

First Best Practice

Title of the Practice: “*Mooting arte*” The Art of Mooting

Objectives: The success in legal profession is achieved only when one knows to argue well and write well.

The *mooting arte* aims to enhance the mooting skill amongst the students and prepare them for the future prospects of court proceedings.

The objective is to-

- Provide students an opportunity to improve their oral and writing skills
- Solving problems through intense research
- To enhance the knowledge of law and practical learning.
- To enhance student’s communication, language, leadership, drafting and organizing skills.

The Context:

Clinical Courses are designed by the Karnataka State Law University and they are the integral part of legal education system. The art of mooting strives to enhance the professional and communication skills of students.

Through moot court activity various essential skills are inculcated in the young budding lawyers and it teaches students to think legally which is fundamental to practice law and also a necessary element in dispensation of justice. Learning to draft a legal document in regional and English language becomes essential when once they start to practice. In this regard ‘learn to write’ involves not only improving their writing skill but to frame question and answer them in both the languages.

The Practice: The College has constituted moot court committee comprising faculty and student members. It aims to train the students in the art of mooting. The purpose of the committee is to facilitate and regulate the mooting activities in the college. This aims to harbour research interest, mould and sharpen the techniques of communication and their drafting skills.

Every year the committee plans to conduct and send moot court teams to various State/National level moot court competitions. The college provides

monetary support to the teams participating in the competitions by paying registration fee, transportation charges, documentation, food and other relevant charges.

College organizes moot problem drafting competition, inter-class trial advocacy, inter-class moot court competition and inter-class client counselling competition, mock parliament (Model United Nations). These activities have always extended positive impact on students by giving them exposure to ground realities and thereby improving their advocacy skills. Through these competitions students are trained to draft, refer case-laws, present their arguments and follow the court courtesies. This has also improved their research skill which is the base to start legal profession. The teams which excel in these competitions at college are sent to participate in the State/ National level moot court competitions.

The college also gives importance to clinical courses which are the part of regular academic subjects like Professional ethics, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Drafting, Pleading and Conveyancing along with moot court activities. Final year students should compulsorily visit advocate's chamber, prepare reports of cases, client interview and also regularly visit regular courts, consumer forum and industrial tribunal/court to observe court proceedings which is helpful to the students to develop their argumentative and presentation skills.

Evidence of Success: *'A good practice is the key to success'*. It is the best of all instructors. By giving exposure to students through various moot court activities, a positive change in the overall personality of students is observed. Students have regularly participated in various State/National Level Law Fest; Moot Court Competitions organized by other institutions and have given their best performance thereby enhancing our college's identity. In the last five years the rate of students participating in the moot court activities has enhanced and few instances where they have excelled are-

2017-18

- Mr. Devanad secured an award of Best Advocate Male in National Level Moot Court Competition organized by G.K Law College Hubballi on 23rd-25th Feb 2018.
- On 2nd and 3rd March 2018 KSLU organized State Level Kannada Moot Court Competition where our students Shashank, SriramAangeerasa and

Chandan of IInd Year B.A, LL.B participated and qualified for Quarter Final Rounds.

- Our college team participated in National Level Moot Court Competition organized by Vaikunta Baliga College of Law on 7th -9th April 2018 had. Chethan.V participated in the event and secure third place in Legal Quiz.

2018-19

- On 5th – 7th April 2019 KLE Society's Law College, Chikkodi had organized Kannada Moot Court Competition. MsDeepika.N, Shilpashree and Baby Keerthana had participated in the event and were placed as Winners in the competition.
- Ms. Shravya Sagar won 1st Prize in Judgment writing Competition at National Level Moot Court Competition organized by VaikuntaBaliga Law College on 5th – 6th April 2019.

2019-20

- On 23rd & 24th November 2019 Devanand, Shashank and Tejaswini Hegde participated in 7th Kannada Moot Court Competition organized by KSLU, Hubballi and secured first place in the event. They secured best memorial and Devanand secured best male advocate prize.
- Our college student Mohammed Ameen secured Best Researcher Award in Second All India Moot Court Competition organized by Vivekananda Law College, Puttur on 21st -23rd February 2020.

