

Moot Court Society – Report 2019 – 2020

The MGCL Moot Court Society is engaged in promoting moot activities among students by popularizing moot events through intra-class moot competitions and encouraging them to attend external moot competitions. In the year 2019-2020, student enthusiasm for the above activities continued and in addition a few training sessions were also organised. On December 15, 2019, an awareness class on moot was conducted for all interested students in college. The guest speaker for the event was Advocate Vishwajith, an experienced mooter and alumnus of SILT, Kottayam. He is currently practicing at the High Court of Kerala. At this awareness class Adv. Vishwajith led students through the basic process of moot and the important dos and don'ts on moot. The class was attended by more than 100 students from MGCL.

Following this awareness class, an internal moot problem based on a constitutional law issue was released to the students. The students were advised to work on the problem and return for an oral round in respect of the problem in January 2020. More than 60 students from across various batches participated in the internal moot competition and were judged by senior teachers at MGCL for their performance. Participants who qualified the internal round were declared members of the newly reconstituted Moot Court Society for the year 2020-2021.

The first event organized by the newly reconstituted Moot Court Society was an enrichment class on Constitutionalism and the Indian Constitution in February 2020 followed by a Manupatra training class for mooters the same month. The class Constitutionalism and the Indian Constitution held on February 19, 2020 was an expert lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Vikraman Nair to help students appreciate the constitutional issues in moot problems.

Some of the accomplishments of the Moot Court Society in 2019-2020 are described further. MGCL students managed to secure notable achievements in two moots that they participated, namely the KLA 29th National Moot Court Competition and the Surana & Surana, CUSAT, SLS Dr. A.T. Markose Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2020.

A team consisting of Kavya SS, Ashwathy (BA., LL.B, 10th Semester), and Haira (BBA., LLB, 7th Semester) participated in the KLA Moot Court Competition. This team was awarded the **2nd Best Memorial** in this competition. The participants for the Surana & Surana Moot were Anna Philip, Stephanie Sharon and Haira (7th/8th Semester students). In this prestigious competition on the legal intricacies of gene editing, our students' memorial was adjudged the **4th Best Memorial**.

Students also participated in various client counselling competitions too. Simi Varghese and Serafina Illayas distinguished themselves as a winning team by securing the first place in Nomikos Polemos Client Counselling Competition hosted by Government Law College, Kozhikode (2019). The same team also went on to be Runners Up in the 1st Online Client Counselling Competition hosted by World Cyber Security Forum and Law Central (2020).

A number of others MCS members prepared and participated in competitions. Some of these competitions were unfortunately interrupted/cancelled due to COVID but the enthusiasm and hard work of the students to make a mark for themselves in mooting and allied competitions is appreciable and will hopefully bring many more results in future.

