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Subject: Outcome in all your endeavours : 1st National Moot Court Competition ALS, AUH - 01-03 April 2016

Respected Vice Chancellor sir,

1. Kindly refer your mail dated 16 March 2016.

2. Amity Law School organised the 1st National Moot Court Competition from 1st – 3rd April 2016. Minute to Minute programme of all three days is enclosed as Attachment-I to this Mail. SCC online and Eastern Book Company were our knowledge partners and sponsored prizes worth Rs. 1,80,000/- and Stationery for Participants and Judges. Despite being the first ever Moot Court Competition being organised by us, we got a handsome response from 38 Teams. Due to last minute commitments, 05 teams could not come and finally 33 Teams participated. Each Team comprised of 3 students, two being Mooters and one Researcher. The details of all participants is available with ALS for any future reference.

3. As is known, a Moot Court is an artificially created court wherein an atmosphere is created of an actual court in the class-room where students, posing as lawyers, research and prepare a given hypothetical case and then argue it as if arguing an actual case on behalf of their clients.

4. The Moot problem for the afore-stated competition related to the powers of a Governor vis-à-vis State Legislature. The Competition was inaugurated by Lt Gen KM Seth, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), former Governor Tripura and Chhattisgarh and presently on the Board of Directors of RBEF. We couldn't have asked for a better Chief Guest, the General Officer having been a Governor and handled such situations. In this inaugural speech, Gen Seth, while dwelling upon the powers of the Governor, shared his vast personal experience with the students and emphasized on the fact that a Governor is not a mere Rubber Stamp but the Constitutional Head of a State and functions within the four walls of the Constitution of India. He even entertained and answered various questions raised by students and Faculties. A profile of Lt Gen KM Seth, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) is enclosed as Attachment-II.

5. After intense and well contested Preliminary, Quarter Final and Semi-Final Rounds which were judged by 34 Judges being Practicing lawyers and Faculties of various Law Institutes, National Law Institute University, Bhopal and University School of Law & Legal Studies, Dwarka, Delhi, reached the Final Round. The Bench for the Final Round comprised of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sunil Hali, Former Judge of Allahabad High Court and Member (Judicial) Armed Forces Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute and Mrs. Jyoti Singh, Senior Counsel. The profiles of these three Judges are enclosed as Attachment-III to this Mail. NLIU Bhopal were declared Winners and USLS, Dwarka were Runners-Up. The Winning Team Comprised of :

- (a) Akash Yadav
- (b) Prateek Singh Tomar
- (c) Ranjan Pathak

The Runner-Up Team comprised of :

- (a) Hardik Aggarwal
- (b) Varun Malhotra
- (c) Pragya Kureel

6. In addition to the above, the under-mentioned participants were adjudged :

- (a) Prateek Singh Tomar, NLIU, Bhopal, Best Mooter.
- (b) Saumya Kapoor, CLS, Faculty of Law, Delhi, Best Researcher
- (c) Shradha Arora, Piyush Goyal & Nishit Shah, CNLU, Patna, Best Memorial

7. Following prizes, with the approval of Hon'ble Chancellor sir, were awarded :

(a) **Winners.**

- (i) Trophy and Certificate.
- (ii) Cash Prize of Rs. 30,000/-.
- (iii) SCC online subscription worth Rs. 60,000/- (Rs. 20,000/- each).

(b) **Runner-Up.**

- (i) Trophy and Certificate.
- (ii) Cash Prize of Rs. 15,000/-.
- (iii) SCC online subscription worth Rs. 60,000/- (Rs. 20,000/- each).

(c) **Best Mooter.**

- (i) Trophy and Certificate.
- (ii) SCC online subscription worth Rs. 20,000/-.

(d) **Best Researcher.**

- (i) Trophy and Certificate.
- (ii) SCC online subscription worth Rs. 20,000/-.

(e) **Best Memorial.**

- (i) Trophy and Certificate.
- (ii) SCC online subscription worth Rs. 20,000/-.

(f) All other Participants were given Certificates.

8. We were very fortunate that while the Semi-Final rounds were in progress on 03 April 2016, Hon'ble Chancellor sir paid us a visit. He desired to and attended both the Semi-Final Rounds, going on simultaneously, for about 15 minutes each. Thereafter, he was kind enough to address all the students of ALS and the Participants in the Moot Court Room of ALS. He shared his views of how lawyers can improve dispensation of justice and reduce litigation. He was extremely happy with the efforts put in by ALS in organising this Competition at National level. He gave his blessings to all the participants and wished the best to win.

9. During the Valedictory Function held after the Final Round, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Director ALS and our honoured Judges, Mr. Justice Sunil Hali, Prof. (Dr.) MK Sinha and Mrs. Tyoti Singh addressed the gathering at B-Block Auditorium. The visiting dignitaries shared their personal experience in the field of law and stressed upon the need for the students to work hard and strive to become good lawyers. They felt that events like Moot Court Competitions teach the art of advocacy to students and thus give them the practical knowledge in their field.

10. **Way Ahead.** This being the first National level competition organised by ALS, we have taken some lessons out of it. In future, we will be better geared up to organise such events at an even larger scale. As suggested by you, we will prepare Moot Proposal having more than one problem. We will also explore the possibility of organising International Competition. With the field of law, in our Country, gradually opening to settling of international disputes, we need to widen our horizon and prepare students accordingly.

With profound regards

Maj Gen PK Sharma (Retd)