2020-21

- On 10th to 11th July 2021 Karnataka State Law University had organized State Level 8th Kannada Moot Court Competition (online). Our college students Devanand.N , Shashank H.S of Final Year B.A,LL.B and Baby Keerthana of Final Year LL.B 3years participated in the event. The team qualified for quarter final rounds.
- On 8th to 11th July 2021 BMS Law College, Bangalore had organized BM Sreenivasaiah Memorial 6th National Moot Court Competition (Online). Our college students Sharavya Sagar, Sharon Jenifer of Final Year B.A, LL.B and Varshini N of IVth Year B.A, LL.B participated in the event.

The team qualified for quarter final rounds.

2021-22

- From 7th -9th April 2022 VBCL, Udupi had organized Advocate P. Shivaji Shetty memorial 6th National Moot Court Competition. From our college Varshini.M, Final year B.A,LL.B, Maheshwari.M, IVth Year B.A,LL.B, Anushe Fathima IInd year B.A,LL.B student participated and were placed as Runners Up in the event with cash prize of Rs 15000/-
- On 12th – 14th August 2022 Lex Ultima was organized by SDM Law College, M'lore. Our college students Gokul H.R, Gowravashree from IVth B.A,LL.B and Vikas.K from IInd B.A,LL.B and Vibhali from Ist B.A,LL.B (5yrs) participated in the event. Gokul H.R, Gowravashree secured **First Place** in Client Counseling Competition.
- On 20th & 21st August 2022 KSLU International Law Competition was organized. Our college students Varshini.M Vth B.A,LL.B (5yrs), Maheshwari M IVth B.A,LL.B (5yrs), Sajin IIIrd B.A,LL.B (5yrs) participated in the event. Maheshwari M secured Best Lady Advocate Award in this event.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

‘Good practice always encounter with various hidden constraints’. But some of the noticeable constraints are-

1. **Motivating the students-** most of the rural students lack exposure even at the primary level and in this regard it is herculean task to motivate them to come forward and participate in moot court activities.
2. **Paucity of Time:** Students are unable to completely devote their time for preparation due to other academic activities.
3. **Proper resources-** limited access to National/ International Journals/ books have made students to be reluctant to take up the task.
4. **Knowledge of various subjects-** students lack knowledge on various subjects as they are not part of their academics and in this regard the coordinator and faculty members have to spend extra time with the teams preparing for competitions.

Further to boost the confidence in students, the objectives of moot court committee, its functions and the outcome of taking part in such activity are regularly explained to the students through meetings and training programmes organized. Senior students who have experience in mooting motivate them by sharing their experiences, giving tips for preparation and research. This has eventually motivated students and has also created interest in them to participate in the competitions.

Second Best Practice:

Title of the Practice: “*Donatio Sanguinis*” Blood Donation to Save Life

Objectives: Blood is the most precious gift which anyone can give to save the life of another person. It doesn't come with the tag of religion, sex, caste or creed. A decision to donate blood can only be to save life.

The objective is to-

- Serve humanity and save life.
- Creating awareness about health and benefits of donating blood thereby removing the myths and misconception about blood donation.
- Organize blood donation camps at college.
- Provide support and identify donors among students so that required blood is available on request.

The Context: The concept of blood donation has always been in demand and led only in case of emergency. Even the most well educated people perceive that it is to be done when asked or when there is a need. Today, in the developing world there is a need to link youth with various campaigns and activities which serve the society at large. In this regard students should adopt community based service like creating legal awareness, legal aid and also to save life when in need. Blood donation not only helps those who are in need of it but also maintains the health of those who donate. The objective in this regard is to inculcate the youth of our country:

- Awareness on the care of their own health and that of others.
- The understanding and acceptance of civic responsibilities and acting accordingly with humanitarian concern, to fulfil the same.
- To make them understand and accept civic responsibilities, and act accordingly with humanitarian concern.
- To enable the growth and development of a spirit of service and sense of duty with dedication and devotion in the minds of youth.
- To foster better friendly relationships with all without any discrimination.
- Encourage community service through training and education

- Disseminate the seven fundamental principles of Red Cross and Red Crescent movement through activities that encourage the Red Cross ideals.

