



**CLE MOCK PRE-TRIAL HEARING
EVENT**

2020 CLE Mock Pre-Trial Hearing
Report



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CLE MOCK PRE-TRIAL HEARING

Introduction

BABSEACLE, along with its partners, organized several virtual National CLE Mock Pre-Trial Hearing Workshops in a number of countries throughout the Asia region, including Singapore, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, during the months of October-November, 2020. These national workshops were organized to support and strengthen the Annual Asia Regional Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Mock Pre-Trial Hearing, held each year at the end of November or early December.

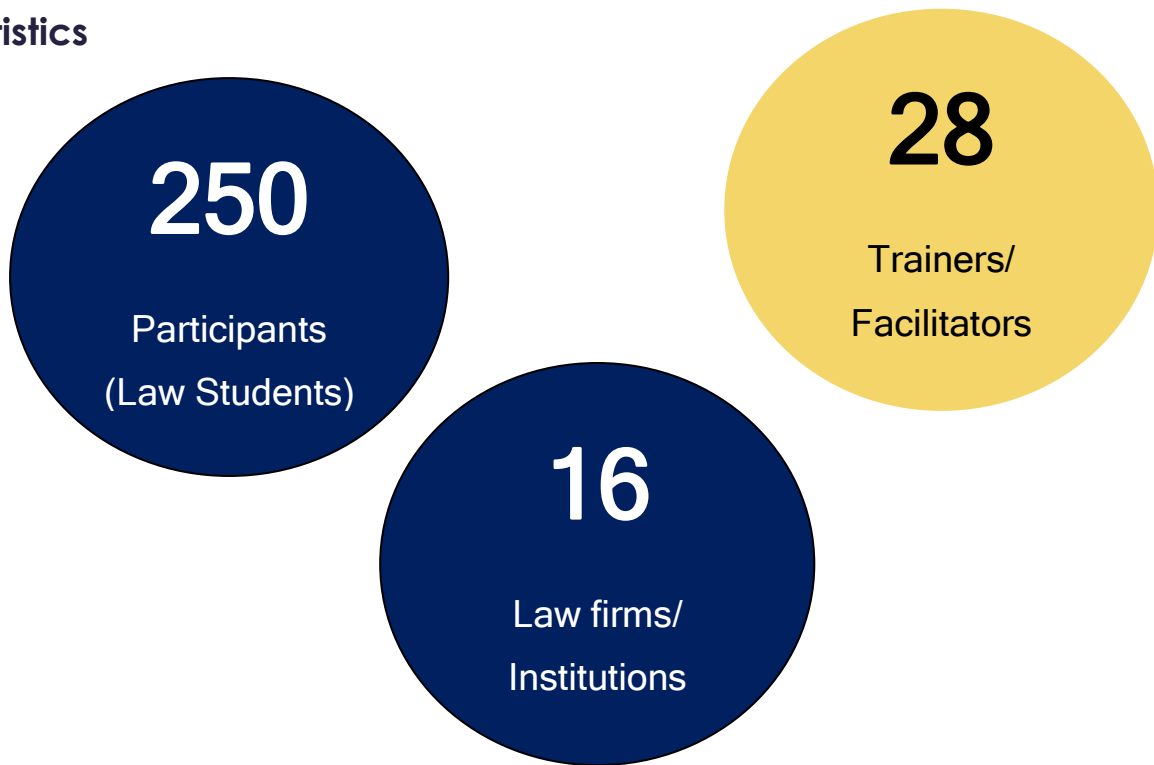
The training materials used in the National and Regional Workshops were initially co-developed by DLA Piper/New Perimeter and HSF and recently partially revised to be used for online training.

The mock pre-trial national workshops gave 250 law students an opportunity for practical experience in legal, analytical, and advocacy skills in a simulated courtroom and included a clear focus on access to justice, legal transparency, Rule of Law, and fair trial principles.








28 lawyers from DLA Piper/New Perimeter, HSF, White & Case, BABSEACLE, Lanna Lawyers, Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal Bar Association, Victorian Bar, The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, Law Society Pro Bono Services, Legal Circle, Nexalegal Asia, UNDP, ACSV Legal, The Asia Foundation, , and Asia Justice and Rights assisted as trainers during the workshops.



Statistics



Number of Participants

Country		Male	Female	Total
Bangladesh		14	11	25
Indonesia		4	15	19
Laos		23	13	36
Myanmar		15	35	50
Nepal		12	37	49
Singapore		8	12	20
Vietnam		11	40	51

Participants' university

Student participants are from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore and Vietnam. Below is the list of the universities.

University	Country
National University of Singapore	Singapore
University of Dhaka	Bangladesh
Pasundan University	Indonesia
Kathmandu School of Law	Nepal
Kathmandu University School of Law	
National Law College	
Mid West University School of Law	
Bright Vision Law College	
Lumbini Buddhist University	
Prithvi Narayan Campus	
Hue University	Vietnam
Foreign Trade University	
Trade Union University	
Northern Institute of Justice	Laos
National Institute Justice	
Champasak University	
National University of Laos	
Yangon University of Distance Education	Myanmar

University of Mandalay	Myanmar
East Yangon University	
University of Yangon	
Dagon University	
Sittway University	
Patheingyi University	
Taunggyi University	
Magway University	
Yadanabon University	
West Yangon University	
Pyaw University	
Monywa University	



REGIONAL CLE MOCK PRE-TRIAL WORKSHOP

Following the seven national workshops, approximately 15-20 students from each national workshop were selected to participate in a two-day virtual regional workshop on November 21st-22nd. This regional workshop focused on sharpening the previous national workshop's legal skills. Besides, developing participants' critical thinking on legal's ethics issues in the regional context. Selected students from this regional workshop then participated in the regional event, held virtually during the last weekend of November, and the final event was taking place on December 5th.

