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# About NLSIU

NLSIU was the first National Law University established in India in 1986. The premier law school was set up with a mission to pioneer legal education reforms, and to anchor the transformation of the Indian legal system through research and policy interventions.

Consequently, the NLSIU was one of the first institutions in the country to introduce the five-year integrated law degree at the undergraduate level with the commencement of the first batch in 1988. And for over 30 years now, the University has irrefutably remained a leader in the field of legal education in the country.

NLSIU's sprawling 23-acre campus in Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, is home to a vibrant student community that includes student associations and events. Students get to engage in moot courts and debates at a competitive level, both domestically and internationally. Equipped with a state-of-the-art library, multiple academic centres, student housing and essential facilities, the University is committed to serve as a breeding ground for future leaders.





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# ABOUT NLSTIAM

The National Law School-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot is the National Law School of India University's flagship event on international arbitration and commercial law. As India's largest arbitration moot, the competition is abundantly marked by diverse areas of arbitral law and even more variegated perspectives on the same. It is in giving life to seemingly academic concepts of arbitration that NLSTIAM has proven its mettle year after year. Our international participation only serves to exemplify differences in jurisprudential values vis-a-vis arbitral law.

In addition to the assorted participants, we have engaged arbitrators at the top of their fields from national and international platforms. These include Mr. Steven Finzio, Retd. Justice BN Srikrishna, and many others. The presence of these stalwarts imparts a flavour of top quality to the competition but also forces participating teams to probe much deeper into the problem. Indeed, multiple editions of NLSTIAM have laid witness to expert examination and scrutiny of budding arbitrators right from the preliminary rounds till the finals.

NLSTIAM has a strong tradition of assembling top-notch drafting panels for the Moot proposition, meticulously examining each problem component to foster nuanced legal representations. As we gear up for our seventeenth edition, post-pandemic and offline, we're committed to surpassing past excellence. Join us as we prepare to unveil an engaging competition, leaving no stone unturned. We're thrilled to welcome you and eager for this exciting opportunity!



# ABOUT THE XVIth NLSTIAM

In its 16th Edition, the NLSTIAM acquired a prominent place in the International Moot Calendar and attracted participants from all over India and the world. Through NLSTIAM, we have consistently tried to raise the bar and provide participants with an unparalleled mooting experience. NLSTIAM is South Asia's largest arbitration competition, having had the honour of hosting reputed arbitrators such as Prof. Martin Hunter, Prof. Jeffrey Waincymer, Mr. Steven Finizio, Dr. Gary Bell, Mr. Luis King, Mr. Nish Shetty, Mr. Leng Sun Chang and Justice B.N. Srikrishna as judges at NLSTIAM. Additionally, we have also been fortuitous in securing the opportunity to associate with Ms. Sophie Nappert of 3VB, London; Mr. Baiju Vasani, who is a partner at Jones Day; and Ms. Ermelinda Beqiraj, who is a partner at PwC in the drafting of the problem for the previous editions of NLSTIAM.

Trying to continue with our efforts to provide the participants with challenging legal issues, we have strived to do our best to arrange for a stellar drafting panel. The case-study drafting committee of this edition comprised Mr. Niranjana Venkatesan, Barrister, One Essex Court, London and Mr. Arish Bharucha, Partner, Chair of the India Group at Howard Kennedy. The problem was based on International Commercial Arbitration. Out of the 40 participating teams, 20 made it pass the memorial qualifiers and into the oral rounds at NLSIU Bengaluru.

After intense preliminary rounds, the semifinals and finals at Taj promised extraordinary performances from the competing teams. Symbiosis Law School Noida and National Law Institute University, Bhopal battled it out in the Finals. The esteemed panel, featuring Justice AS Oak, Mr. Steven Finizio, and Dr. Friedrich Rosenfeld, witnessed a gripping showdown. National Law Institute University, Bhopal emerged triumphant in a nail-biting finale at the XVI NLSTIAM closing ceremony. Their victory earned them trophies, cash prizes, and an internship at the Singapore International Arbitration Center. Looking back on the event, we celebrate its grand success and aspire to reach even greater heights this year!

