

# Moot Court team report

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The National Law School of India was set up with the aim of furthering excellence in legal studies and to enhance the level of advocacy in the country. And the victory of the Moot Court team of N.L.S.I.U. at the VIII All India Moot Court Competitions held by the Bar Council of India at Hyderabad in November 1988 is a fairly good measure of how far the achievement of this ambition is possible.

The team, ably represented by M. G. Poojitha and G. Natraj with G. Ramapriya as the researcher, by their scintillating performance and brilliant advocacy proved that the faith and confidence reposed in them by the Faculty and the Director of N.L.S.I.U. was not unfounded.

The competition consisted of four rounds of four different problems. The first round was on the Law of Contracts relating to warranties under the Sale of Goods Act. The National Law School team was pitted

against the more experienced team from Nagpur University. As the selection for the second and third rounds was based on the system of ranking, both N.L.S.I.U. and the Nagpur University team entered the sixteen teams in the second round. The problem here was on the Law of Tort relating to the duty of care owed to third parties. Once again the National Law School team faced the Nagpur University team and emerged victorious thanks to a concerted effort put in by Poojitha and Natraj.

The four teams selected for the third round were from Delhi, Bombay, Poona and the N.L.S.I.U. The problem was a PIL on Constitutional Law and was based on the Kaiga nuclear plant controversy. Due to the impassioned and skilled presentation by the N.L.S.U.I. team, the advocates of nuclear power, the Poona University team were defeated. The final round was International Law and was loosely based on the

question of repatriation of Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka to India. The contestants were the Bombay University and the National Law School teams. The round was keenly contested and the National Law School team were the victors.

It should be noted that, in the N.L.S.I.U., Constitutional Law is taught only from the third trimester onwards and International Law in the Fourth Year while the team were

1st Year students (second trimester) at that. Also, most of the other contestants were Fourth or Final year students.

This success would not have been possible but for the support of the Director and the coaching and assistance provided by the Faculty of N.L.S.I.U. who spent their valuable time teaching the team the skills of advocacy and the finer points of law involved in the problems.

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*It is a great ability to conceal one's abilities.*

— LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

*Intelligence is quickness to apprehend as distinct from ability, which is capacity to act wisely on the thing apprehended.*

— ALFRED WHITEHEAD