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National Law University Odisha (NLUO), commenced its academic journey in 2009 with the vision of imparting socially relevant and excellence-driven legal education. Over the years, the University has emerged as one of India's premier National Law Universities, recognized for its commitment to academic rigour, legal scholarship, and holistic student development.

Situated in Cuttack, the judicial capital of Odisha, NLUO benefits from a vibrant legal ecosystem that enriches both academic learning and practical exposure. The University fosters an intellectually stimulating environment that encourages innovation, critical thinking, interdisciplinary research, and professional excellence while remaining deeply committed to the ideals of justice and the rule of law.

In a relatively short span, NLUO has established a distinguished reputation in academics, research, advocacy, and co-curricular excellence. Its students have consistently excelled in national and international moot court competitions, negotiations, debates, and other prestigious forums, while actively contributing to conferences, seminars, legal aid initiatives, and scholarly research. Supported by dedicated faculty, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and a culture that values both discipline and creativity, NLUO continues to nurture future legal professionals who are equipped to make meaningful contributions to the legal fraternity and society at large.



THE MOOT SOCIETY



The Moot Society is the official body of NLUO entrusted with promoting and regulating the mooting culture at the University. Dedicated to fostering excellence in advocacy, legal research, and oral argumentation, the Society plays a pivotal role in strengthening NLUO's presence across prestigious national and international moot court competitions.



As the University's nodal body for all mooting activities, the Moot Society oversees every aspect of competitive mooting at NLUO. It organises the annual Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC), which serves as the primary selection process for constituting teams to represent the University at various national and international moot court competitions. In addition, the Society conducts orientation programmes, workshops, lectures, training sessions, internal challengers and interactive discussions with distinguished legal practitioners, academicians, and alumni to equip students with the skills essential for mooting.



Beyond training and selection, the Moot Society remains committed to cultivating a vibrant and inclusive mooting ecosystem by mentoring aspiring mooters and facilitating continuous skill development throughout the academic year. The University further reinforces this commitment by extending financial assistance to teams representing NLUO at recognised national and international moot court competitions, enabling students to compete at the highest levels and uphold the University's tradition of excellence in advocacy.

NLUO'S MOOTING CULTURE



The University has a thriving and competitive mooting culture that continues to distinguish it as one of the leading institutions for advocacy and legal research in the country. Mooting at NLUO is not merely a co-curricular activity but an integral part of the University's academic ethos, encouraging students to develop analytical thinking, persuasive advocacy, and practical legal skills.

Students at NLUO actively engage in rigorous preparation for moot court competitions, honing their skills in legal research, memorial drafting, and oral advocacy through continuous practice, and participation in internal selection rounds. The annual Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) and Intra University mooting championship (IUMC) serves as the primary platform for preparing teams to represent the University at prestigious national and international moot court competitions, ensuring that participants are well-equipped to compete at the highest level.

Over the years, teams representing NLUO have consistently demonstrated excellence across a diverse range of moot court competitions, including the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition, ICC Moot Court Competition, NUJS HSF National Corporate Law Moot, NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot, Oxford Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, and several other reputed national and international competitions. The University's teams have repeatedly secured notable finishes, individual speaker awards, and memorial accolades, reflecting NLUO's sustained commitment to advocacy excellence.



NLUO'S FLAGSHIP MOOT

13TH INTERNATIONAL

MARITIME ARBITRATION

MOOT 2026



For over thirteen years, the International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM) has stood as the hallmark initiative of The Moot Society and one of the most prestigious specialized moot court competitions in India. As India's first and one of the world's foremost moot court competitions dedicated to Maritime Law and International Commercial Arbitration, IMAM continues to serve as a distinguished platform for fostering excellence in advocacy, legal research, and academic discourse in this specialized field.



Over the years, IMAM has welcomed participation from leading law schools across India. Renowned for its intellectually rigorous moot propositions, exceptional standards of advocacy, and eminent panels comprising judges, senior advocates, arbitrators, maritime law practitioners, and leading academicians, IMAM continues to serve as a distinguished platform for fostering excellence in advocacy, legal research, and academic discourse in this specialized field.



The 13th Edition of the National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM) 2026, the flagship initiative of The Moot Society, was successfully organised from 13th to 15th March 2026 at the University campus.

