

Surana & Surana International Attorneys Foster Academic Excellence through MOU with TNDALU



The law firm Surana & Surana International Attorneys (SSIA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University's (TNDALU) School of Excellence in Law (SOEL) to promote legal and interdisciplinary research, training, and career opportunities for law students.

The MOU, signed on February 13th, 2024, aims to bridge the gap between legal academia and profession. It covers various collaborative initiatives between SSIA and SOEL, including merit-cum-need based scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each to selected SOEL students annually, two joint seminars/conferences every year on trending legal issues, an annual National Moot Court Competition sponsored by SSIA, research/consulting projects for students with SSIA, and facilitation of internships as well as recruitment of SOEL graduates by SSIA.

As per the MOU, SSIA will provide annual scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each to 5 SC/ST students, 5 BC/MBC/OBC category students and 5 female students from the open category to motivate them to pursue legal education. The candidates will be selected based on merit, need, extracurricular record and other criteria.

Additionally, every year SOEL and SSIA will jointly organize two seminars/conferences on new legal issues for the benefit of law students in Chennai. At least 8 top students and faculty members from all Chennai law schools will also be invited to these events to encourage diversity of opinions and networking.

SOEL will also host a National Moot Court Competition, sponsored by SSIA, on an emerging legal theme every year. The 3-day competition will aim to hone research, writing and oral advocacy skills of students from law colleges across India in a simulated court room environment under guidance of legal experts, judges and academicians invited as judges.

As part of the MOU, SSIA may also involve meritorious SOEL students in research or consulting assignments related to innovations in legal practice, public policy, etc. Further, internships and recruitment drives will be facilitated for SOEL graduates at SSIA.

The wide-ranging, future-focused MoU will greatly foster all-round development of legal talent by leveraging SSIA's over five decades of professional experience and SOEL Chennai's strong teaching expertise. With globalization and increasing regulatory complexities, such dynamic collaboration between legal education and leaders of the Bar holds the key for preparing law students to serve the society effectively as lawyers, judges and policy makers.