The Moot Court Society, NLSIU is proud to announce the return of the NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot. In its 17th edition, we continually strive to ensure top quality engagements with the ever-changing field of arbitration through nuanced and comprehensive problems. We are excited to host the Moot from 17th - 19th May 2024 and will be conducting the same on an invites-only basis this year!

With leading firms and institutions on board such as Trilegal and SIAC, we resolve to create a competitive atmosphere rife with arbitral nuances straight from leading luminaries on the subject matter. In this very spirit, we consider it an honour to be able to seamlessly host you for the upcoming edition of NLSTIAM.



# INTRODUCING XVII NLSTIAM



This year's problem is being drafted by the India office of Singapore International Arbitration Centre led by Sushmita Gandhi and Shwetha Bidhuri, who are well reputed for their expertise in commercial arbitration and dispute resolution. The problem is based on contract law, cross-border insolvency, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and its intersection with international commercial arbitration.

It is our honest belief that this occasion shall create pure competitive rigour and also ignite a blazing trail for the evolution of the arbitral sphere. See you there!

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Trilegal has been recently recognised as the Law Firm of the Year by Deal Volume (Large) by VCCircle Awards 2024; India Deal Firm of the Year by Asian Legal Business (ALB) India Law Awards 2023; one of the 'Best Overall Law Firms' at the India Business Law Journal Indian Law Firm Awards 2022; 'Firm of the year' for Client Service Excellence by Asia Law Awards 2021.

Trilegal's areas of expertise include corporate - mergers and acquisitions; strategic alliances and joint ventures; private equity and venture capital; energy and infrastructure; banking and finance; restructuring; capital markets; telecoms, media and technology; dispute resolution; regulatory; competition law; labour and employment; real estate; and taxation. Its client roster includes many of the world's leading corporations, funds, banks, and financial institutions.

Additionally, keeping with the spirit of legal evolution, Trilegal is instrumental in the organization of multiple events and competitions across the country year-on-year. Not only are these events and competitions crucial to developing budding lawyers but also function as hubs of contemporary legal knowledge production and debate.

## PARTNER



# Singapore International Arbitration Center

Since its inception in 1991, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) has emerged as a preeminent institution, dedicated to providing world-class arbitration services to the global business community. As an independent, not-for-profit organization, SIAC has established an unparalleled track record for excellence, setting the gold standard in arbitration across diverse industries and jurisdictions.

SIAC's reputation for excellence is underpinned by its commitment to delivering cost-competitive and efficient case management services to parties from all corners of the globe. With a keen focus on operational transparency and procedural integrity, SIAC has earned the trust and confidence of users worldwide.

At the helm of SIAC's operations is a distinguished Board of Directors, comprised of eminent legal practitioners and professionals from around the world. This esteemed body is entrusted with guiding SIAC's strategic direction, ensuring that the organization remains at the forefront of arbitration best practices.

Central to SIAC's success is its esteemed Court of Arbitration, which plays a pivotal role in appointing arbitrators and overseeing case administration. With an extensive international panel of over 600 expert arbitrators from more than 40 jurisdictions, SIAC boasts a wealth of specialized knowledge and experience to facilitate fair and impartial dispute resolution.

SIAC's commitment to excellence extends beyond its core operations, evident in strategic partnerships like the MoU with the National Law School of India University (NLSIU). Through this collaboration, SIAC actively shapes the future of international arbitration by integrating cutting-edge principles into NLSIU's curriculum, organizing lectures, workshops, and seminars to foster knowledge exchange, and offering internships for practical learning. By nurturing talent and promoting industry best practices, SIAC ensures a robust pipeline of skilled professionals poised to meet the evolving needs of the global business community in arbitration.

# TIMELINE





# REGISTRATION



## Eligibility

The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Post Graduate law course (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized institution.

A recognized institution shall be entitled to send only one team to the competition.

In a system where a university has constituent colleges, each college can register a team or the university as such can be represented by a team comprising students from different constituent colleges.

**Fees : Rs. 10,000 INR per team**  
(includes Accommodation, Food and Travel to and from the Venue)

### Payment Details:

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