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COMPETITION BROCHURE

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Drafting & Presentation Competition, 2026



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ABOUT NLIU



The National Law Institute University (NLIU), established in 1997 by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, is India's second National Law University. It offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs recognized by the Bar Council of India and the UGC. Known for academic excellence, NLIU emphasizes interdisciplinary legal education blending law with technology and policy. It publishes several reputed law journals and fosters research across various legal fields. The university is committed to developing intellectual growth, critical thinking, social responsibility, and leadership among students, making significant contributions to legal academia and national development.



ABOUT IALR

The Indian Arbitration Law Review (IALR) is an annual, student-run journal run by students from the National Law Institute University, Bhopal. Focused exclusively on arbitration law, the journal provides a platform for legal professionals, academicians, and students to contribute to and engage with evolving discussions in the field. Since its inception in 2018, IALR has quickly gained prominence, featuring long articles, short articles, case comments, and book reviews. It is published by EBC and indexed on SCC Online and HeinOnline, ensuring broad accessibility.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION



The competition will be conducted in two phases, providing participants with a dynamic platform to showcase both their written and oral advocacy skills in arbitration.

This year's problem statement has been drafted by **Mr. Nishant Doshi (Senior Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas)** and **Mr. Anirveda Sharma (Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas)**, and focuses on practical issues commonly encountered in construction arbitration disputes.

PHASE I: AWARD SUBMISSION

- The first phase will be conducted online.
- It begins with the announcement of the competition and the opening of registrations, which will remain open till 10th December, 2024. After the case record is released, participants will have to prepare and submit their drafts of an arbitral award.
- These submissions will be carefully scored, and based on the evaluations, 15-20 teams will be shortlisted to advance to the next phase. The announcement of the shortlisted teams marks the conclusion of Phase I.

PHASE II: AWARD PRESENTATION

- The second phase will be held in person at the NLIU, Bhopal campus. Shortlisted teams will participate in an elimination round, during which they will present their drafts in an oral format.
- Teams have the flexibility to choose their presentation style, but must focus on the content of their written submission.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION



- Judges and the audience may pose questions to the teams during the presentations.
- Teams will be judged on both their draft submissions and their ability to present their work, justify their arbitral award with legal reasoning, and respond to questions.
- The top four teams will advance to the final round, where they will present again. Based on the final presentations, teams will be ranked as the winner, first runners-up, and second runners-up.
- Detailed rule book will be released with the release of the case record.

PANEL DISCUSSION

During the offline phase of the competition, the judges of the advanced round along with other luminaries in the field of arbitration will engage in a panel discussion on the central theme of the case record.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open to all students of all years pursuing an Integrated 5-year LL.B. program, 3-year LL.B. program or LLM Postgraduate Degree Course from recognised Law Schools, Universities, and Institutions in India or abroad.

TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION



- 19 November 2025 : OPENING OF REGISTRATION & RELEASE OF COMPETITION BROCHURE
- 30 November 2025 : RELEASE OF PROBLEM STATEMENT
- 31 December 2025 : CLOSING OF REGISTRATION
- 07 January 2026: SUBMISSION DEADLINE
- 10 January 2026 : ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUALIFYING TEAMS
- 24 - 25 January 2026 : OFFLINE ROUNDS AT NLIU, BHOPAL

AWARDS & PRIZES



First Prize	Internship at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas Cash Prize of ₹55,000/- Free Manupatra academy course
Second Prize	Internship at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas Cash Prize of ₹35,000/- 75% discount on Manupatra academy course
Third Prize	Cash Prize of ₹25,000/- 50% discount on Manupatra academy course
Best Draft	Internship at Singapore International Arbitration Centre Cash Prize of ₹10,000/-
Best Presenter	Internship at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas Cash Prize of ₹10,000/-

OTHER INCENTIVES

- Publication of top 4 submissions on the IALR Website
- Certificate of Merit to all teams qualifying for Phase II
- Certificate of Participation to all participants.

REGISTRATION DETAILS



The teams may register by using the registration link herein and payment link at the following price herein:-

Phase I (Online Submission)

- Individual Submission- INR 550
- Co-Authorship- INR 800

Phase 2 (Offline)

- Individual Registration: Rs. 5500
- Team Registration: Rs. 8000

This shall be inclusive of all meals and accomodation.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/qqrB5UfALW9YNAT56>

Payment Link:

https://ums.nliu.ac.in/AccSoft_NLIU/MiscellaneousPayment.aspx

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