The 13th edition was organised in collaboration with Bose & Mitra & Co. as the Title Sponsor, the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL), Swansea University, United Kingdom as the Academic Partner, Lloyd's List Intelligence, in association with Knowledge Trust, as the Knowledge Partner, the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad (IAMCH) as the Institutional Partner, SCC Online as the Resource Partner, and SCC Times as the Exclusive Media Partner. The awards for the 13th IMAM 2026 were sponsored by Bose & Mitra & Co. and the case study for this edition was drafted by esteemed Professor Andrew Tettenbron, Chair in Law, LLM Shipping & Trade; Professor Simon Baughen, Professor (Maritime Law), LLM Shipping & Trade and Professor George Leloudas, LLM Shipping & Trade, Swansea University, the United Kingdom.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from leading law schools across the country, bringing together some of the brightest young advocates to compete before an esteemed panel comprising judges, academicians, senior practitioners, arbitrators, and maritime law experts. Upholding its legacy of academic excellence, IMAM 2026 provided participants with an enriching platform to engage with intricate questions of maritime arbitration while fostering meaningful dialogue between academia and the legal profession. The successful conduct of the thirteenth edition further reaffirmed The Moot Society's commitment to advancing maritime law scholarship and strengthening NLUO's standing as a premier centre for advocacy and mooting excellence.



13TH INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ARBITRATION MOOT 2026 AWARDS



The 13th International Maritime Arbitration Moot, 2026 culminated in an intensely contested Final Round, showcasing exceptional standards of legal research, advocacy, and courtroom strategy. The Final Round was adjudicated by an esteemed Bench comprising Prof. (Dr.) Ved Kumari, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Odisha; Mr. Aditya Krishnamurthi, Partner, Bose & Mitra & Co.; and Mr. Joy Thattil, Managing Partner, Callidus Legal. Their invaluable insights and constructive feedback added immense value to the participants' learning experience and underscored the academic rigour of the competition.

Continuing its tradition of recognising excellence in mooting, the competition featured a total prize pool of ₹3,80,000. The awards were presented during the Valedictory Ceremony to honour outstanding performances in advocacy, legal research, and memorial drafting. The following honours were conferred during the 13th National Law University Odisha Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot, 2026:

Winners: National Law University, Jodhpur

Runners-Up: West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata

Best Oralist: Monojit Das (West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata)

Best Memorial: West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata



17TH INTRA UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026



INTRA UNIVERSITY
MOOT COURT COMPETITION
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The Intra-University Moot Court Competition (IUMCC) is the flagship internal competition organised annually by The Moot Society to identify the most deserving and competitive students for representing National Law University Odisha at prestigious national and international moot court competitions. Open to students across all academic years, IUMCC serves as the foundation of NLUO's competitive mooting culture by providing aspiring mooters with a platform to demonstrate their advocacy, legal research, and memorial drafting skills.

The 17th IUMCC, conducted in September 2025, witnessed an overwhelming response, with participation from nearly 400 students across various batches. Following the memorial selection rounds, the top 90 teams, comprising approximately 180 participants, advanced to the Oral Rounds, where they competed before an esteemed panel of judges. The competition culminated in the allocation of several prestigious national and international moot court competitions, including the NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot Court Competition and the National Law University Jodhpur Antitrust Moot Court Competition, among others.

The proposition for the 17th IUMCC was drafted by Mr. Debarshi Chakraborty (Batch of 2021), an Advocate practising at Wadhwa Law Chambers, and Mr. Pradeep Skandan (Batch of 2021), a practicing advocate in the High Court of Karnataka. Centered on writ jurisdiction and Contract Law, the proposition required participants to address complex questions relating to contractual obligations, challenging them to engage with nuanced issues of commercial law through rigorous legal analysis and persuasive advocacy.



2ND INTRA UNIVERSITY MOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026



With the goal of nurturing the mooting culture of the University further by simulating the experience at a safer and learning oriented level, The Moot Society re-introduced an Internal Championship, for junior batches. The Moot Society also collaborated with Prakant Law Offices, Delhi, and A Square Legal as the Academic Partner, who graciously offered internships to the winners, finalists and the Best Memorial team for the championship.

The participation as a mooter was restricted to first and second year students who had not participated in any national moots. However, to increase the interaction with senior mooters, they were asked to be the judges of the preliminary and quarter-finals, which saw tremendous participation.

The proposition was drafted by Mr. Sparsh Srivastava, mentor of The Moot Society. The semi-finals rounds were adjudged by faculty members who tested the legal nuances of arguments to ensure best participation in the finals. The final rounds were adjudged by Mr. Akash Kumar, Partner at A Square Legal & Dr. Tanwi Shams. The bench collectively had decades of experience in academics and practice of Criminal law and IT Law, the primary subject areas of the proposition.



