



THE MOOT SOCIETY
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ABOUT National Law University Odisha

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National Law University Odisha is one of the premier institutions providing legal education in India. Since its inception in 2009, NLUO has created a staunch presence as an institution providing best in class legal education. Being located in the judicial capital of the state of Odisha, NLUO has the privilege to be a part of the compelling legal lineage.

In the relatively short span since its establishment, NLUO has punched above its weight and has had a tremendous run in academic as well as co-curricular activities worldwide. The steadfast efforts of the student community have yielded noteworthy results across various domains, including consistently high performances in several competitions and active participation in prestigious national and international conferences and seminars. The liberal yet demanding academic culture coupled with the friendly environment has ensured that students are able to harness their full potential and contribute in the area of their choice.

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ABOUT The Moot Society

National Law University Odisha



The Moot Society is the official body of NLUO, which oversees mooting activities in the University. With an aim to promote a healthy mooting culture at NLUO, The Moot Society is determined to brandish the competitiveness of NLUO across the mooting fora worldwide.

The Moot Society enjoys the mandate to coordinate all aspects of the University's involvement with mooting, which includes organising the annual Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) for selecting students to represent NLUO in National and International moot court competitions; coordinating lectures and workshops by experts; and conducting informal discussions on a regular basis. Moreover, NLUO boasts a policy of extending financial assistance to students for participating in national and international level moot court competitions.





NLUO's Mooting Culture

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The University has a thriving mooting culture and the students of NLUO have an excellent record in several reputed moot court competitions, nationally and internationally. Teams representing the University have showcased noteworthy performance in International moot court competitions like Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot, Kings College London-HSF Competition Law Moot, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot amongst several other competitions.

NLUO has performed remarkably well in many national level moot court competitions including NUJS HSF National Corporate Law Moot, NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, NALSAR UNHCR Public International Law Moot Court Competition, Oxford Monroe E Price Media Moot Court Competition, Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot Court Competition and ICC Moot Court Competition . Students have received accolades time and again in some of the most prestigious moot court competitions.

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NLUO's FLAGSHIP MOOT

International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM)



Since its inception, the Moot Society has successfully organised eleven editions of its flagship moot court competition 'International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM)'. NLUO-IMAM is the first moot court competition in India and the third moot court competition in the world having maritime law as its principal subject matter. Maritime law was chosen as the subject matter considering Odisha's rich maritime history and tradition.

Over the years, NLUO-IMAM has seen splendid participation from teams representing premier law schools across India. Additionally, NLUO-IMAM also receives participation from several universities across the globe. The Moot Society hosts the most acclaimed judges in the field of maritime law and arbitration worldwide. NLUO-IMAM is prospering because of the quality and effort behind the Moot Propositions, the profile of the judges of the competition and the competitiveness displayed by the participating teams.



The 11th Edition of National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2024 (IMAM) – the flagship moot event of NLU Odisha, and one of the most prestigious Maritime Arbitration Moot Court Competitions across the country was organized from 14-17 March 2024. For the 11th edition of IMAM, we carried out successful collaborations with Bose & Mitra & Co. as our ‘Title Sponsor’; The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL), Swansea University, the United Kingdom as our ‘Strategic Partner, with Informa Law as our ‘Knowledge Partner’, SCC Online- EBC as our “Exclusive Media Partner” and the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) as our ‘Resource Partner’. The Awards for 11th IMAM 2024 were sponsored by Bose & Mitra & Co., and the Case Study for the competition was drafted by IISTL, Swansea University. This edition aimed to improve the whole experience by ensuring that the teams are met with a thought-provoking case study based on contemporary and developing aspects of international maritime arbitration.



The following teams qualified to participate in the oral rounds:

- Amity Law School, Noida
- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University
- National Law University Delhi Government Law College, Mumbai
- University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun (Jindal Global Law School)
- Kirit P. Mehta School of Law
- Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur
- Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai
- National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi
- National Law Institute University, Bhopal
- National Law University, Jodhpur
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi
- NALSAR, Hyderabad
- National Law University Delhi
- School of Law CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
- Symbiosis Law School , Pune
- Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
- West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, West Bengal
- University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun



Out of 20 teams participating in oral rounds, the following teams qualified for the knockout rounds:

- **Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University**
- **Jindal Global Law School**
- **Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai**
- **National Law School of India University, Bangalore**
- **National Law University Delhi**
- **National Law University, Jodhpur**
- **Symbiosis Law School ,Pune**
- **West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, West Bengal**

The following teams qualified further for the semi finals:

- **Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University**
- **National Law University Delhi**
- **National Law University Jodhpur**
- **Symbiosis Law College, Pune**



IMAM 2024 AWARDS

The 11th NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. IMAM concluded with National Law University Delhi and National Law University Jodhpur competing against each other in the Final Round. The Judges for the final round were **Aditya Krishnamurthi**, (Partner) Bose & Mitra, **Ashwin Shanker** (Partner) George Robello and **Joy Thattil**, Callidus Legal (Managing Partner)

The total prize money for the 11th edition of IMAM was Rs. 3,80,000. The following prizes were awarded during the Valedictory ceremony of 11th NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2024:

Winners: National Law University Delhi (*Prize Money - Rs 2,10,000*)

Runners-up: National Law University Jodhpur (*Prize Money - 90,000*)

Best Oralist: Mehek Shivnani , Symbiosis Law College, Pune (*Prize Money - 50,000*)

Best Memorial: National Law University Delhi (*Prize Money - 30,000*)



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NLUO'S ANNUAL Intra University Moot Court Competition



INTRA UNIVERSITY
MOOT COURT COMPETITION
NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

The Moot Society facilitates students' selections for representing NLUO in various national and international moot court competitions through the organisation of the annual Intra University Moot Court Competitions (IUMCC). Every student, irrespective of their year, can participate in IUMCC.

