

National law university Delhi
In Collaboration with NLU Pro-Bono Club
(Nyaya Bandhu Pro Bono Legal Services)
An Initiative Under Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice
Offers
Advanced Course on Skills for Practicing Law
(06-10 February 2022)

About the NLU: The National Law University Delhi is among India's leading law universities, ranked second in the National Institutional Ranking Framework for the last two years. The University offers a five-year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and one-year LL.M. program, along with diplomas, certificate courses and professional programs for both legal and non-legal professionals. The University has made tremendous contributions to public discourse on law through research and pedagogy. As a leading institution of higher learning in India, the University continuously strives to adopt interdisciplinary approaches as part of its commitment towards high-quality education and research. This is evidenced in the mandate of its specialised research centres and the diverse work undertaken by its faculty. Over the last decade, the University has established many research centres such as the Centre for Communication Governance, Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition, Centre for Corporate Law and Governance, Centre for Criminology and Victimology, and Project 39A. And through its faculty, the University has made submissions, and recommendations, and worked in advisory/consultant capacities with government entities, universities in India and abroad, think tanks, private sector organisations, and international organisations.

About the NLU Pro-Bono Club:

The NLU Pro bono club is constituted to strengthen the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) program which is an initiative under the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice. The Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) is the Government of India's primary initiative to establish a framework for the dispensation of pro bono legal services across the country. Pro Bono Club (PB club) Scheme, has been conceptualized to strengthen the existing pro bono programme, by integrating law schools and students within its fold. The

primary objective of this scheme is to improve the efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance to pro bono advocates through competent law students. The NLUD pro-Bono Club has been established to provide assistance to pro bono advocates and practical exposure to law students. The objectives of the NLUD Pro Bono Club are:

- i. To improve efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance to pro bono advocates through law students
- ii. To instil in young legal minds their responsibility to the community by understanding and practising pro bono legal services for the unassisted and disadvantaged persons in the societies.

To achieve the above-stated objectives the pro bono club undertakes a series of activities. Conducting training for law students to enhance their skills for practising law is one such activity.

About the Course: National Law University Delhi invites applications from students pursuing LLB from any law school for an online, ‘Advanced Course on skills on Practising Law’ from 6th to 10 Feb 2022 at National Law University Delhi’s campus. The course is designed to offer an advanced inquiry into law practice skills, on themes which are scarcely included in regular curriculum and teaching-learning process. The course offers a practical understanding of the following tentative aspects:

- 1) Client Interviewing
- 2) Legal Problem Solving
- 3) Legal Research
- 4) Legal Writing
- 5) Persuasive Presentation.

The course will equip participants with a practical understanding of the above-stated skills for practising law and enable them to enrich their advocacy skills.

Details of the Course Eligibility: Students studying law from any law school can apply for this course.

Duration & Course Structure: The Course will be held over 5 days (06 Feb – 10 Feb 2023), with a total of 5 sessions, approximately 2 hours each day. As per the thematic agenda,

sessions will be held as lectures, group exercises and activities, as well as discussions. Participants will be given ample opportunity to engage and interact with course instructors and their fellow participants, to enable an environment of collaborative learning.

Course Instructors:

1) Margaret Phillip

Department Chair, Associate Professor Paralegal Studies

Daemen University, New York *Margaret Phillips, J.D., Associate Professor, Director of Paralegal Studies, Fulbright-Nehru Scholar.* As director of the Daemen College Paralegal Studies Program, Margaret Phillips oversaw the extensive evaluation process that led to the program being granted approval by the American Bar Association. It is the only ABA-approved college programs in the Buffalo Niagara region. Serving as a director since the program was established in 2011, Phillips has grown the program's offerings to include a bachelor's degree, a 21-credit undergraduate certificate for Daemen students, and a 21-credit post-baccalaureate certificate for those who already hold a four-year degree. She has also developed a service-learning course at Daemen that gives paralegal students the opportunity to work on refugee, family law, and housing issues. Phillips recently published a textbook on legal skills and has written articles on trends in undergraduate legal education and the legal profession in the *Buffalo Law Journal*, *Business First*, and the *Paralegal Educator*. Phillips clerked for a state appellate court before becoming a litigator, focusing primarily on civil matters. She was also a lecturer at the University at Buffalo Law School, where she taught research and writing to first-year law students, and developed a service-learning course that brought law students to New Orleans to work with public interest lawyers on Hurricane Katrina recovery. She earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Barnard College. After a brief stint as a program director at a not-for-profit in Brooklyn, she went on to earn a law degree cum laude from the UB Law School.

2) Dr Bharti Yadav

Assistant Professor of Law

National Law University Delhi

Dr Bharti Yadav has been a National Law University Delhi faculty since 2012. Her areas of interest and specialisation are Criminal Law, Research Methodology, Legal Aid and Clinical Legal Education. She has organised many international and national workshops and conferences on criminal law and clinical legal education at National Law University Delhi. She has also presented papers on various aspects of criminal law and access to justice at national and international conferences. Her research papers are published in many journals and books. She has also supervised a number of LL.M. students for their dissertations. She has been involved in prison administrative reform initiatives by conducting various empirical research. She has collaborated with Delhi Legal Services Authorities in various Legal Aid initiatives. She has been a resource person at the Haryana Institute of Public Administration in various training programs for HCS officers and law officers of Haryana. She has also been a resource person in many workshops and training programs organised by NLUD. Since 2015, she has been continuously appointed as an external member of the complaint committee against sexual harassment at the workplace of NABCONS and NABARD. She has contributed to e-pathshala and the MOOCs Programme of UGC by writing modules on various aspects of access to justice and coordinating the courses. She has also been a resource person for a live legal awareness program on the Gyan Darshan TV channel. She has offered seminar courses at the University of Wurzburg, Wurzburg, Germany in the years 2016 & 2017. She was invited by Justice Academy, Ankara, Turkey for addressing Judges and advocates on the art of cross-examination in the year 2017. She has presided over sessions on promoting justice education at international conferences of The Global Alliance of Justice Education in Turkey in 2015, Mexico in 2017 and South Africa in 2022.

Certificate: All participants will be awarded a certificate upon successful completion of the course.

Course Fee: Rs.5,000/-

Registration: Interested candidates are required to fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/ZrqPKLDA1mdm8cdw8>) with all the requisite details and complete the payment process to register for the course.

Last Date: The last date to apply for the course is 1 Feb 2023 (23:59 PM IST). Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Conditions:

- The course will be conducted online only.
- The application process is online, no physical applications sent by post will be accepted.
- Due to the limited number of seats and admission on a first-come-first-serve basis, interested participants are requested to register at the earliest.
- For enquiry, email at **skillcourse@nludelhi.ac.in**