REPORT

MOOT COURT TRAINING WORKSHOP-PROF. MANOJ KRISHNA, KERALA LAW ACADEMY, TVM

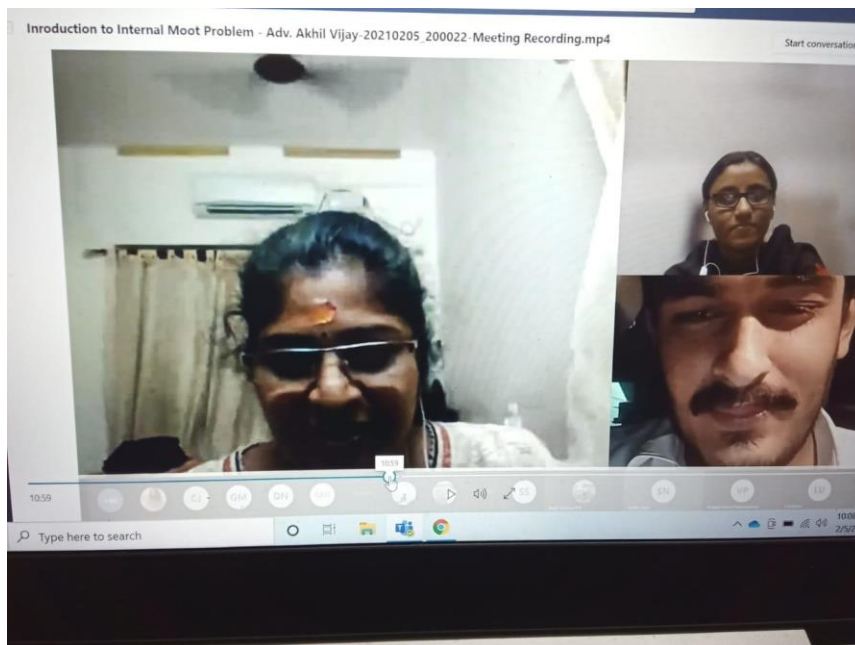
29th January 2021

An online moot training workshop was conducted at Mar Gregorios College of Law by Prof Manoj Krishna from the Kerala Law Academy, who is well versed in this training activity. Totally 104 students from first semester to tenth semester attended the training class to develop their mooting skills. The lecture mainly focused on the definition, importance and scope of attending moot competitions. The platform of the online training class was Microsoft Teams.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNAL MOOT PROBLEM-ADV AKHIL VIJAY, KOTTAYAM BAR ASSOCIATION

5th February 2021

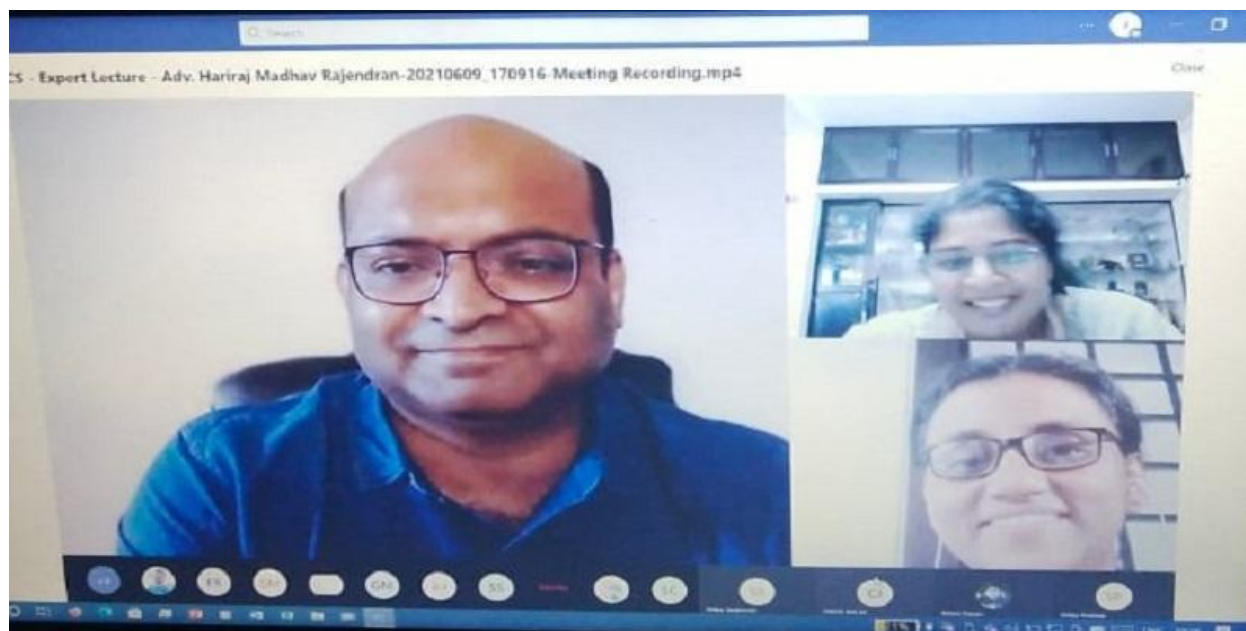
A briefing session was conducted by Adv.Akhil Vijay in respect of the internal moot court competition. The session dwelt on the skills that the mooter should develop to understand the problem and research on the same. The speaker also discussed the strategies that a mooter could use during the orals. The session was attended by more than 100 students.



MARATHA RESERVATION ORAL PRESENTATION

June 9, 2021

Moot Court Society of the College organized an expert lecture analyzing the impact of the Maratha Quota Judgement on reservation. The speaker was Adv. Hariraj Madhav Rajendran, a lawyer practicing service law in various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. The lecture described the judicial response to reservation since Independence and dwelt upon the significance of the Maratha Judgement in particular. There was an enthusiastic response from the student 30 participants.



Following the webinar, the students were asked to submit a write up on the Maratha reservation judgement. Later, the members were divided into groups of four to discuss the facts, arguments of the petitioner, arguments of the respondent and the decision and reasoning of the judgement.

