



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA
RECRUITMENT COORDINATION
COMMITTEE & THE CENTRE FOR
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND
LABOUR LAWS(CIRLL)

SINGLE CREDIT COURSE

ON

***The Lifecycle of Arbitration: Strategy,
Procedure and Enforcement in
Commercial Disputes***

COMMENCING FROM
5TH MAY, 2026

ABOUT NLUO

National Law University Odisha ('NLUO'), Cuttack, established under Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature, has rapidly emerged as one of the country's premier institutions of legal education. Anchored in its vision to advance teaching, research, and dissemination of legal knowledge, the University is committed to nurturing professionals for Advocacy, Judicial Services, legal practice, and allied fields. In a short span, NLUO has distinguished itself through socially relevant education and academic rigour, driven by a dynamic and committed faculty dedicated to holistic student growth. The University fosters an environment of intellectual exchange and academic flexibility, encouraging research through specialised centres and student-led societies. Beyond academics, NLUO places equal emphasis on leadership, creativity, and emotional intelligence. Students are actively engaged in co-curricular and extra-curricular pursuits, including debates, cultural events, entrepreneurial initiatives, and recreational activities. With its focus on contemporary and technology-driven learning, NLUO offers a wholesome educational experience, producing graduates equipped to excel both professionally and personally



ABOUT RCC

The Recruitment Coordination Committee (RCC) is an official student body entrusted with the administration and facilitation of the recruitment process for the graduating Batch of 2022–2027. The RCC was established to ensure a structured, transparent, and efficient interface between students and recruiters from the legal industry. Governed by its duly adopted By-Laws, the RCC comprises twelve students elected by the Batch of 2027 through a secret ballot process. The Committee also undertakes initiatives aimed at streamlining recruitment preparedness, including the organisation of structured academic and credit-based engagements.



ABOUT CIRLL

CIRLL was founded with the intention of promoting legal awareness of workers' rights and working to uphold those rights in both the organised and unorganized sectors. Its goal is to protect workers' rights in industries ranging from agriculture to construction, paying particular attention to issues involving women and child labour. The Centre aims to carry out extensive research and fieldwork for this purpose, as well as collaborate on projects with other businesses operating in the same field. This would help us support organizations to the best of our ability while also making an academic contribution. The focus of CIRLL's energy and efforts is on the idea that people should come before money.



COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims to provide students with a practice-oriented understanding of the lifecycle of arbitration in commercial disputes under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (“Act”). The course will explain why arbitration is a preferred choice for dispute resolution in commercial and corporate contexts, while also building foundational knowledge on drafting enforceable arbitration agreements, pre-dispute strategic considerations, and the procedural aspects to be mindful of while invoking and commencing arbitration proceedings.

The course further seeks to develop strategic and analytical skills required to navigate complex arbitration scenarios, including handling high-value disputes, managing evidence and hearings, and addressing post-award challenges under Sections 34 and 37 of the Act. It also focuses on the enforcement of arbitral awards and asset recovery, enabling students to appreciate the practical realities of arbitration.

RESOURCE PERSONS



Ms. Prerna Ponappa
Counsel, AZB & Partners

Ms. Prerna Ponappa is currently the Counsel at AZB & Partners. She brings over a decade of extensive experience in domestic and international arbitration and dispute resolution. Her practice spans appearances before a wide range of judicial and quasi-judicial forums across India, including the Supreme Court of India, High Courts, District Courts, National Company Law Tribunals, Debt Recovery Tribunals, Labour Courts, Industrial Tribunals, and Consumer Commissions. In addition to her litigation expertise, she actively advises on complex dispute-related aspects arising from mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Dharma Tej Koneru is a Senior Associate at AZB & Partners. He specialises in dispute resolution, with experience in handling complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters. His practice involves representing clients across various judicial and quasi-judicial forums in India, including High Courts, tribunals, and other adjudicatory bodies. He has been involved in advising and assisting clients on a wide range of disputes, contributing to effective litigation strategies and dispute management.



Mr. Dharma Tej Koneru
Senior Associate, AZB & Partners

RESOURCE PERSONS



Mr Vinudeep R.
Associate, AZB & Partners

Mr. Vinudeep R. is an Associate at AZB & Partners. His work primarily focuses on litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution. He has been involved in assisting on matters relating to commercial disputes, including legal research, drafting, and supporting proceedings across various forums. He has also contributed to legal publications in the field of arbitration and dispute resolution, reflecting his engagement with contemporary legal issues.

Mr. Abhay Shetty is an Associate at AZB & Partners. He has considerable experience in dispute resolution, with a focus on arbitration and commercial litigation. His practice involves representing clients across in proceedings before various judicial and quasi-judicial fora in India.

He assists as co-counsel in domestic and international commercial arbitrations, and regularly advises clients on matters relating to asset tracing, enforcement and execution of foreign awards in India.

He completed his undergraduate education at Jindal Global Law School and holds a master's degree from King's College, London in International Dispute Resolution, with a special focus on International Commercial & Investment Arbitration, and World Trade Law.



