

# IDIA-ICUL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition



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# ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR



National Law University Jodhpur (NLUJ) is one of India's leading Law Schools situated at the vibrant and colourful city of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Since its establishment in 1999, NLUJ has endeavoured to produce exceptional lawyers and legal scholars aimed at pushing and challenging the existing boundaries of knowledge. NLUJ attracts students coming from diverse social, cultural and religious backgrounds from all corners of India. NLUJ is committed to the advancement of knowledge and learning and is striving to become a centre for excellence in legal studies. It is dedicated to churning out committed lawyers of highest academic and professional standards and producing top quality legal scholars.

# ABOUT IDIA RAJASTHAN CHAPTER



Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education (IDIA) is a non-profit organisation working in India which aims to empower underprivileged children by giving them access to quality legal education. It was initially started by late Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer in the year 2010 from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. It is a pan- Indian, student-run movement to train underprivileged students and help them transform into leading lawyers and community advocates.

The IDIA Rajasthan Chapter, led by students from the National Law University, Jodhpur, operates with more than 67 volunteers. Engaging in training sessions for law entrance exams, hosting fundraising activities, and organizing events across the state of Rajasthan, the chapter underscores IDIA's dedication to social responsibility and the advancement of accessible legal education.

# ABOUT IC UNIVERSAL LEGAL



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IC Universal Legal is a full-service law firm that provides comprehensive guidance and assistance to clients in navigating the dynamic interplay of various laws and regulations. With a focus on the volatile global investment climate and changing business landscape, they offer effective and strategic advice. The firm has a successful track record of handling transactions of significant ticket sizes and is widely recognized as India's leading law firm in the financial services legal-regulatory space. Global ranking agencies have acclaimed them for their domain expertise, consistency, and commitment to client service.

# ABOUT LIVELAW

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# IN COLLABORATION WITH NLUJ LAW REVIEW BLOG

The inception of the NLU Jodhpur Law Review Blog marked a significant milestone in the academic landscape of legal scholarship. Established under the esteemed flagship journal of NLU Jodhpur Law Review, this digital platform has swiftly emerged as a cornerstone for the exchange of ideas, insights, and analyses within the legal fraternity. With its dynamic interface and rigorous editorial standards, the blog provides a space where legal luminaries, scholars, practitioners, and students converge to explore emerging legal trends, dissect pivotal case law, and deliberate on pressing socio-legal issues. As a testament to its commitment to academic excellence and innovation, the blog continues to uphold its reputation as a premier destination for legal thought leadership, making invaluable contributions to the advancement of legal scholarship and practice.



# ABOUT THE ESSAY COMPETITION

With the resounding success of its inaugural Essay Writing Competition in partnership with IC Universal Legal, IDIA Rajasthan is proud to announce its Second Edition. We saw participation from 90+ law colleges, reflecting the wide reach and impact of the initiative.

The total funds raised through the competition amounted to Rs. 2,54,800, demonstrating strong engagement and commitment towards supporting legal education. We also recorded 624 registrations, out of which we received 286 final submissions – a testament to the enthusiastic participation from law students across the country.

The funds raised by IDIA Rajasthan Chapter through this Essay Writing Competition are utilised in supporting the legal education of IDIA Scholars studying at National Law Universities and other top law schools across India.

In addition to the noble cause, participants stand a chance to win exciting prizes. The competition offers attractive rewards, including cash prizes and an esteemed internship opportunity at IC Universal Legal for the winning author(s). These incentives not only recognize outstanding contributions but also encourage participants to engage actively in exploring and presenting their perspectives on the crucial theme of corporate governance.

# THEME FOR THE COMPETITION:

The second edition of the IDIA ICUL Essay Writing Competition brings forth a compelling array of themes focused on corporate and commercial law that challenge participants to engage with contemporary legal issues through critical analysis and thought-provoking insights.

1. The role of a fiduciary in the light of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 from the lens of financial service providers.