Our moot court society members were asked to attend the webinar conducted by Government Law College, Kozhikode on June 6th 2021 where the main focus of the webinar was Article 16 of the Constitution of India.

LEGATHON DEBATE COMPETITION

The Moot Court Society of our college had organized an online debate competition for our students, related to the topic dowry death, from 20th July to 26th July. The online Competition was held on Microsoft teams and twenty-four teams had registered for the competition. Registration to the competition was open from 11th July to 16th July. The competition was held in three rounds, which had consisted of a preliminary round, a qualifying round, a semi final and a final round. The preliminary round was an extempore round where eight teams had qualified for the first round.

‘Property Right in the Marital Home : Is the law biased?’ was the topic for the first round of the debate competition and four teams were qualified to the semi finals. The semi final round was held on the same topic as in the first round.

‘Practice and Problem of Dowry - Need for legal reforms ‘ was the topic for the finals. Anandapadmanabhan (BBA 5th semester), Arjun V Nair (BA 5th semester) bagged the first position in the competition . Noyal Susan Saju (BBA 2nd semester) , Divya Mariam Saji (BBA 2nd semester) bagged the second position.

Reshona Bernard (BBA 2nd semester), K K Mathew Vaidhyan (BBA 2nd semester) had secured the third position.

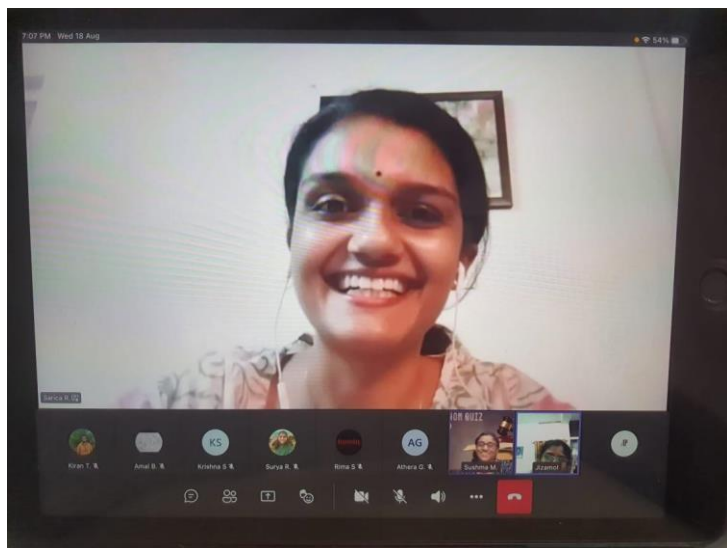
LEGATHON QUIZ COMPETITION

The Moot Court Society has organized an online Quiz Competition for our students on the topic ‘Maratha Reservation ‘ and forty students of Mar Gregorios Law College had participated for the quiz competition. Registration for the quiz competition was from 21st July to 28th July. The quiz competition was held in two rounds , a qualifying round and a final round. The qualifying round was conducted on 30th July through Google forms and out of forty participants , six participants were qualified for the finals. The finals was conducted on 31st July on Microsoft Teams . Gifty Maria Mathew has bagged the first position and Mahima Merine Reji had secured the second position. Kiran Tom has fastened the third position.

Debate Training for Moot Court Society Members

18th August, 2021

In order for students to develop better familiarity with debate competitions, a special training session was held for Moot Society Members. Advocate Sarica Ashok Reddy, was the resource person for the session. She observed an internal debate competition between the members of the Moot Court Society and advised them on how they could improve their skills in debating.

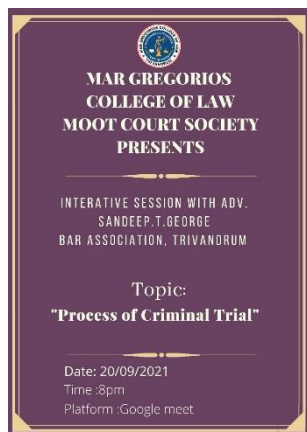


RELEASE OF MOOT COURT SOCIETY RULES

September, 2021

Moot Court Society Member were selected through various moot and debate events. All those who qualified in these events were declared members of the moot court society. The MGCL Moot Court Society Rules and Regulations was drafted, finalized and released for the benefit of all moot society members.

