

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE

3RD SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION, 2018

GENERAL PROEM

The 3rd Edition of Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy, 2018, is sought to be dedicated to the fond memory of **M. Cherif Bassiouni**, popularly regarded as the father of modern international criminal law, who passed away on September 25, 2017. In his demise, the international community lost a world-renowned jurist and a dear humanist. Mr. Bassiouni's most potent contribution to the stability and welfare of the world lies in his work as the Chairman of the Drafting Commission of the 1998 United Nations Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court which paved the way to the adoption of the Rome Statute and creation of the ICC. The jurist has been cited with approval in most contemporary jurisdictions. As such, his rich and august legacy courses through the veins of international humanitarian law.

The theme of the 3rd Edition of the Competition is sought to be focused on issues pertaining to prosecution and reparation of crimes committed by Non-State Actors in the backdrop of proxy wars. The Problem also shall implore participants to deliberate upon the challenges faced by the ICC in exercising jurisdiction over pirates. Emphasis will be laid on the development of jurisprudence revolving around the concept of Transitional Justice and Victim Compensation.

Attempt shall also be made to explore possible avenues through which International Criminal Law may serve as a medium of reprieve to the refugee crisis that plagues the international community. Herein, inspiration is drawn from a series of world events, including but not limited to, the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in their interaction with the host nation. The purpose sought to be served through this Competition, *inter alia*, remains true to the founding principles of Symbiosis International University – **वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्** - The World is One Family. Our endeavour is to imbibe, harbour and encourage a spirit of harmony, mutuality and companionship among the world student community towards the apathy faced by the displaced refugee groups around the world.

All of the aforesaid is sought to be achieved through the agency of a Trial based on the Rome Statute and the governing Rules framed thereunder. The Participants will be expected to use procedural law in a manner consistent with the objectives of the side represented. Finally, the Competition, true to the standards established through the previous editions, shall seek to provide an optimum platform for a holistic engagement of students interested in the field.