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MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

PRESENTS

1st NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION IN ASSOCIATION WITH K.P. & ASSOCIATES, 2027

"Corporate Law for a Fragmented World:
Regulating Capital, Technology and Trade"

Submissions: 1st December, 2026 – 15th February, 2027

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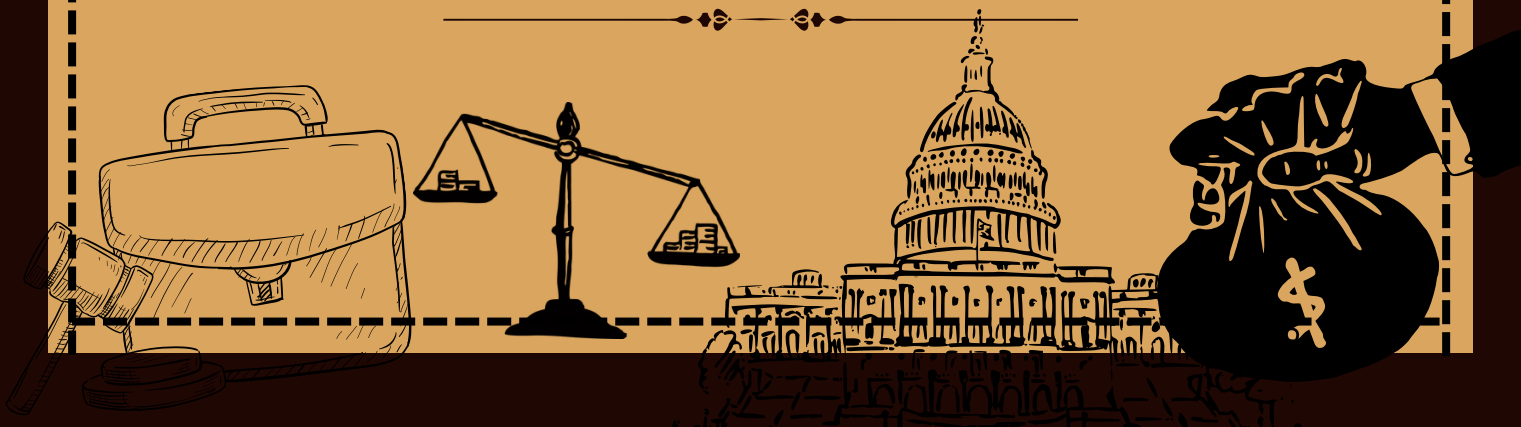


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ABOUT MNLUCS



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Recognizing the importance of quality legal education and the need for well-trained law graduates to serve the Bar, the Bench, and various professions, the State of Maharashtra took a significant step by establishing three National Law Universities at Mumbai, Nagpur, and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Each of these universities was established as an independent and autonomous institution under the Maharashtra National Law University Act, 2014.

The newest addition to this group is Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, which officially commenced operations on March 16, 2017. The establishment of this University fulfilled a long-standing aspiration of the people of the Marathwada region for a premier national institution dedicated to legal education. The University welcomed its inaugural batch in the academic year 2017–2018, and since then, it has grown significantly in both stature and student strength.

In furtherance of its commitment to academic excellence, the University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Convenor of CLAT 2017, thereby opening its doors to aspiring law students across the country through the merit-based Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). Since its inception, MNLU Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar has evolved into a thriving academic institution, continually striving to provide an enriching environment and comprehensive facilities that support the academic and professional growth of its students.

ABOUT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE



CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAWS, MNLUCS

The 1st K.P. & Associates National Essay Writing Competition, 2027, is being organised by the Centre for International Corporate and Commercial Laws (CICCL), Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. The Centre focuses on the dissemination of knowledge relating to corporate and commercial law in domestic as well as international arenas, and works to bring together experts to stimulate research and debate, while strengthening cooperation with academic centres, international organisations and the legal fraternity.

The Organising Committee comprises dedicated members of CICCL and student volunteers working collaboratively towards the successful organisation and execution of the competition. The committee oversees the overall planning and management of the competition, including promotional activities, institutional outreach, participant registration, official correspondence and coordination of the evaluation process. It also facilitates communication with participants and the jury, maintains submission records and ensures that the competition is conducted in an organised, transparent and professional manner.

ABOUT K. P. & ASSOCIATES

KP & Associates – Advocates & Consultants is a premier Delhi-based law firm committed to delivering comprehensive, incisive, and result-oriented legal, advisory, and litigation services to corporates, business houses, institutions, and individuals. The firm is distinguished by its strategic approach, professional expertise, and commitment to providing effective legal solutions across a wide range of matters. Its core practice areas include Commercial Litigation, Corporate and Business Disputes, Service and Employment Matters, and Criminal Litigation, with particular expertise in complex commercial transactions, contractual disputes, regulatory challenges, and employment-related conflicts.

With its principal area of practice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the firm also maintains an extensive litigation practice before various High Courts, including the Delhi High Court, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Jharkhand High Court, and Uttarakhand High Court. Beyond courtroom representation, KP & Associates endeavours to serve as a trusted legal partner to its clients by offering insightful legal opinions, effective dispute resolution strategies, meticulous litigation management, and comprehensive legal advisory services. The firm's philosophy is rooted in professional integrity, a deep understanding of commercial realities, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding the legal and business interests of its clients.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Centre for International Corporate and Commercial Laws (CICCL), Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, is organising the **1st National Essay Writing Competition in Association with K.P. & Associates 2027**, on the theme *"Corporate Law for a Fragmented World: Regulating Capital, Technology and Trade"*.

