

IRCCL BLOG WRITING
COMPETITION 2020

ABOUT IRCCL

The Indian Review of Corporate and Commercial Laws (IRCCL) is a blog that publishes articles on current issues relating to corporate law, dispute resolution, trade & investment law, taxation law, labour law, competition law and insolvency & bankruptcy law.

The blog aims to create a writing community, consisting of students, research scholars and practitioners, to generate debate and discussion in the areas mentioned above.

OUR ADVISORS

The IRCCL team works under the guidance of a group of experts who closely monitor the progress of the blog. At present, the Board of Advisors comprises of the following leading practitioners:

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OUR TEAM

Our editorial team consists of practitioners and students, each having a different area of expertise/interest. At present, the team comprises of the following:

1. Deeksha Malik (Associate, Khaitan & Co)
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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The 1st IRCCL blog writing competition is being organised to foster and cultivate a calibrated approach to academic research and writing. What makes this competition particularly unique is its upper word limit of 2,500 words, through which we hope to have a premier focus on novel content. To this effect, the themes of this edition have been designed to promote the conversation around certain key contemporary issues in the commercial law space.

THEMES

The following themes should guide the participants in terms of selecting an appropriate topic for the submission. Our advice would be to keep the topic as narrow as possible, so that complete attention and justice could be given to a specific issue.

ARBITRATION LAW

- Decoding the seat-venue conundrum in India
- Impartiality in international arbitration
- Importance of diversity in appointment of arbitrators

INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY LAW

- Invoking a guarantee against corporate debtors in CIRP prior to maturity
- The interplay between limitations and bankruptcy in light of recent precedents
- Cross border insolvency, India's experience, and the model law

GENERAL CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LAW

- MAC clauses - lessons to be learnt from COVID-19
- Anti-dilution protection in Indian investments
- The advent of social stock exchange in India
- Decoding REITS/InVITs and their viability in the Indian market

COMPETITION LAW

- The evolving jurisprudence on gun-jumping in India
- An analysis of the principles of natural justice with reference to anti-trust proceedings in India
- Platform markets: tools, challenges, and the role of the Competition Commission of India

TAXATION LAW

- Challenges to the Indian taxation system as a result of an emerging digital economy
- Need and ways to revamp the Authority for Advance Rulings
- Tax regime and business recovery in the context of COVID-19

TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW

- Growing challenges to the multilateral and bilateral trade framework with the emergence of electronic trade
- The effectiveness of alternate dispute settlement mechanism under the WTO framework VIII
- Initiatives in the nature of cross border economic zones and their contribution to the international investment law jurisprudence

LABOUR LAW

- Labour codes and the future employment law framework in India
- COVID-19 and employment relationships
- Employment laws (including anti-harassment laws) and work from home/virtual workspaces

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LAW

- Critical analysis of the E-Commerce Rules 2020
- Analysis of India's proposal to ban trading in cryptocurrency

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The blog must be submitted in Microsoft Word document format (.doc/.docx).
2. A participant can submit an entry for one theme only.
3. Co-authorship of up to two authors is permitted.
4. The submission should be between 1,500 – 2,500 words.
5. The blog must be accompanied by a separate document containing the following information about the participant:
 - Full name of the participant
 - Theme chosen
 - Topic chosen
 - Participant's current year of study and name of the degree pursued
Name and full address of the participant's university
 - Name and full postal address of the participant
 - Phonenumber of the participant
 - E-mail ID of the participant (to be used for all future correspondence in relation to this competition)

RULES OF THE COMPETITION


1. There is no registration fee for this competition.
2. This competition is open to all students enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in law (B.C.L., J.D., LL.B., LL.M., or their local equivalent) in any recognised university across the world.
3. To participate in the competition, interested students must e-mail their submission to ircclblog.competition@gmail.com by 2359 hours on 31 October 2020 (Indian Standard Time, GMT +5:30). Late submissions shall not be accepted under any circumstances whatsoever.
4. No part of the blog should contain any form of identification of the participant, and any such information, if detected, would lead to disqualification.
5. The blog must be original and bonafide work of the participant. IRCCL follows a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism.



6. The blog must be written in English.

7. References to sources must be in the form of hyperlinks (please see the previous publications on our blog to understand the requirement). Footnotes are permitted to the extent that they are absolutely necessary, and the same shall be included in the word limit. In any event, speaking footnotes are not allowed. Given that blogs should present one's own thoughts on an issue, extensive reliance on other sources is actively discouraged.

8. The blog, once submitted to us for this competition, should not be submitted to any other competition and/or for any other purposes.



OTHER RULES

1. By entering the competition, the participants agree to indemnify the organisers from and against all claims, suits and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement, plagiarism, or unauthorised use.
2. The blog submission will be considered to be the property of IRCCL, and we reserve the right to publish the same.
3. The results of the competition will be announced by 30 November 2020 (tentatively). Any changes in this timeline will be updated on IRCCL's LinkedIn page.
4. The participants not placed in the merit list (top 5-10, depending on the number of submissions) are free to peruse publication in other platforms after the declaration of results.
5. The winners of the competition authorise the organisers to use their names and photos, if required, to publicise the competition and its results.
6. The blog submissions will be marked from a scale of 1-100. The following scale will guide our editors in evaluating the submissions.
 - Clarity/fluidity/flow – 30 points
 - Novelty/originality of ideas – 50 points
 - Grammar/use of references and hyperlinks – 20 points

PRIZES

1. First Prize: INR 10,000 + An opportunity to intern at Samvad Partners, Delhi + certificate of merit
2. Second Prize: INR 7,000 + certificate of merit
3. Third Prize: INR 5,000 + certificate of merit
4. Fourth – Fifth/Tenth Prize (depending on the number of submissions):
Certificate of merit
5. The top 5-10 articles (depending on the number of submissions) will also be selected for publication on the IRCCL blog.

CONTACT US

Queries, if any, may be directed to our dedicated e-mail address for the competition, i.e. ircclblog.competition@gmail.com, with the subject 'Query – IRCCL Competition'.