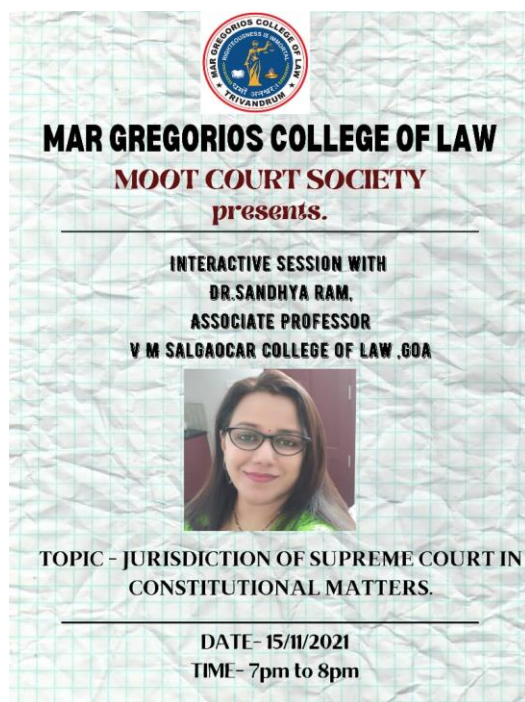
Process of Criminal Trial – Workshop with Adv. Sandeep T. George



September 20, 2021

A workshop with Adv. Sandeep T. George was organized in order to introduce students to the process of criminal trial and to gradually encourage them to participate in criminal trial advocacy competitions. The program was well attended by more than 50 students who interacted well with the speaker.

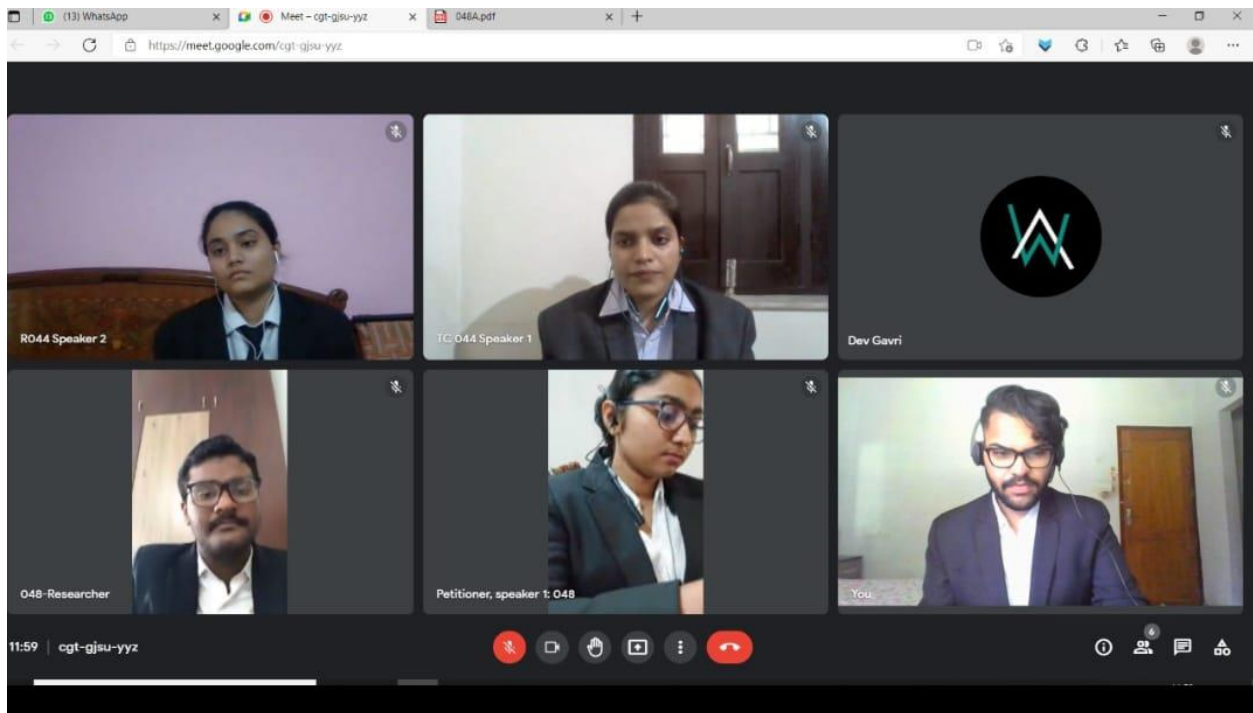
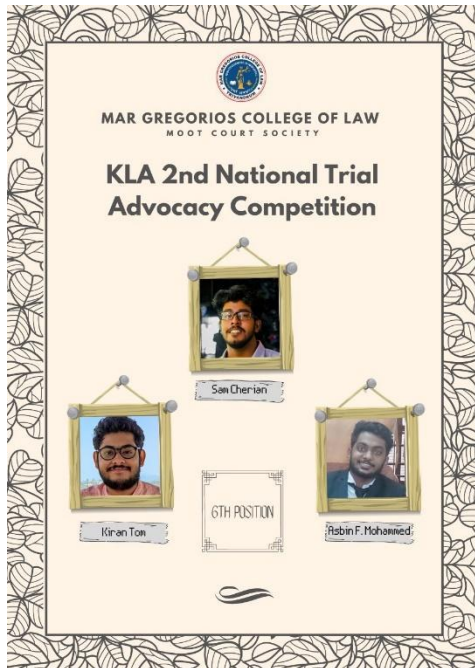
Interactive Session on Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Constitutional Matters by Dr. Sandhya Ram, November 15, 2021

