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ADR SOCIETY, CAMPUS LAW CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Presents

1ST ADR RESEARCH PAPER WRITING COMPETITION, 2026

**Theme – Contemporary Challenges in International
Commercial Arbitration in India**

In Association with

Corporate Legal Partners, New Delhi

About the Competition:

1st ADR Research paper writing Competition on “**Contemporary Challenges in International Commercial Arbitration in India**” attempts to provide a platform to the law students for expressing their views on various aspects of International Commercial Arbitration and recent developments taking place across the globe and in India which effects the Indian position. The sub-themes/topics of the competition ensure to provide global relevance and encourage the participants to analyze and convey their thoughts and probable solutions on these areas.

About University of Delhi:

Established in 1922, the University of Delhi stands as one of India's most prestigious central universities in India. Situated in the heart of the national capital, it has served as the intellectual crucible for generations of leaders who have shaped India's legal landscape, governance structures, public policy frameworks, and civil society institutions. The University has consistently maintained its position at the forefront of higher education in India, fostering critical thinking, academic rigour, and social responsibility. Its contribution to nation-building through quality education remains unparalleled across diverse disciplines.

About Campus Law Centre:

Established in 1924, the Campus Law Centre (CLC) is the founding institution of the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, and stands as one of India's most prestigious centres for legal education. With a legacy spanning over a century, CLC has consistently shaped the intellectual, professional, and ethical foundations of the Indian legal system. The Campus Law Centre fosters an atmosphere of intellectual inquiry, professional discipline, and public service, encouraging students to contribute meaningfully to the rule of law and constitutional governance. As a cornerstone of the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Campus Law Centre continues to uphold its commitment to excellence, access, and social responsibility, remaining a beacon of legal scholarship and leadership in India's evolving legal landscape.

About ADR Society:

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society at Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi is a student-led body under the guidance of the Faculty Convenor dedicated to promoting ADR as effective substitutes for litigation. The Society seeks to promote and widen the understanding of arbitration, mediation, and other ADR mechanisms among law students while emphasizing their role in ensuring speedy, cost-effective and amicable resolution of disputes. Through workshops, simulation exercises, training programmes, students are exposed to hands-on techniques essential for ADR practice. In addition, the Society facilitates academic engagement by organizing seminars, panel discussions and guest lectures featuring judges, senior advocates, academicians, and industry experts offering valuable insights into contemporary developments in ADR.

About Corporate Legal Partners:

Corporate Legal Partners is a full-service law firm based in New Delhi, India, led by Mr. Vikas Kumar, *FCIArb*. He is an accredited Arbitrator and Mediator, and Advocate-on-Record before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The firm advises and represents domestic and international clients before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, arbitral tribunals, and specialised fora across a broad spectrum of commercial and regulatory disputes. With a particular focus on international commercial arbitration, cross-border enforcement, and complex commercial litigation, Corporate Legal Partners blends strategy-driven advocacy with a deep understanding of institutional and ad hoc arbitration practices. The firm is committed to supporting capacity-building initiatives in ADR and is privileged to partner with the ADR Society, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, for the 1st ADR Research Paper Writing Competition, 2026. [<https://corporatelegalpartners.com/>]

Topics for Research Paper writing:

1. *Arbitrability of Commercial Disputes in India: Uncertainty and Its Impact on International Arbitration*
2. *Judicial Intervention in International Commercial Arbitration in India: Rhetoric versus Reality*
3. *Technology Driven Arbitration in India: Prospects and Problems*
4. *Emergency Arbitration in India: Legal Recognition and Enforcement Challenges*
5. *Taxation Claims in Commercial Arbitration: Pleadings, Proof, and Practice.*
6. *Ancillary and Consequential Damages in Commercial Arbitration: Scope, Limits, and Drafting Pitfalls.*
7. *Damages, Expert Evidence, and Valuation Methodologies in Commercial Arbitration.*

Registration Details:

1.1 Team Composition - Subject to these rules, the Competition is open to all bonafide students enrolled in any full-time LL.B (3/5 years both) programme of any recognized Law College/ Institution/ University in India.

1.2 All team members (in case of joint authorship) of a Team should be students of the same College/ Institution/ University only.

1.2 Registration form (Annexure – 1) and the Declaration of Authority (Annexure – 2) shall be scanned and to be send through email on adrresearchpaperclc@gmail.com along with the complete paper by each participating team on or before the deadline i.e. **April 15, 2026**.

1.3 Scanned Copy of College / Institute/ University ID Card of each student must also be sent along with the submission by the team.

Participation Requirements:

- 2.1 Number of Team Members: Joint Authorship is allowed with a maximum of two authors.
- 2.2 No individual shall be a member of more than one registered Team. If any individual joins more than one Team, then all Teams of which such individual is a team member shall be disqualified.

2.3 Each Participating team is eligible to write on one topic only.

2.4 There is **no registration fee** to be paid by respective team for participating in this Competition.

Research Paper Format:

3.1 – The research paper must be submitted in English Language only.

3.2 - The research paper should be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 with line spacing of 1.5

3.3 - The footnotes must be in Times New Roman, Font size 10 and line spacing of 1

3.4 - The citation must be according to Harvard Bluebook 21st Edition.

3.5 - Research Paper should not exceed 6000 words including an abstract of 300 words (maximum) but excluding the footnotes.

3.6 - Word count is required to be mentioned on the cover page.

3.7 - Only original work is invited and any kind of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.

3.8 - All submission will undergo plagiarism check. Similarity index above 10% will be outrightly rejected.

3.8 - Use of any AI tools in any manner in the writing of the research paper is not permitted.

3.9 - Research paper submitted for the competition cannot be submitted elsewhere for publication.

3.10 - The research paper should be sent in ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ format only.

Selection Procedure:

4.1 Research Paper will be judged on the basis of its content, lucidity and originality. The quality of analysis, meticulousness of research, will be considered in its comprehensiveness. Other aspects of quality such as rationality, approach, structure and innovative application will be other parameters on which the jury will evaluate the paper.

4.2 The entries will be judged by a committee of leading law academicians, jurists, and legal practitioners from across the country. The decision of the committee will be final and no appeal shall be entertained howsoever which regard to the decision of the jury.

Other important conditions:

5.1 The identity of the author/institution is not allowed to be indicated anywhere in the text. All submissions will be blind reviewed. References to specific individuals, firms, or institution, which might reveal the author's identity are strongly discouraged and shall be liable to be disqualified.

5.2 The Organising Committee (OC) reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules at any point of time without notice to any Participating Teams or any other parties.

5.3 The OC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding upon all parties.

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5.5 All decision of the OC regarding any aspect of the Competition or in case of any dispute between any parties shall be final and binding upon all the concerned parties.

5.6 The contestants by entering in the contest give Competition organisers the right to publicise the winning entries without any royalty or compensation.

5.7 The contestants by entering in the contest agree to indemnify Competition Organisers from and against all claims, suits, and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.

5.8 Competition Organisers will not be responsible for any condition beyond its control that may cause the contest to be interrupted.

Prizes:

There would be prizes as mentioned below:

- First Prize – INR 10,000 + Certificate of Merit
- Second Prize – INR 7,000 + Certificate of Merit
- Third Prize – INR 5,000 + Certificate of Merit
- Consolation Prize (03 nos) – INR 2,000 each + Certificate of Merit
- Winner's article may be considered for publication in an edited book.
- E-Participation certificate will be accorded to all the participants.

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