During its current tenure, The Moot Society conducted the 15th IUMCC in September 2023. There was participation from around 340 students from across the batches in the IUMCC.

The problem of 15th IUMCC was drafted by Mr. Satish Padhi and Mr. Jubin Jay, who are the alumni of National Law University Odisha. They work in a law firm based out of New Delhi.



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OPEN CHALLENGERS

**organised by The Moot Society
in the year 2023-24**

Apart from IUMCC, the selection of students to represent NLUO at various moots is also made through Open Challengers of the moot. In open challengers, all the teams willing to participate in the moot are made to contest against each other and the team having the highest scores represents NLUO in the moot competition.

To make sure that only the best teams represent NLUO in the moot court competition, the Moot Society ensures that the moot proposition and the judges for Open Challengers are at par with the standards of the moot court competition. During the present tenure of TMS, the conducted the following Open Challengers:

IAN FLETCHER INTERNATIONAL INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT 2024

The Round was judged by **Ms. Apurva Vats**, Associate at IndusLaw and **Ms. Khushi Bhardwaj**, Associate at IndusLaw.

17TH MONROE E. PRICE MEDIA LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Round was judged by **Mr. Omkar Hemanth**, Associate at Pravah Law and **Ms. Niyati Maheshwari**, Advocate at the Rajasthan High Court.

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON – HSF COMPETITION LAW MOOT 2024

The Round was judged by **Ms. Ananya Satish**, Associate at Trilegal and **Mr. Yaraschandra Devarakonda**, Associate at Saraf and Partners.

ICC MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

The Round was judged by **Ms. Deepika Hungenhally**, Independent Legal Practitioner at High Court of Karnataka.

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

The Round was judged by **Mr. Debarshi Chakraborty**, Advocate at Wadhwa Law Chambers, and **Mr. Suhel Altaf Qureshi**, Associate at AKS Partners .

OXFORD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

The Round was judged by **Ms. Sukriti Sinha**, Legal Counsel at e-commerce platform based in Dubai and **Mr. Parag Singhal**, Associate at Ahlawat & Associates.

WILLIAM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT (EAST) HONG KONG 2024

The Round was judged by **Mr. Yaraschandra Devarakonda**, Associate at Saraf and Partners and **Ms. Astha Ahuja**, Senior Associate at P&A Law Offices.

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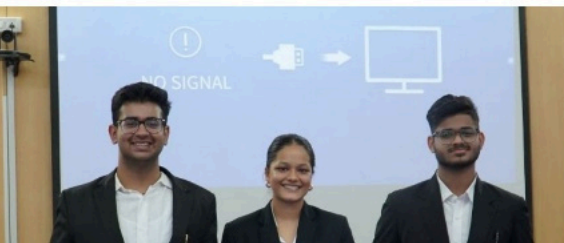
THE MOOT SOCIETY'S Training & Orientation Sessions for Junior Batches

The Moot Society was established to foster and promote a healthy and cordial mooting culture in NLUO. In furtherance of the same, during its current tenure, TMS organised various training and orientation sessions for students of NLUO.

In 2023, the Moot Society conducted the moot orientation session for the Batch of 2028 to familiarise the students with nuances of mooting and the mooting culture of the university. The session was taken by the members of Moot Society along with the other seasoned mooters of the university.

The Moot Society organised moot training sessions focusing on particular subject areas of the various moots. The session saw participation across all batches.





NLUO'S Mooting Achievements of the year 2023-24

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The mooting accolades of NLUO under the current tenure of The Moot Society are as follows:

S. No.	Moot	Citation	Team Members
1.	4th NALSAR UNHCR Public International Law Moot Court Competition 2024	Semi-Finalist	Raghav Pruthi, Sameer Goyal and Namrata Ghosh
2.	13th ILNU Antitrust Moot Court Competition	Semi-Finalist	Anshika Agarwal, Daksh Jain and Tanistha Mangaraj
3.	16th NUJS-HSF Moot Court Competition	Quarter-Finalists	Archisman Chatterjee, Puranjay Chawla and Vatsala Tyagi

4.	17th Oxford Monroe E Price Media Moot Court Competition 2024	Quarter-Finalist-	Deepshikha Bagauria, Deevyam Deepankar Dhal, Mandar Prakhar and Samridhi Bajoria
5.	Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot Court Competition 2023	Quarter-Finalists - World Rounds	Prateek Srivastava, Rae Kusumika, Rohini Roy and Varuni Aggarwal
6.	3rd CNLU-CCI National Moot Court Competition 2024	Quarter-Finalist	Dewansh Raj, Anushka Guha and Rahul Ranjan
7.	ICC Moot Court Competition 2024	Semi-Finalists - India Rounds	Sikta Dubey, Anwesha Mishra, Sparsha S., Arvinder Kaur, Divyanshi Mishra
8.	9th NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot 2024	Runner's Up and Best Memorials	Ujan Sarkar, Pratyush Singh, Siddharth Melepurath and Harsh Pandey

9.	7th Dastur National Tax Moot Competition	Quarter-Finalist	Vedant Sharma, Ansh Gupta and Tamanna Bahety
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