



**Centre for Studies in International Trade and
International Investment Laws (CITIL),
Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur**

CITIL Article Writing Competition, 2025

**“Dispute Resolution in
International Investment Law:
Innovations and Reforms”**

**Last date of
Registration:**

30th
November,
2025

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About CITIL

The Centre for International Trade and Investment Law (CITIL) is a research centre at Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur. The Centre aims to bring together the legal academics, professionals, students, researchers etc., with an objective of the dissemination of knowledge and encouraging research in the various realms of International Trade Law and International Investment Laws. It must be mentioned here that, the subjects of International Trade and International Investment Laws are offered usually as Optional or Elective Courses in Law schools. National Law Universities have always been at the cusp of dissemination of knowledge not only in traditional compulsory law courses but also have tried to expose the students to various other fields of law through various activities and events. The Centre is one of such initiatives of a blooming National Law University to expose the interested students, scholars and academics to this intricate field of law which has interconnected horizons with both domestic law and International Law.

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As the Knowledge Partner for this competition, Manupatra lends its expertise and platform to promote scholarly excellence in the field of international economic law. The collaboration aims to encourage young researchers to explore innovative perspectives on international investment dispute resolution while providing them with the opportunity to have their work featured on one of India's most respected legal knowledge platforms.

About the Competition

The competition aims to encourage critical scholarship and innovative thinking among law students and young researchers in the area of international investment law.

The theme, “**Dispute Resolution in International Investment Law: Innovations and Reforms**,” holds particular contemporary relevance. Globally, the investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) system is undergoing significant reform discussions under UNCITRAL Working Group III, with states exploring new mechanisms to enhance transparency, consistency, and fairness in investment arbitration. These concerns have prompted global discussions, including those at UNCITRAL Working Group III, to explore alternative mechanisms and institutional innovations.

Against this backdrop, the proposed competition seeks to encourage critical scholarship and innovative thinking among law students and early-career researchers. It aims to generate ideas that contribute to a more balanced, transparent, and sustainable framework for resolving investment disputes.

Sub-Themes

1. Reforming ISDS: Comparative Legal and Institutional Innovations
2. UNCITRAL Working Group III: Trends, Challenges, and State Practice
3. India’s Model BIT in Transition: Analysis of Substantive Provisions and Investor Protections
4. Regional Approaches to Investment Dispute Resolution
5. Balancing Regulatory Autonomy with Investor Rights
6. Role of Appellate Mechanisms, Advisory Centres, and Other Support Structures in ISDS Reform
7. The Impact of Technology and Digital Transformation on Investment Dispute Resolution

Note: These Sub-Themes are not exhaustive, and the authors may take up any topic within the ambit of the main theme.

Eligibility

1. Undergraduate Law Students: Individuals currently enrolled in a five-year integrated law program (such as BA LLB, BBA LLB, BCom LLB, or BSc LLB) or a three-year LLB program after completing an undergraduate degree.
2. Postgraduate Law Students: Individuals currently enrolled in a one-year or two-year LLM program (Master of Laws) or equivalent postgraduate law degrees.

Submission Guidelines

- Word Limit: 2000–3,500 words (excluding footnotes)
- Citation Style: Harvard Bluebook 21st edition/ Manu Citation for cases
- Format:

Particulars	Font	Style	Size	Particulars
Title	Times New Roman	Regular	14	Centre Align
Author name	Times New Roman	Regular	12	Centre Align
Body	Times New Roman	Regular	12	Justified
Foot Notes	Times New Roman	Regular	10	

- Co-authorship: Permitted up to two authors
- Plagiarism: Papers exceeding 15% similarity will be disqualified
- The entries must comply with the submission guidelines of Manupatra - our Knowledge Partner. The same may be accessed [here](#).
- Use of AI Generative tools is strictly prohibited and will lead to direct rejection of the entry.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Originality and depth of analysis
2. Relevance to the theme
3. Structure and coherence of argument
4. Use of authorities and sources
5. Clarity of thought

Important Dates

1. Registration Opens: **October 18, 2025**
2. Last Date of Registration: **November 30, 2025**
3. Last date of Submission: **December 22, 2025**
4. Declaration of Results: **Last week of January (Tentative)**

Publication of Top Articles

The top 10 submissions will be published on the Manupatra Article Section, providing an opportunity for participants to showcase their research to a wider academic and professional audience.

Award for Competition Winners

1. First Place: Complimentary access to one Manupatra Academy course of the winners' choice.
2. Second Place: 75% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course.
3. Third Place: 50% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course.
4. All Other Participants: Eligible for a 15% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course.

Registration Details

- Single Author Submission: ₹250 per article
- Co-Authored Submission: ₹400 per article (for teams of two authors)
- The fee is non-refundable and must be submitted at the time of registration.
- The submission process will be shared with authors upon registration.
- For the Registration form, click [here](#).
- For payment of the registration fee, scan the QR Code or click [here](#).



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