

Dear Sir/Madam,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the 6th Edition of the **National Law School of International Arbitration Moot (NLSIAM) and the 2nd National Law School of India Arbitration Conference (NLSIAC)**, on behalf of National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, India. The moot is tentatively scheduled from 11th-14th April, 2013.

Since 1987, NLSIU has maintained a strong reputation as the leading institution in the field of legal education in India. NLSIU has also made its mark internationally by excelling at prestigious moot court competitions across the world. In the past, National Law School has emerged as the winner of the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (1999) and the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (2009, again in 2012).

Ever since its inception in 2008, the NLS International Arbitration Moot (NLSIAM) has endeavoured to raise the bar for Moot Court Competitions in India. All aspects of this moot, right from the moot problem, judges' profile, the calibre of the participating teams, and the venues, never fail to impress. In fact, NLSIAM has the distinction of being the only moot in India which gives students the opportunity to argue before a simulated Arbitral Tribunal, populated by expert arbitrators and practitioners. Through previous editions of NLSIAM, participants and judges have had the opportunity to explore issues like recovery of costs, damages for loss and reputation, unjust enrichment and jurisdiction of the tribunal, arbitrator bias, confidentiality, and also deal with other contemporary developments in the field of law.

Every year, we strive to raise the bar across the board. Last year, the 5th edition of NLSIAM, with support from the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Clifford Chance and Khaitan & Co., played host to international teams and arbitrators from across jurisdictions. The problem revolved around the use and abuse of dispute resolution clauses in Bilateral Investment Treaties, with regard to Investor- State Arbitrations, Expropriation, among other issues. The Moot was won by the College of Law at the American University, Washington DC. We also organized the **1st NLSIA Conference** simultaneously, where we hosted experts from the field of international commercial arbitration. The discussions, centred on recent developments in the field of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs), have been compiled and detailed as part of a consultative research paper.

In 2013, through the 6th Edition of the NLSIAM, and the 2nd edition of the NLSIAC, we will strive to uphold these standards of excellence. With expert arbitrators from across jurisdictions, and a challenging problem, we promise that this Moot and Conference would be an excellent opportunity for students to interact and exchange ideas.

All details relating regarding the moot will be available on www.nlsiam.com. Kindly note the following dates:

Registration is now OPEN

Problem Release – 3rd week of December, 2012 (tentatively)

Conclusion of Registration: 25th December 2012.

Submission of written memorandum- 2nd Week of March 2013 (Tentatively)

Oral Rounds – 11- 14 April, 2013

With this mail, we attach the invite, rules and the registration form. We sincerely hope that your esteemed institution will accept our invitation. Considering the cap on the number of participating teams (50 teams, including international

and domestic teams), we request you to register your team at the earliest. We would be happy to assist the participating teams with regard to their visas, accommodation and other formalities.

Do feel free to contact Shreya Prakash (+919916718236, prakash.shreya94@gmail.com) or Sidhanth Ramachandran (+919663788014, rsidhanth@gmail.com) for any queries that you might have.

Warm Regards,
Administrators

The 6th National Law School of International Arbitration Moot

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