

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

11/06/2019- 18/06/2019

OBJECTIVE

School of Law, Christ University conducted the Student Orientation which aimed at familiarizing the newly inducted Christites of the LLB/ LLM course with the rudimentary modalities of the course structure, courseware, life and culture on Campus and for the same organized a week-long event.

The main objective of this Orientation Program was to bridge the gap between Higher Secondary School and life at University. The aim was to introduce the basic of legal studies to the students prior to the core law classes to assist the transition into Law School.

Tuesday – 11/06/2019

The Orientation week began on Tuesday, the 11th of June 2019, with the Orientation Programme at the Main Auditorium from 12pm to 2pm which was followed by the “ice breaking session” for the newly oriented students to let the students get to know each other better as well as a “treasure hunt” that was organized for them to know the campus so they could get around in the following week. There were various questions ranging from the best place to get a meal in the campus to which teacher was in charge of the Internships and Placement Committee! By the end of this session it seemed like the students were more familiar and comfortable with the atmosphere at Christ University as well as with their fellow classmates.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Wednesday – 12/06/2019

On June 12, 2019, the first event of the Orientation Programme began with industry professionals giving the newly inducted students an insight into the legal field and profession.



The invitees were:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sadashivam, former Judge at the High Court of Karnataka and a currently on the Panel of Arbitrators in the High Court of Karnataka
2. Ms. Neela Badami, Partner, Samvad Partners

Mr. Justice addressed the students on the aspect of how old school legal education differed from the modern-day legal education, how the development of law took place and the outlook of people from the two generations towards the legal field. He emphasized on the importance of litigation as a career choice and he urged the students to consider it.

He also spoke about the Judicial system in the Country and shared his experience as a Judge at the High Court of Karnataka.

Ms. Neela chose a different course of topic to address the students. She focused mainly on the aspect of life after law school and briefed the students about the various career opportunities available to students after they graduate. She went into the intricate details of all the various career options available to a student of law and gave a first-hand experience of working at a

Corporate Law firm. She appealed to the students and they were able to relate to her young enthusiasm and vigour.

Both the speakers sparked an interest in the students about various career options available to them and emphasized on the importance of certain subjects that needs to be given utmost importance during law school.

The event ended with a brief Question & Answer session with Ms. Neela Badami and the students were asked to report to their respective classes for the rest of the orientation programme.

SESSIONS

Wednesday – 12/06/2019

After the address, the sessions started. There was a brief introduction of all the students in each class where they introduced themselves and stated what inspired them to pursue Law. Following the same, there was a distribution of the handbooks and orientation kits to the students. The Mentors began with “Learning the Law”, “Introduction to the Legal Profession”, “History of Legal Education”, and “The Role of Lawyers in Society” which carried out till the afternoon.

Thursday – 13/06/2019

The sessions began on “How to Study the Law”, along with “The Nature of Law”, following which there was a demonstration of how to use the SCC online and Manupatra at the Sky View, where the students were taught how to use the online database and how useful it would be for research, which went on till afternoon, post of which the session dealt with “professional ethics and advocacy”. Towards the end of the day, a quiz had been organised at Sky View where all the classes competed with each other in a range of topics from legal questions to pop culture.

Friday – 14/06/2019

The session began with an exercise on Perception and the importance of perception for lawyers. Various exercises on reading, legal writing and research were also carried out in the

classes. The students were taken to the library and taught how the system works, how to find books/journals as well as to read and cite cases.

Saturday – 15/06/2019

The day was divided into 4 sessions of alumni address.

SESSION I: Priya Kale (Batch of 2011-2016)

Associate, Litigation Team at Dua Associates, Bengaluru.

Priya stressed on the importance of academic excellence and its requirement in securing a top University to pursue Masters in Law (LLM). She also advised students on how to ace CIAs, exams. She spoke on analytical skills required in the field of Law. She also spoke on career prospects in Litigation after Masters (Postgraduate) degree abroad.

SESSION II: Prashanth Shivdass (Batch of 2008-2013).

Advocate and founder of Shivadass & Shivadass Law Chambers, Bengaluru.

Prashanth started with the all-round development of a Law student and critical thinking. He addressed the nuances of Litigation and setting up an own independent practice. He extensively spoke on the entrepreneur skills required in a Law student. He also spoke International Law as a career prospect. The Q&A session was highly interactive, and he stressed on making use of the unique opportunities and facilities that the University is providing.

SESSION III: Adhunika Premkumar (Batch of 2009-2014).

Senior Associate, Trilegal, Bengaluru.

Adhunika explained the skill sets required in Corporate practice and the nuances of Law Firm life and culture. She also emphasised the importance of research Publications in building a resume for internships, placements and Masters in Law. She also explained that there is no need of LLM to scale up in Corporate world.

SESSION IV: Kruthika Ravindran (Batch of 2012-2017).

Research Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research (CLPR), Bengaluru.

Kruthika explained the importance of mootng and provided guidance to research skills. She also oriented the students on career options apart from Litigation and Corporate and explained the advantages of working in a policy think tank.

Monday – 17/06/2019

The session began with a more in-depth focus on the law where interpretation of statutory enactments was introduced to the students. Following the same, there was a quiz on what had been taught so far in the class and legal maxims were introduced in the session along with legal writing.

Tuesday – 18/06/2019

The final day of the orientation had an introduction to all the committees of law school, where the Convenors of the committees introduced the first year students to the activities of each committee and what they could expect from it, motivating and inspiring them to take part in all law school activities- co curricular, extra-curricular and cultural. The day ended with an inspiring speech from the department coordinators formally welcoming the students to School of Law, Christ University.

It was a successful week, and the newly oriented students seemed thankful and grateful for being inducted into law school, and highly enthused to begin their five-year long journey.

Impact analysis:

The students were able to grasp from the thought-provoking orientation programme which gave them significant points to ponder over their five year of Law School Journey. They got acquainted with the regulations of School of Law and also that of the University. Uniqueness of Orientation handbook and other introduction kit materials is significantly admired by the students.

Interaction with Student mentors and alumni was rated to be the most informative part of the orientation. 98% of the students found the orientation programme to highly useful while the remaining 2% found it be just useful. Majority of the students in their feedback response suggested to extend the orientation programme for 2 weeks instead of just a week. While few suggested it to be over a span of 10 days so that it ends in a more productive orientation programme.

The main objective of this orientation programme which was to bridge the gap between Higher Secondary School and life at University was achieved. The students were also introduced to the basics of legal studies prior to the core law classes to make the transition into Law School a smooth one. Thus, the objective of the orientation programme was successfully achieved.