The Practice: The College has constituted Youth Red Cross Committee which intends to regulate and supervise the activities, events in the college and with the object to facilitate such activities in the best possible ways.

Blood donation camps are organized annually in college campus and many students donate blood. Blood group checking will be done and rare blood group donars are identified.

Students are provided with the certificates as a token to honour their service to society and also encourage them to donate blood not only during emergency but with regular intervals to maintain their health.

Students also donate blood when patients or their relatives from nearby KR hospital seek college assistance for identifying donars of required blood group.

Evidence of Success: Give blood and save life is very idea of implementing this practice, which has been successfully carried forward by the college from past several years by the Youth Red Cross Committee. Many rare bold group donars are identified and contacted not only by outsiders or nearby hospitals but also by our own students and faculty members during emergency. Any such requirement of blood donars is shared in WhatsApp group consisting of students and faculty members. NSS team also takes care of this task of reaching out to community service when in need. Some of the initiatives taken by Youth Red Cross & NSS team in last five years are as follows-

2017-18

- On 8th Nov 2017 Blood Donation Camp was organized Youth Red Cross Committee & HDFC Bank, Mysuru under the banner “Donate Blood, Be a Life Saver”.
- On 5th March 2018 Dr. Girija, Smile Dental Clinic, Kuvempunagara, Mysuru had organized free dental checkup camp for students.
- On 19th April 2018 Free Eye Testing Camp was organized for students and faculties by Netradhama.

2018-19

- On 31st October 2018, Blood Camp was organized by The Youth Red Cross Committee, Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru in association with Jeevadhara Blood Bank, Mysuru, National Service Scheme of VVLC, Lions Club, Mysuru and HDFC Bank, Mysuru.
- From 27th – 28th March 2019 health checkup camp was organized for students and staffs.

2019-20

- On 24th September 2019 special lecture on significance of blood donation and blood donation camp was organized. Prof Mahadevappa, Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society spoke about importance of Youth Red Cross.
- On 5th October 2019 Inauguration of Red Cross, Scouts & Guides, NSS Unit and Blood Donation Camp was organized.

2020-21

- On 30th June 2021 Free 1st & 2nd Dose of COVID Vaccination programme for students/staff was organized.
- On 6th July 2021 NSS & Youth Red cross Unit organized free RTPCR test & COVID vaccination camp

2021-22

- On 22nd October 2021 Free 1st & 2nd dose vaccination drive for students was conducted.
- On 29th & 30th June 2022 free eye camp was organized in association with Vasan Eye care, Mysuru at Moot Court Hall.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

1. **Keep Track/Record of Donars & Blood Group-** it is very difficult to keep track of student donars donating blood to nearby hospitals when contacted during emergency. Rare blood group donars are contacted by

respective organizations who conduct blood camps. They rarely contact college for meeting any such requirements.

2. **Good response but limited donation-** Many students volunteer to donate blood during camps and emergency but are rejected due to various health issues, especially the girls' students have always been rejected for donating blood for being underweight and during the menstrual cycle.
3. **Chances of Misuse by agents-** students who donate may not be informed about who require blood and for what purpose? Here there may be chances of misuse which may not serve the needy.

The nearby hospitals are required to give information about any such student donars who donate blood and in this regard NSS officer at college monitors any such blood requirements through the team of students (NSS Volunteers). Students are contacted to donate only after checking the genuinity of the source seeking blood.

There is also a need to have a Health Care Centre in the campus providing basic and common services to students and also keeps the update of a directory of voluntary donars so that the required blood is available on request.