2. Solutions in an increased age of insider trading and front running- can our current laws be strengthened or must they be retained for tackling the issues of insider trading and front running.

3. The game of fairness and parity under the SEBI (AIF) Regulations, 2012 on pari-passu and pro-rata rights.

4. SMEs – a risky affair?

5. The search for SBOs in India with case studies.

6. An analysis on the doctrine of vicarious liability under the Companies Act, 2013 through recent developments

## Disclaimer:

- ◆ These topics are merely indicative & non-exhaustive in nature.
- ◆ Submission should deal with relevant and contemporary legal and policy issues and topics related to corporate and commercial law.
- ◆ Manuscripts that have already been submitted or published elsewhere must not be submitted.



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

All students pursuing a bachelor's degree in law i.e., three-year LL.B./five-year LL.B. or a postgraduate course from any law school/university/college recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the Competition.

## PRIZES

- **Prize Money**: Top 3 winning entries will be awarded the following exciting prizes:
  1. Winner: Rs. 25,000
  2. First Runner-Up: Rs. 15,000
  3. Second Runner-Up: Rs. 10,000
- **Publication with NLUJ Law Review Blog**: The top three entries will also be published in the well-reputed NLU Jodhpur Law Review Blog.
- **Internship with IC Universal Legal**: Top Three winning entries of the Competition will also get the opportunity to intern with IC Universal Legal.
- **Certificates of Merit**: Top Ten entries of the Competition will be awarded Certificates of Merit.

## **NOTE THE DATES:**

**Early Bird Registration: March 20 - March 25, 2025.**

**Last Date of Registration: April 20, 2025**

**Last date for Submission: May 20, 2025**

**Declaration of Winner/ Results: August 31, 2025**

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The top three entries will be published by NLUJLR Blog subject to its detailed review process. The author will be required to cooperate with the Editorial Board fully and will have to incorporate changes as deemed fit by them.
- The internships with IC Universal Legal would be provided for 4 weeks. IDIA will initially connect ICUL and the winners, post which they will have to coordinate amongst themselves to schedule the dates, location and other details of the internship.
- Neither IDIA nor NLUJ can be held responsible for the performance or behaviour of the winners during their internship.

# FORMATTING GUIDELINES

## Formatting Guidelines

- Font and size of main text and footnote: Times New Roman, 12 points for main text, and Times New Roman, 10 points for footnotes.
- Size and alignment: A4 Size with 1 Inch Margin; all text except headings should be justified.
- Footnoting: The participant has to adopt the OSCOLA [4th ed.] format of citation uniformly throughout the document.
- Spacing: Submission should be 1.5-spaced (except footnotes which may be single-spaced)
- Word Limit: The word limit for the submission is 2000 - 3000 words (excluding footnotes).
- Plagiarism: Any submission found to be plagiarized beyond 25% shall be disqualified.
- Anonymity: The participant shall not include his/her name in the submission's text in any form.
- Co-Authorship: Co-authorship, up to two authors, is allowed.
- **Submissions shall be made in MS-Word format (.doc/.docx) only.**

# ***SUBMISSION GUIDELINES***

- The article submitted must be exclusively in English.
- Copyright of the submission shall remain with IDIA Rajasthan Chapter.
- In case of any conflicts, IDIA Rajasthan Chapter shall be the final authority on the guidelines.
- The manuscripts need to be submitted through Google form only (The same can be accessed at last page). Submissions made by any other means shall not be considered.
- Submission and publication of manuscripts that purposefully target or intend to harm the religious, sociocultural, and/or political sentiments of any reasonable reader are strictly prohibited.
- Submission should deal with relevant and contemporary legal and policy issues under the broad themes provided herein.
- The submissions must strictly be limited to legal analysis of the given themes.

# REGISTRATION FEE

- **Single Authorship: Early Bird- 250/, General - 300/.**
- **Co-Authorship/Two Authors: Early Bird - 450/, General - 500/.**

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