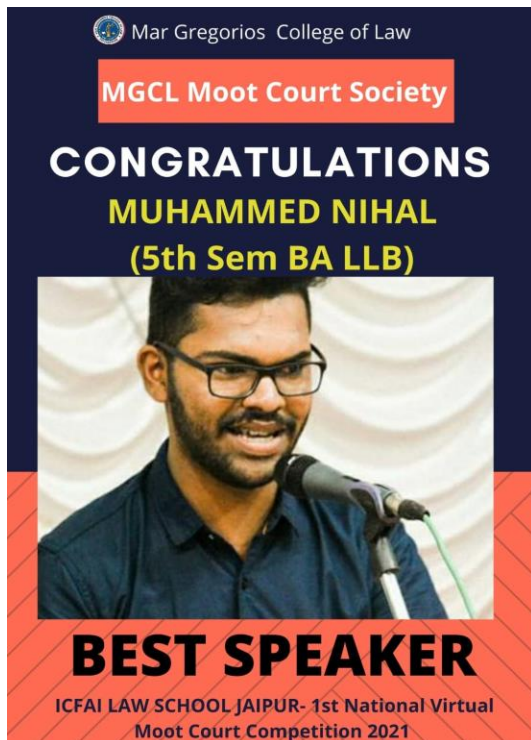


The class gave an excellent overview of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in constitutional matters. The students enjoyed it thoroughly since it covered fundamental concepts of judicial review and the relevant articles and how the concept of judicial review comes alive in mooting.

Participation of MGCL Students in External Competitions

1. GLC, Ernakulam Mediation Competition - Shilpa Sanjeevan, Shilpa Pradeep, Faaiz
2. ICFAI 1st Virtual Moot Court Competition – Mohammed Nihal, Athera Gopan, Arjun V. Nair
3. Central University of Kerala, Department of Law 1st Moot Court Competition - Ananthapadmanabhan, Surya, Mohd. Riyaz
4. Amity Moot Court Competition - Mahima Merin Reji, Athulya Ponnachen, Seemati Bridget Savio
5. KLA ADR Competition – Namita Ann Biju, Abhirami Anil, Aleena Joshy
6. KLA Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition – Asbin Karim, Sam Cherian, Kiran Tom
7. KLA Client Counselling Competition – Amrita Padmakumar & Ashlin
8. 20th T. S. Venkateswara Iyer Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy All India Moot Court – Aleena Johnson, Gayathri R.M., Immanuel Shiju
9. 12th National Moot Court Competition by Christ University – Christa Jai, Amal V Bhas, Nandita Pradeep
10. MAIMS National Moot Court Competition, 2021 – Rima S. Nafeesa V., Gifty Maria
11. Sharada University 2nd Anand Swaroop Gupta National Moot Court Competition – Reshona Bernard, Divya Mariam Saji, Noyal Susan
12. Llyod Law College Moot – Govind Vaidayan, Bhagyalaksmi, Krishna S.





Internal Sessions with Moot Court Society Members

Monthly we organized several meetings with moot court society members to coordinate moot activities, plan external and internal events .

Appreciation to Moot Participants for their excellent performance in external moot events.