The competition aims to bring together students, academicians, professionals and practitioners to explore contemporary issues in corporate and commercial law through original research and critical analysis. Conducted entirely online in a single round, it seeks to encourage meaningful academic engagement and provide a platform for emerging legal scholars to contribute to contemporary legal discourse, in India and internationally.

REGISTRATION

- The registration fee, for single author, shall be **₹350/-** whereas the registration fee, for co-authorship, shall be **₹600/-.** The registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- To register, authors must fill out the Google Form through the provided link. Proof of payment must be submitted along with the online registration form.
- Cross-institutional co-authorship is permitted, allowing authors from different institutions to collaborate and submit a joint essay.

Registration link: LINK

Payment link: LINK

- Upon successful completion of registration, a Team Code shall be assigned to each team. The Team Code, along with the essay submission link, will be communicated to the registered team within 48 hours of registration.
- The Organising Committee shall have the exclusive authority to resolve any disputes related to registration. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.

THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The theme of the competition is **"Corporate Law for a Fragmented World: Regulating Capital, Technology and Trade."** Participants may submit research papers on any of the indicative sub-themes provided under this theme or explore any other original and relevant topic that falls within its broader scope.

A. Algorithmic governance and technology

1. Artificial intelligence, automation and commercial contracts
2. Data protection, cybersecurity and digital commerce regulation

B. Geoeconomics, trade and investment

3. International trade law, tariffs and supply-chain disruption
4. Foreign direct investment, outbound investment and national security screening
5. Cross-border mergers, acquisitions and competition law

C. Sustainable and accountable business

6. Corporate governance, ESG and sustainability reporting
7. Climate change, carbon markets and corporate accountability

D. Cross-border resolution

8. Cross-border insolvencyandcorporate restructuring
9. International commercial arbitration and mediation

E. Financial and digital markets

10. Securities regulation, capital markets and investor protection
11. Fintech, digital assets, cryptocurrency and payments regulation
12. International financial centres and offshore finance, such as GIFT City

The sub-themes are only indicative. Participants choosing any other topic must state, in the abstract, how it fits within the theme and its relevance to corporate and commercial law.

ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all, including students in 3-year or 5-year Law students, academics, professionals, and any other individual with a genuine interest in corporate and commercial law.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- The competition is conducted **entirely online** and consists of a **single round**. There are no physical or virtual oral rounds.
- Last date to register for the competition is 13th February, 2027.
- Essays must be submitted through the official submission form between 1st December 2026 and 15th February 2027, **11:59 PM IST**.
- All valid entries are evaluated by the Jury in this one round, on the basis of the judging criteria.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The essay must be submitted in English, in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) and PDF (.pdf) formats, with the team code as the file name. The files must not contain the name(s) of the author(s) or their institution.
- **Co-authorship** of up to two authors is permitted. Only one submission is allowed per author/team; multiple submissions will result in disqualification of all such entries.
- The essay must be the **original, unpublished work** of the author(s). Plagiarism or copyright infringement will lead to summary disqualification.
- **Plagiarism threshold:** the similarity index must be **less than 20%**.
- **AI-generated or AI-assisted writing** (including rewriting or paraphrasing tools) is strictly prohibited. Basic spell-check and grammar-check tools are permitted. Entries will be screened.
- Submission is only through the official online submission form; submissions to the Organisers' email will not be accepted. Full name, contact number, email address and institution/organisation (if applicable) must be provided in the form.

FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS

ELEMENT	SPECIFICATION
Heading	Times New Roman, Font Size 14, Bold, Centred
Main Body	Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5
Footnotes	Times New Roman, Font Size 10, Line Spacing 1.0
Margins	1 inch / 2.54 cm on all sides
Word Limit	2,500–3,000 words, excluding footnotes and Abstract
Citation	The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (21st edition)
Abstract	Not exceeding 250 words (excluded from the word limit), clearly indicating the topic chosen

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Incomplete or non-compliant submissions shall be summarily rejected or returned without feedback.
- No entries will be accepted after 13th February, 2027**, 11:59 PM IST**, and no extensions will ordinarily be granted.
- The opinions expressed in an essay are those of the author(s) alone; the Organisers shall not be held responsible for them.
- The Organisers reserve the right to cancel the competition without notice if suitable/quality entries are not received, or for any event outside their reasonable control.
- In case of any dispute, the decision of the Organisers shall be final and binding.

JUDGING CRITERIA AND TIMELINE

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Relevance and depth of analysis of the chosen theme or topic
2. Originality of thought, argument and perspective
3. Quality of legal and policy research, and accuracy of citation
4. Clarity, coherence and structure of writing
5. Overall contribution to the discourse on corporate and commercial law, and adherence to the formatting specifications

All entries will be evaluated by a Jury constituted by the Organisers, whose members will be announced on the official channels. The decision of the Jury shall be final and binding on all participants.

TIMELINE

- **1st December 2026**
  Competition opens; submission portal live
- **15th February 2027, 11:59 PM IST**
  Last date to submit your essays.
- **Second Week of March**
  Announcement of results on official channels

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

Winner

₹ 5,000/-

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Internship Opportunity at K.P. & Associates

1st Runner-up

₹ 3,000/-

+

Internship Opportunity at K.P. & Associates

2nd Runner-up

₹ 2,000/-

+

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Other Awards

All winners will receive a **Certificate of Merit**.

A **Certificate of Participation** will be issued to all participants who submit a compliant entry.

The best entries may be considered for publication on the editorial blog of the Centre.

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