Mr. Abhay Shetty
Associate, AZB & Partners

COURSE OUTLINE

Session	Topic	Time
1	<p>Foundations of Arbitration and Commercial Disputes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is arbitration; key characteristics• Arbitration vs conciliation vs mediation• Types of arbitration (institutional vs adhoc; domestic vs international)• Key stakeholders (parties, tribunal, counsel, institutions)• Overview of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996• Advantages and limitations	1 hour
2	<p>Drafting Effective Arbitration Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seat vs venue of arbitration• Governing law vs procedural law• Appointment of arbitrators (Section 11)• Institutional rules vs ad hoc procedures• Multi-tier dispute resolution clauses• Severability of the arbitration clause• Validity issues and common drafting mistakes	2 hours

Session	Topic	Time
3	<p>Pre-Litigation Strategy and Commercial Dispute Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early dispute assessment • Risk analysis and cost-benefit evaluation • Internal corporate dispute management • Negotiation and settlement strategy • Evidence preservation and document strategy • Interim measures under Section 9 	2 Hours
4	<p>Commencing Arbitration and Procedural Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice invoking arbitration (Section 21) • Appointment of tribunal (Section 12) • Interim measures (Section 17) and distinction with Section 9 • Jurisdictional challenges (Section 16) • Procedural timelines and preliminary hearings • Role of arbitral institutions 	2 Hours
5	<p>Inside Corporate Arbitration: Strategy and Case Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case theory and arbitration strategy • Document production and evidence • Witness preparation and cross-examination • Expert evidence • Managing large-value claims • Non-arbitrable disputes and insolvency interaction 	2 Hours

Session	Topic	Time
6	<p>High-Value Arbitration: Complex Issues and Corporate Dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-party and multi-contract disputes • Consolidation and joinder • Interim relief against third parties • Confidentiality and reputational concerns • Third-party funding • Settlement during arbitration 	2 Hours
7	<p>Post-Award Strategy: Challenges and Setting Aside Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic vs foreign awards (Part I & II) • Components of a final award • Grounds for setting aside • Public policy considerations • Procedural timelines and strategy 	2 Hours
8	<p>Enforcement and Asset Recovery Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset tracking and recovery • Enforcement and execution of awards • Strategic recovery considerations 	2 Hours
9	Final Assessment	1 Hour

COURSE DURATION

The total duration for the course is **16 hours**. The course shall be conducted **online** from 4th April 2026 to 15th May 2026.

Session	Date	Time
1	May 5, 2026 (Tuesday)	11 AM -12 PM
2	May 7, 2026 (Thursday)	11 AM -01 PM
3	May 12, 2026 (Tuesday)	11 AM -01 PM
4	May 14, 2026 (Thursday)	11 AM -01 PM
5	May 19, 2026 (Tuesday)	11 AM -01 PM
6	May 21, 2026 (Thursday)	11 AM -01 PM
7	May 22, 2026 (Friday)	11 AM -01 PM
8	May 25, 2026 (Monday)	11AM - 01 PM
Assesment	To be decided	TBD

ELIGIBILITY

The course is open to following individuals:

- Undergraduate students of 2nd to 5th year of the 5-year LLB course and 2nd to 3rd year of the 3-year LLB course.
- Postgraduate students pursuing law.

ATTENDANCE

Participants are required to maintain a **minimum attendance of 75%** throughout the course, with attendance documented at the conclusion of each module or session.

This virtual course mandates that only those meeting the attendance threshold will be eligible to undertake the Assessment Test.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The course evaluation will consist of an assessment test to be conducted at the end of the course, worth 50 marks, consisting of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) of 1 mark each. The mode of the evaluation shall be **online**. The timings of the same shall be notified in due course.

REGISTRATION FEE AND PROCEDURE

The course shall have a registration fee of Rs. 500 for NLUO students and Rs 600 for individuals outside NLUO. The same shall be collected through online transfer. The process for the payment of the registration fees is as follows:

- Visit <https://eazypay.icicibank.com>
- Enter Institution Name as 'National Law University' and click on 'Go'
- Fill in the following details:
 1. Email ID
 2. Mobile number
 3. Amount
 4. Student Name (Enter your name)
 5. Roll no. or Enrolment no. (For NLUO students, enter your roll/enrolment no. and for others, enter 131)
 6. Semester (For NLUO students, enter your semester number and for others, enter 11)
 7. Year
 8. Payment Date
 9. Purpose: "AZB NLUO Credit Course"
- Once the required data is filled in click on 'Submit' after entering the captcha and OTP.
- After the payment you will get the auto generated payment receipt.
- Fill out the [Google form](#) linked to confirm your registration.

REGISTRATION FORM

The google form for registration can be accessed [here](#).
Further details can be found in the google drive [here](#).

The last date for registration for the course is **3rd May, 2026**. All interested participants are required to complete the registration process by this date, as no registrations will be accepted thereafter under any circumstances.

[Note: The registration form will close at 11:59 PM and any payment for the course received thereon would not be considered a valid registration and RCC takes no liability or responsibility to refund the same.]

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

The declaration of the results shall be done in after the successful completion of the assessment test (date to be decided).

The certificates shall also be distributed in after the declaration of results.

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