Steps and Time in the Pre-Trial Hearing

The pre-trial hearing is an application brought by the Defence for the purposes of having evidence of the prosecution excluded from trial.

Note the roles of the counsel for the prosecution and Defence must be equally divided.

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HEARSAY

Hearsay evidence:

- is indirect evidence;
- refers to what a witness heard someone else say; and
- is generally inadmissible.

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REGIONAL CLE MOCK PRE-TRIAL EVENT

The regional event was a great success. It was made up of 78 law students from 6 countries, assigned students to teams made up of participants from different countries. The students also had to change roles, serving as advocates and witnesses.

30 lawyers from the following institutions/law firms served as judges in the event

- ACSV Legal
- Ashurst
- Association Pro Bono Committee
- BABSEACLE
- BLAST
- DLA Piper/New Perimeter
- Drew & Napier
- HSF
- iProbono
- Iran Bar Association
- Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
- Kathmandu School of Law
- Lanna Lawyers
- Legal Circle
- Nepal Bar Association
- Nepal Bar Association
- Nepal Law Campus
- Nexalegal Asia
- Recovering Lawyer
- Royal Insititue for Global Justice
- Singapore Corporate Counsel
- The Law Society of Singapore
- Thomson Reuters Foundation/Trust Law
- Tilleke & Gibbins
- UNDP
- Vaxs Institue
- Victorian Bar
- White & Case
- 25 Bedford Row Chambers



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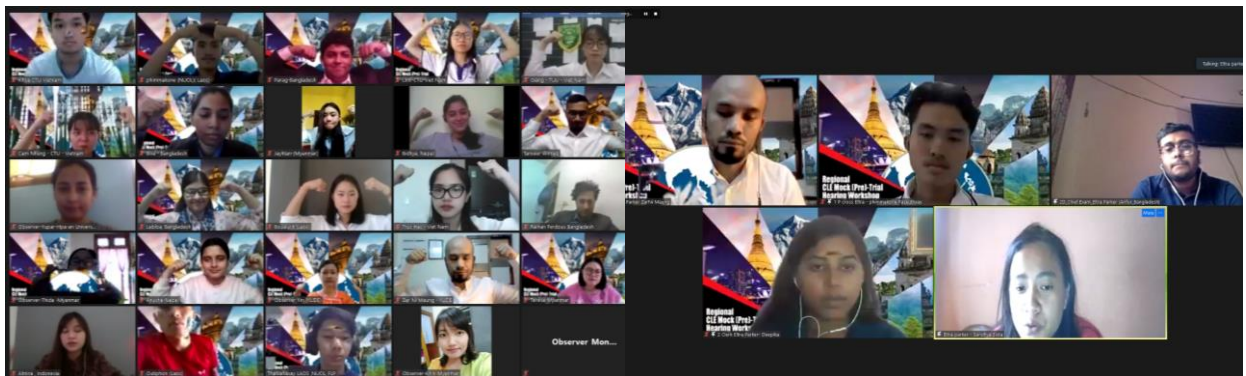
FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

“I've learned a lot regarding the procedural issues of a pre-trial and also the technique of evidence gathering and witness examination in a practical way.”

“I wish I could join some more sessions like that. It would be a great opportunity to get involved in such workshops and get to develop my skills to prepare myself so that I can contribute in access of justice.”

“It taught me that pre-trial motions can be important to protect the fair trial rights of the accused. While legal ethics was not a major focused of the program, certain tidbits of information was present throughout.”

“The most important thing that I've learnt from this workshop is that learning can be enjoyable and fun.”



FEEDBACK FROM TRAINERS

"The sessions were a great finale to the Mooting competition. Thank you for involving us!"

Melody Chan, White & Case

"Students were much enthusiastic, excited and demonstrated their ability."

Saroj Ghimire, Nepal Bar Association

"Congratulations on the training everyone! It was great! I thought the participants were very prepared, smart, interested, and wanted to be engaged. Wonderful! "

Andrew Valentine, DLA Piper

"Logistically it went very smoothly considering the format."

Herbert Smith Freehills lawyer

"Definitely a fun experience and would highly recommend it...Bruce and the BABSEACLE team were great"

Herbert Smith Freehills lawyer

"A great event!"

Herbert Smith Freehills lawyer

"I was very impressed by the student's hard work and level of advocacy."

Herbert Smith Freehills lawyer



2021 VIRTUAL CLE MOCK PRE-TRIAL HEARING

BABSEACLE will organize the 2021 Virtual National CLE Mock Pre-Trial Hearing Workshops and the 2021 Virtual Asia Regional CLE Mock Pre-Trial Hearing Workshop & Event again this year (between Oct-Dec). We are open to collaboration from individual lawyers, national law firms, universities, and other experienced persons in the global legal/justice sector to assist in training as trainers. Additional training support is encouraged and very welcome.

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