



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Justice J. S. VERMA**

**ADVOCACY TRAINING AND MOCK TRIAL**

Organised by

**Centre for Criminology and Victimology (CCV), NLU Delhi**




We are proud to announce the Inaugural Justice J. S. Verma Advocacy Training Course and Mock Trial, organised by CCV NLU Delhi, Bar Human Rights Committee, and iProbono India, to be held at NLU Delhi, from 21-26 November 2019.


This programme is a unique International collaboration that will be delivered by leading Indian and U.K. lawyers, scholars, and judges. It offers an opportunity to improve students' advocacy skills, guided by the best. The course focuses on human rights, gender justice, and vulnerable witnesses.

No course fees.

Applications to be sent to [justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com). Applications are on a rolling basis – apply early to avoid disappointment.

Further details are as per the brochure attached below.



**INAUGURAL  
JUSTICE J S VERMA  
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY TRAINING  
& MOCK TRIAL**

**LEARN HOW TO EXCEL AS A HUMAN RIGHTS TRIAL ADVOCATE  
ADVOCACY EXERCISES INVOLVING VULNERABLE WITNESSES  
& GENDER JUSTICE ISSUES**

**ENROLLED STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MOCK TRIAL ON  
26TH NOVEMBER 2019 (FINAL DAY OF COURSE)**

**CERTIFICATE PROVIDED ON COMPLETION FOR USE  
IN INTERNSHIP AND JOB APPLICATIONS.**

**COURSE TAUGHT BY  
PIONEERING HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS, SCHOLARS AND JUDGES  
FROM INDIA & THE UK IN A UNIQUE NEW COLLABORATION.**

**INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM  
3RD, 4TH AND 5TH YEAR LAW STUDENTS**

**21st – 26th NOVEMBER 2019  
at National Law University Delhi, Dwarka  
Pocket 1, Sector 14 Dwarka, Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi 110078**

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## Course Objectives

The course provides students with a **unique opportunity** to hone the fundamental skills of trial advocacy that can make or break a litigation career in its early years.

Students will gain confidence in **trial advocacy, in handling vulnerable witnesses and in dealing with difficult issues of gender based violence in cases.**

The majority of Indian law students gain significant experience of mootng. However, **very few are able to demonstrate excellence in examination in chief, cross examination or legal speech making to future recruiters.**


There are also limited opportunities for juniors to appear in court in their own capacity in their early years. As a result, juniors can struggle to distinguish themselves from their peers, may struggle to obtain work in their early years and may struggle to build a reputation in litigation.

Litigators also struggle to identify juniors with the day-to-day advocacy skills needed when recruiting into their Chambers.

The course and certification offer the opportunity for students to **obtain unparalleled training and stand out from their peers in both India & London.**

Course is a highly selective and exclusive – maximum number of 25 students. **No course fees but commitment to attend on all days is required.**

The small course size will enable participants to **network with and obtain highly individualised feedback** from their trainers in a supportive environment. The course is designed to **increase confidence in public speaking and all students will be supported to become the best advocates they can be.**





## Course Programme

The course will run from **Thursday 21st November 2019 – Tuesday 26th November 2019**.

The timings will be **10am – 5pm daily**.

Students will be taught by **India's pioneering human rights jurists** in collaboration with barristers from **London's leading Civil Liberties and Human Rights Chambers** (Doughty Street), London's leading Human Rights NGO (JUSTICE) and a **specialist intermediary** for vulnerable witnesses.

Students will **obtain intensive advocacy training** throughout this time. Training will be through **multiple fictitious practical exercises** in Examination-in-Chief, Cross Examination, Speech Making and how to address the court.

Work will be in small groups. **Each student will be given the opportunity to practice advocacy skills**, obtain **individualised feedback & network** with leading Delhi based lawyers from India and London based lawyers in the UK.

Exercises will use **fictitious case papers in the context of gender justice, vulnerable witnesses and challenging global human rights issues** – in collaboration with iProBono. Teaching will be through a mix of demonstrations, discussion and role play.

Students implement the knowledge they have gained in a **Mock Trial on last day of course (Tuesday 26th November 2019) – judged by practising lawyers from the Indian Supreme Court and eminent judges**.

Course will also include **academic and critical seminars on Law, Power & Fairness, Ethical Challenges when Dealing with Vulnerable Witnesses & Intersectional Discrimination and the concept of 'Vulnerability' in Indian legislation**.

### Eligibility for Course:

The Course is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th year students, enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in a 5-year BA/LLB Undergraduate Law Course.

The Course is also open to all 3rd year students enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in a 3-year Post Graduate LLB Law Course.

### How to Apply:

A maximum number of 25 participants will be accepted.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Interested persons are therefore encouraged to apply as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

Please email your **resume / C.V. along with a brief statement (maximum 2 pages) outlining your reasons for interest in the course and how you think you may benefit from it**

to [justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com)

The organisers are happy to answer any queries from interested students. All queries should be emailed to: [justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:justiceverma.advocacy@gmail.com)

## The Organisers

The project is a continuation of the work of **The Justice Verma Committee** and its landmark **'Report on Amendments to the Criminal Law**. Justice Verma's family feel that the **most fitting tribute to his legacy** would be to **train the next generation of India's litigators to be amongst the best in the world in the context of human rights**.

In 2013, the **Justice Verma Committee Report** concluded that it was **necessary for advocates to properly conduct sensitive cases in order to achieve constitutional objectives of equality and Rule of Law**.

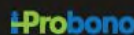


The Course is organised by The Centre for Criminology & Victimology at National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi). The Centre for Criminology & Victimology has been set up as a centre for advanced research, training, policy analysis and consultancy in the fields of criminal justice and victimology. NLU Delhi is a leading national law school in India. NLU Delhi prides itself on providing a first-class legal education that remains affordable and accessible to all. NLU Delhi believes in the need for breaking of barriers that prevent equal access to elite professions within India. NLU Delhi aims to instil a global outlook in the next generation of Indian lawyers.



The Bar Human Rights Committee is the independent, international human rights arm of the Bar of England and Wales. It is dedicated to promoting justice and respect for human rights through the rule of law.

BHRC has extensive experience of improving understanding and implementation of international human rights protections through public and targeted education, awareness-raising, and bespoke international human rights law training for lawyers, judges, magistrates, police, social workers, and civil society.



iProBono strengthens civil society, litigates for people in need and advocates for equal justice. It provides quality legal representation to those most in need of it.

