



## **Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala wins The 15<sup>th</sup> Raj Anand Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition**

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**New Delhi, August 27, 2016:** India's leading Intellectual Property Firm, Anand and Anand in a collaboration with Vidya Intellectual Property Foundation is back with the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Raj Anand Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition.. This year's problem was on 'Biologics and Patents' where 16 top colleges across India participated to win the prestigious competition.

To attract the widest range of talent, this year's competition was open-to-all law schools across India. In order to expose the participants to the practice of law in the real world, this year's format was modified to mirror actual court proceedings. The first round was a written round where the participating students submitted written pleadings (plaint and written statement). The problem was communicated to the students as a client's query providing details of the violation, requesting the students to prepare pleadings and documents as if they were to be filed in a court of law. The top 8 colleges ('the Litig8'), with teams comprising 3 students each, were selected on the basis of their pleadings to do battle in the oral rounds (2<sup>nd</sup> round) conducted on August 27, 2016 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Multiple intense rounds of competition, which witnessed some of the best preceding from the students, culminated in an exciting finale, where Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab was chosen as the winner.

Mr. Pravin Anand, Managing Editor, Anand and Anand said, "The Raj Anand moot court traces its history back to 1998 as one of the few quality moot court events in the country. The moot court has evolved in leaps and bounds with enormous participation from prestigious law schools across the country. This event has always brought in different forms of pleadings such as mock trial format, and this year bringing in a practical perspective towards court proceedings. The 2016 problem dealt with Patent laws and biosimilar products, and the judges kept the pleaders on their knees by constant grilling on procedural issues. It is essential how the participants must learn how to practice like litigants, how to address the judges and understand the nitigrities of law while advocating along with an understanding of the mechanism of the courts"

The Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan Singh addressed the audience and said " I enrolled in the bar in the year 1980, a time when this culture of mooting wasn't prevalent and all the present judges and Senior Counsels used to gather together and inspect documents, and how the present trend have changed."

The competition was also graced by His Honor Michael Fysh QC SC, Former Judge, United Kingdom who judged the final round along with Hon'ble Ms. Justice Mukta Gupta, a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court.

**For more information on the competition:** <http://ipmoot.org/intro/>