INTERNAL CHALLENGERS & QUALITY CHECKS ORGANIZED BY TMS

- ▶ 18th NUJS-HSF Kramer National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, 2026
The rounds were judged by Mr. Abhinav Singh Chauhan and Mr. Divyansh Bhardwaj
- ▶ Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (MLSLMCC) 2026
The rounds were judged by Mr. Parth Agrawal
- ▶ 30th Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2026
The rounds were judged by Mr. Arjun Natarajan
- ▶ 24th John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, 2026
The rounds were judged by Ms. Swastika Chakravarti
- ▶ King's College London, HSF Competition Law Moot, 2026
The rounds were judged by Ms. Shinjini Mitra
- ▶ Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (East), Hong Kong, 2026
The rounds were judged by Mr. Darshit Sidhabhatti and Ms. Shaivi Shah

INTERNAL CHALLENGERS & QUALITY CHECKS ORGANIZED BY TMS

▶ *Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2026*

The rounds were judged by Mr. Vegadarshi K, Mr. Udipto Koushik Sarmah & Mr. Arkaneil Bhaumik

▶ *XIX Edition of the NLS–Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, 2026*

The rounds were judged by Mr. Yasaschandra Devarakonda, Ms. Rose Maria Sebi, Mr. Darshit Sidhabhatti, Mr. Prajjawal Shrivastav and Mr. Lakshya Sharma

▶ *Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2026*

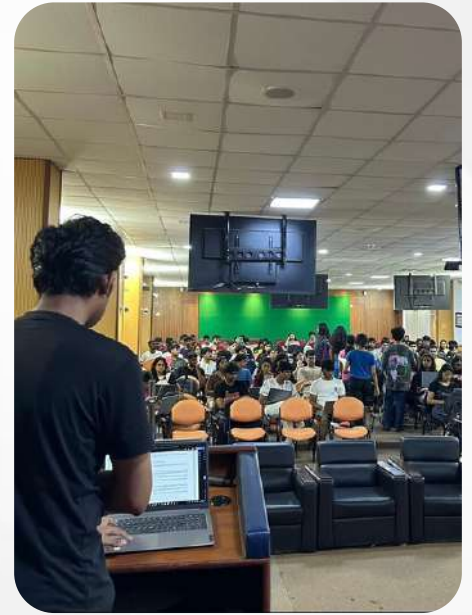
The rounds were judged by Ms. Varuni Agarwal and Ms. Kavya Lalchandani

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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 2026, the Moot Society conducted the moot orientation session for the Batch of 2030 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 (25-26)

S. No.	Name of the Moot	Citation	Members
1	3rd Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition, (HIMCC) HNLU, 2026	Runners-up & Best Speaker	Anagha Ramachandran, Kumkum Banthia & Siya Ganatra
2	18 th NUJS-HSF KRAMER National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition 2026	Best Memorial	Asutosh Pattnaik, Vighnesh Kumar Sharma, & Sachin Dubey
3	18th NALSAR- Justice Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition at NALSAR, Hyderabad, 2026	Best Researcher	Parikshit Panigrahi, Vishesh Khanna & Kirti Sinha
4	9th GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 2026	Best Researcher	Maitri Khurana, Shivani & Nandini
5	ILNU – NHRC Moot Court Competition, 2026	Best Memorial	Guru Kasoudhan, Partha Pratim Das & Sangjam Chakraborty
6	XV INLU-CCI Anti-Trust Moot Court Competition, 2026	Best Memorial (Respondent) & Quarter-Finalists	Aryan Panda, Divya Laxmi Satapathy & Sadgamaya Kudapa



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S. No.	Name of the Moot	Citation	Members
7	6th Themis National Moot Court Competition, 2026	Semi-finalists	Aarohee Purohit, Hanshika & Saumya Joshi
8	9th Dastur National Tax Moot Court Competition, 2026	Semi-finalists	Manya Bansal, Poorna Mishra & Sparsh Agarwal
9	1st NLIU-NHRC National Moot Court Competition, 2026	Quarter-finalists	Anunay Bhardwaj, Harkirat Makkad & Priyanshi Mukati
10	5th CNLU CARCIL National IBC Moot Court Competition, 2026	Quarter-finalists	Hiteshi Chugh, Sneha Agrawal & Pranjal Pradhan
11	Ramiah International Arbitration Moot Court Competition 2026	Quarter-finalists	Archita Deshpande, Divyansh Jha & Tushar Kamath



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S. No.	Name of the Moot	Citation	Members
12	27th DM Harish Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026	Quarter-finalists	Annika Narang, Pari Parijaat Patnaik & Vedanta Suryavanshi
13	23rd Surana & Surana and JSS Law College Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, 2026	Quarter-finalists	Akshata Sharma Panya Prasad & Yatushi Chauhan
14	14th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2026	Octa-finalists	Geetika Shukla, Kuhoo Garg & Sharvil Mishra
15	XVII NLUJ Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2026	Octa-finalists	Adwaith Krishnan AS, Arnab Raj & Snehan Pandey
16	16th M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2026	Octa-finalists	Himadri Adhikari, Annindita Ray & Abhyuday Alok Saxena

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