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# Lecture-24



## **CONCEPT OF MOOT COURTS**

In the earlier times, there was no concept of moot court and mooting when the law was taught in colleges etc. But due to the growing need and the development and advancement in the field of law and various interpretations as to the law was made the concept of moot court was started in the year 2012 by the joint operations of Essex Court Chambers and the Singapore Academy of law, so that the students who will become the backbone of the future law should have the practical and logical knowledge and implementation of law so that it should be easy as to when they start their career it is not difficult for them.

Moot Court basically means a replica of a real court where legal proceedings and trials take place and thus it is also known as a Mock Court where students who are studying law act as professional and take up all the responsibilities and duties according to their role to see their ability to think creatively and answer convincingly when questioned and show their oratory, writing and persuasive skills. Moot Court is a way a student is groomed as a proper lawyer. It is one of the modern methods of giving practical knowledge to the students by putting them in a hypothetical situation similar to that of a real court and then the two teams each on one side argue upon fictional cases and those questions of law with are debatable in reality and which have not been binded or are still the lawmakers are silent on some facts. Moot Court, now is one of the biggest and efficient sources from where people get the education and imbibe all the qualities and skill that a lawyer require.

## **IMPORTANCE OF MOOTING**

Mooting helps in the overall development of an individual as a good and proficient lawyer and participating in Moot Court Competition regularly makes a student familiar with the proceedings that take place generally in real courtrooms. Thus, the advantages of mooting are as follows:

### **A) Networking**

One of the important features of mooting is that it helps you to connect and socialize with so many people across the globe with whom you connect in the process of mooting. As students from different places and colleges come to represent themselves, it gives an opportunity to get the exposure to the outside world.

### **B) Researching and Writing Skills**

Participating in the moot court competitions helps you in enhancing your researching skills because it is your research on the basis of which you will be fighting your case and representing your side and it also helps you in framing a good moot court memorial on the basis of which the other team would raise objections and question you. This will also help in enhancing your skills as to how to adapt to prompt situations and how you tackle situations where you are at unease.

### **C) Building Confidence**

Mooting helps an individual to build his confidence in communicating and putting his view in front of the people. It helps a person to build his confidence to such an extent that he does not fear to question or to speak in front of anybody and can fight cases efficiently.

### **D) Practical Knowledge**

Mooting helps in giving the practical implication and knowledge to the students who are studying law in such a way which they will never find in the books and would be unaware of, as practical and theoretical knowledge are like two different sides of the same coin and to pass the hurdle you need to study both of them although both look same but are totally opposite in reality.

## **E) Team Work**

Moot court competitions take place in the school or colleges who organizes it and the various teams from different colleges come and participate in the event. The team comprises of 3 students with one as the researcher and the other two as the speakers presenting their arguments on either side. This teaches the students to perform well when they are together in as a team and analyze what are their strengths and weakness, how can they work upon them to achieve maximum efficiency. It also helps to work with people who are different from you and it also teaches how to coordinate with each other.

### **CAN MOOTING HELP YOU IN YOUR CAREER?**

Honestly speaking, Mooting is one of the most important things that help you in your career and your future growth as well. Mooting is one thing that inculcates a lot of habits and discipline that are requirements by many of the Law firms Recruiters and when a law student sits in a Job Interview, if your resume will display that you have done a different kind of moots then it will be very beneficiary as the employer will know that you have a good amount of knowledge in this field and you have experience and your chances of being selected will automatically go up. Mooting in today's generation is something considered to be one of the most important factors which everybody looks after because if you are a good mooter, people will consider you important and knowledgeable. Also the exposure you get in mooting helps you to easily adjust in your future jobs which is quite important.

## MCQ

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**1. Which one of the following is a function of police?**

- a. Conduct a fair trial
- b. meet the accused person
- c. Arrest the person
- d. All of these

Ans: (c)

**2. Which one of the following is a function of Defence lawyer?**

- a. Investigation
- b. Arrest the accused
- c. Cross examination
- d. Pass the sentence

Ans: (c)

**3. Define the term 'Impartial'**

- a. Pass a judgment
- b. the act of being fair & not favoring one side over other
- c. Fair trial
- d. None of these

Ans: (b)

**4. Define the term "Offence"**

- a. Any act that the law defines to be a crime
- b. Fair trial
- c. Passing a judgment
- d. Accused will put in jail

Ans: (a)

**5. All persons are equal before**

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- a. Judge
- b. Minister
- c. police
- d. Law

Ans: (d)

**6. Detention means :-**

- a. Praise given by the police

b. act of being kept in illegal custody  
by the police

c. Both (a) & (b)

d. None of  
these Ans: (b)



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