL Competitions in the following academic year. In addition, the following awards will be awarded; Best PIL Draft, Best Speaker, Winning Team (1st Rank) and Runners Up Team (2nd Rank).

Overall, the 1st Intra PIL Drafting and Advocacy Competition was a valuable addition to the wide array of law-related events at SLS Nagpur. It provided students with an avenue to delve deeper into the complex field of Public Interest Litigation, helping them develop a better understanding of pressing societal issues and learning how to articulate these issues in a clear, persuasive manner while demanding equitable relief. This competition played a significant role in shaping participants' legal acumen and advocacy skills, equipping them to take on real-world challenges with confidence.




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