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From Millennials to Gen Z: Breaking into Legal Aid



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About the Committee

Legal profession has always been associated with a social change & this social change can be made by helping those who need it. The Legal Aid Committee aims to instill in the life of students a feeling of helping others in future. It also aims to help those who cannot afford the hefty price tag of lawyers to get an access to legal advice and assistance.

Legal Aid Committee of NMIMS School of Law, Navi Mumbai was formed on May 14, 2021. As a committee we have an aim to be an ally for the people who need legal assistance, expand our horizon and reach as many people as possible and make them aware of their legal rights. We highly appreciate the spread of legal awareness among the society by Students through their personal skills like art, acting, writing, etc.

One of the driving forces that we believe in is that each and every student, especially law student, should tap into their higher level of empathy and compassion as well as strengthen the conscious of moral center among students.. We firmly believe this can be achieved through various workshops, drives and awareness programs facilitated for better understanding through practical knowledge in the field of legal aid services.

As a committee our primary aim is to spread Awareness among students about Legal Aid Services and its ambit in achieving social justice for the underrepresented communities in the society. We strive to achieve Real time participation under the guidance of professionals and Connecting with real time professionals and learning under their supervision about legal aid services. There is an immense emphasis about how law works in real life outside the academic sphere, this avails students to familiarise themselves with ground level structure of the judiciary.

About the Event

The Legal Aid Committee of NMIMS, School of Law, Navi Mumbai has a twin mandate of spreading legal awareness and providing legal assistance to the socially and the economically backward sections of the society who face difficulty in accessing the judicial system. We believe in upholding the Constitutional ideals of Equality and Justice for all. As a committee, we believe to become an ally for the people who need legal assistance and also ensure them with a quality of legal assistance and expand our horizon to as many people as possible to make them aware about their legal rights.

As a first step towards our aim, the committee is organizing a two day event which will focus on the importance and urgency of legal aid and pro bono work in the society. As a law student, it is very important to know about the challenges faced by the common people and the lawyers in the legal world. It is also crucial to know about the various legal aid services available to avail this medium to those in need. As a committee we believe in spreading awareness of such significant legal aid mediums among law students as it is only with knowledge an individual can be of help to others. This awareness about the ground realities would inspire the budding lawyers to come up with innovative ideas that can reshape the legal system of India. With the help of our two very different and eminent speakers Adv. Disha Wadekar and Adv. Flavia Agnes, the committee would like to shed light on this aspect and enlighten the audience with their treasure of knowledge and experience.

Themes of Discussion

Day 1: Disha Wadekar

Talk of ProBono Lawyering

Introduction to Legal Aid

Personal experience with legal aid

How legal aid helps us as Lawyers

Day 2: Flavia Agnes

Legal Aid Journey of a Women activist in India

Evolution of Legal Aid

Challenges faced by people

**How Majlis has helped people
over the years**

Guest Speakers



Adv. Disha Wadekar
Supreme Court of India

Adv. Disha Wadekar is an advocate practicing in the Supreme Court of India. She has worked as an associate at the chambers of Sr. Adv. Indira Jaising on constitutional matters including the Sabarimala case and the Jarnail Singh case (reservation in promotions). Advocate Wadekar has also headed a legal resource center set up under a project by London School of Economics. Her work has involved representation in cases of campus discrimination, atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and custodial torture. Wadekar Ma'am has also represented victims of violence at Bhima Koregaon in 2018. She has previously worked as a Consultant Advocate for Project 39A at National Law University, Delhi, and Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi.



Adv. Flavia Agnes

Co-founder, MAJLIS

Adv. Flavia Agnes is our Hon'ble speaker for the second day. She is a legal scholar and women's rights lawyer who has been able to combine her legal scholarship with active litigation support to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Adv. Flavia Agnes started working in the field of women in law in the 1980s, at the start of the second phase of the women's movement, and has been a practicing lawyer at the Mumbai High Court since 1988. Her personal experience with domestic abuse led her to pursue a career as a lawyer for women's rights. She also advises the government on the execution of laws, and she is now advising Maharashtra's Ministry of Women and Child Development.

She is a co-founder of MAJLIS, which stands for "association" in Arabic and refers to a "legal and cultural resource centre" that advocates for and represents women on topics such as marital rights, child custody, and other legal matters. MAJLIS has offered legal assistance to 50,000 women, many of whom are impoverished, and counseled three times as many since its founding in 1990. She has authored and published several essays in publications such as Subaltern Studies, Economic and Political Weekly, and Manushi. Significant among her many publication is her autobiographical book My Story Our Story...Of Rebuilding Broken Lives, translated into several languages and its fourth edition.

Details of Registration

[Click here to register for the 2-day Workshop!](#)

**Attendance for the workshop is mandatory after registration.
Last date of registration is on 22nd July, 2021 (11:59PM)**

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