

# Law Teachers Conclave 2023-24



## Law in Motion: Adapting Legal Pedagogy in Times of Rapid Change

In the dynamic landscape of the legal profession, the pivotal role played by law teachers cannot be understated. As architects of knowledge, cultivators of critical thinking, and guardians of ethical values, they mould the future legal minds that will shape societies and justice systems.

The Law Teachers Conclave recognizes the significance of this role, and seeks to empower the educators to excel in their mission of nurturing the next generation of legal professionals.

The Conclave is not just an event; it's a movement to bring together law teachers from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and expertise onto a common platform, with the aim to foster professional growth, facilitate knowledge sharing, and offer networking opportunities.

The first edition of the Conclave focuses on Pedagogy.

Legal pedagogy, like the ever-evolving sphere of law itself, is not static. As societal norms, technological advancements, and legal frameworks undergo transformations, the manner and content of legal education must parallelly adapt. The conventional classroom setting is fast becoming outdated, necessitating a paradigm shift among educators. This shift involves adapting to new technologies, cultivating inclusivity, celebrating diversity, and redefining engagement strategies, all the while grappling with the challenge of shrinking attention spans.

It is our duty, as educators, to ensure that the next generation of legal professionals is not only well-versed in their field but also adept at navigating the complexities of the global stage.

This makes it imperative for legal educators to convene, recalibrate, and equip themselves for the future. The conclave will discuss the diverse and pervasive challenges, faced by legal educators in their ever-evolving roles. It will bring the voices of different stakeholders of the industry to share their views on Pedagogy, equipping the educators with a clear perspective what is working, what is not, what are the practical requirements, which helps them prepare students more effectively for the real-world. Last but not the least, in the Key Panel the senior educators will discuss the practices they've found most effective, the challenges they've encountered, and the innovative solutions they've developed in response.

Whether you're a seasoned educator or new to the world of legal teaching, there's something for everyone to take away

## 1. Chief Guest Address

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.R. Shah**  
*Former Judge, Supreme Court of India*



Hon'ble Mr. Justice  
M.R. Shah

## 2. Plenary Address

**Prof (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar**  
*Director, GNLU, Gandhinagar*



Prof (Dr.) S.  
Shanthakumar

## 3. Changing Paradigm of Legal Pedagogy – Navigating the Future Terrain

In an ever-changing world, the only constant is change, and legal education is no different. As we navigate the evolving currents of time, it becomes imperative to transform the methods of imparting knowledge to future lawyers, ensuring they remain agile and adept in a dynamic landscape.

### Key Note by Prof (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur

*Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune | Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Pune*



Prof (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur

## 4. Importance of continued learning for law educators in the context of evolving legal pedagogy

The dynamism of the legal field necessitates that educators don't just rely on their foundational knowledge but actively seek to expand and update it. As guardians of legal pedagogy, their commitment to continued learning ensures not just their own professional growth but also the holistic development of their students, preparing them for the multifaceted challenges of the legal world.

### Prof (Dr.) Shanthakumar In Conversation With Dr. Lalit Bhasin

*Dr. Lalit Bhasin: Managing Partner, Bhasin & Co. | President, SILF*



Prof (Dr.)  
Shanthakumar



Dr. Lalit Bhasin

## 5. Enlivening legal education: balancing the head and the heart

The session will explore the delicate equilibrium between intellectual rigor and empathetic understanding, fostering a holistic approach to legal learning that engages both the mind and the heart.

**Presentation by:** **Ms. Nupur Sinha**  
*Executive Director, Centre for Social Justice*

**Farhan Zia (They/ Them)**  
*Legal Empowerment Facilitator, Centre for Social Justice*



Ms. Nupur Sinha



Farhan Zia  
(They/ Them)

## 6. Best Practices in Legal Pedagogy: Insights from the Leaders

The session will delve deep into the reservoir of experience and wisdom that our panellists bring to the table. In this session, we will discuss the practices they've found most effective, the challenges they've encountered, and the innovative solutions they've developed in response. Whether you're a seasoned educator or new to the world of legal teaching, there's something for everyone to take away.

### Panel Discussion:

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice SG Shah**  
*Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat*

**Prof (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur**  
*Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune |  
Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Pune*

**Prof (Dr.) Purvi Pokhriyal**  
*Dean, School of Law, Forensic Justice &  
Policy Studies, NFSU, Gandhinagar*

### Moderated by: Prof (Dr.) Nidhi Buch

*Associate Professor, GNLU,  
Gandhinagar*



Hon'ble Mr. Justice  
SG Shah



Prof (Dr.)  
Shashikala Gurpur



Prof (Dr.) Purvi  
Pokhriyal



Prof (Dr.) Nidhi  
Buch

## 7. Bridging the Gap Between Academic Learning and Corporate Readiness: Session by General Counsel

This session will offer a unique vantage point, bridging the often-separated worlds of academia and industry. The insights from the GC's can guide educators on moulding a curriculum that not only imparts legal knowledge but also prepares students for the rigors and challenges of the practical legal world.

### Panel Discussion :

**Dr. Akhil Prasad**  
*Board Member, Group  
GC and CS, Boeing India*

**Ms. Ami Parikh**  
*General Counsel,  
Asian Paints*

**Ms. Manjaree Chowdhary**  
*Senior Executive Officer and  
GC, Maruti Suzuki India*

**Ms. Swathi Kamath**  
*Legal Head - South Asia & Lead  
Counsel APAC Procurement, DuPont*

**Moderated by: Prof (Dr.) Kiran Rai** *Associate Professor, MNLU Mumbai*



Dr. Akhil Prasad



Ms. Ami Parikh



Ms. Manjaree  
Chowdhary



Ms. Swathi Kamath



Prof (Dr.) Kiran Rai

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## 8. Harnessing the Power of Storytelling and Communication for Dynamic Classroom Engagement

The power of storytelling and communication lies in their ability to convey complex ideas with clarity and emotion, making them indispensable tools for effective teaching and connection, leaving a lasting impact.



Prof. (Dr.) Ruchi  
Tewari

### Presentation by Prof. (Dr.) Ruchi Tewari

Associate Professor, MICA, Ahmedabad

## 9. Best Practices in Teaching: Learning from other disciplines; Legal Pedagogy with Innovations

### Discussion by

#### Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan

Director General  
Pandit Deendayal Energy University

#### Dr. Mehul Shah,

Executive Committee Member,  
IMA – Gujarat State Branch

#### Dr. Kalpeshkumar L. Gupta

Founder ProBono India,  
Law Teachers India



Dr. S. Sundar  
Manoharan



Dr. Mehul Shah



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