

II NLIU CHANDHIOK & MAHAJAN ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION



About *NLIU*

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About Chandhiok & Mahajan

Chandhiok & Mahajan embodies the vision of its founding partners to deliver a multi-disciplinary and solution-oriented approach to meet their clients' legal needs. It is one of the fastest-growing firms in India, recognized as a rising force by numerous publications and editorials globally.

With collaboration at the heart of their approach, the firm proudly serves some of the largest domestic and multinational corporations, government agencies, restructuring and insolvency specialists, financial institutions, and promoter groups.

The firm is known to seize new possibilities, manage risks, and adapt to India's and the world's evolving economic and regulatory environment. It proudly serves significant domestic and worldwide corporations and financial institutions.

About the *Competition*

IMPORTANT DATES

07 November 2025

Registrations Open

30 November 2025

Last Date to Register

07 January 2026

Last Date for Submission

April 2026

Announcement of Results

ELIGIBILITY

This Competition seeks to foster discourse on contemporary legal issues in our rapidly evolving world by providing law students, legal scholars and practitioners an opportunity to demonstrate their research and writing abilities.

The Competition would be open to students pursuing their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the field of law. We also invite submissions from advocates and practitioners in the field.

REGISTRATION

Authors will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee on the designated NLIU ERP Portal [Link of which is given in the description of the registration Google Form] as follows:

1. PhD Students/Advocates/Scholars/Professionals:
 - Single Authorship – Rs. 300
 - Co-Authorship – Rs. 500
2. Law Students:
 - Single Authorship – Rs. 400
 - Co-Authorship – Rs. 600

THEMES

The competition does not have any thematic restrictions and the participants will be free to make their submissions on any topic of contemporary legal relevance and policy issues.

Submission Guidelines

#1

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- The manuscript needs to be submitted through the Google Form only (the same can be accessed [here](#)). Submissions made by any other means shall not be considered.
- The deadline for submission of the manuscript is 11:59 PM, 07 January 2025.
- Submissions should deal with relevant and contemporary legal and policy issues.
- Submission and publication of manuscripts that purposefully target or intend to harm the religious, socio-cultural, and/or political sentiments of any reasonable reader are strictly prohibited. The submissions must strictly be limited to legal analysis of the covered topics.
- Manuscripts that have already been submitted or published elsewhere must not be submitted.
- Manuscripts must include an abstract of 250-300 words. The abstract must highlight the structure and essence of the manuscript.
- Only original content will be accepted. Submissions will be screened for similarity index and AI writing.
- Paraphrasing verbatim usage as well as of content without appropriate citation of authorities shall qualify as plagiarism. Any instance of plagiarism in the abstract or conclusion of the manuscript is a ground for immediate disqualification of the manuscript.

Submission Guidelines

#2

WORD LIMIT AND CITATION STANDARD

- The word limit for the submission is 3,000 to 7,000 words. The word limit is exclusive of the abstract and the footnotes.
- Citations must strictly conform to the standards laid down in the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (4th ed., 2012).
- Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation. Speaking or substantive footnotes are highly discouraged.
- SCC citations for cases must be preferred wherever available.

#3

STYLE GUIDELINES

- Title [Times New Roman, 14 points, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, All Caps, Centre Aligned]
- Abstract [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.15 line spacing, Italics, Justified, 2 cm indent on both sides]
- Heading Level 1 [Times New Roman, 14 points, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, Capitalise each word and Small Caps. Centre Aligned] Numbering should be: I, II, III, ...
- Heading Level 2 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing, Italics, Sentence case, Centre Aligned] Numbering should be: A, B, C, ...

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#3

STYLE GUIDELINES

- Heading Level 3 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing. Italics and Underlined. Sentence case, Left Aligned] Numbering should be: a), b), c), ...
- Heading Level 4 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing. Italics, Sentence case, Left Aligned] Numbering should be: i., ii, iii, ...
- Main Body [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.15 line spacing, Justified, 1-inch margins on all sides]
- Footnotes [Times New Roman, 10 points, 1.0 line spacing, Justified]
- Acronyms and short forms on the first instance should be spelled out in parentheses. These acronyms or short forms should be followed at all further instances in the manuscript.
- Names of cases, publications, books, emphasized words and uncommon foreign words should be italicized.
- Numbers should be written in words, and percentages should be denoted by the '%' symbol.

Parameters of Evaluation

#1

TECHNICAL REVIEW

- Submissions made to the NLIU Law Review must be original and devoid of any plagiarized content. Plagiarism check is the first level of scrutiny that every manuscript shall be subjected to and it shall be conducted in two stages. The Editorial Board reserves the sole right to reject a manuscript, without review, if any instance of plagiarism is detected.
- A manuscript having no footnotes shall be rejected at Stage I of the Plagiarism Check as it will not meet the minimum criteria of the Law Review.
- Paraphrasing as well as verbatim usage of content without appropriate citation of authorities shall qualify as plagiarism.
- Any instance of plagiarism in the abstract or conclusion of the manuscript is a ground for immediate disqualification of the manuscript.
- Secondary plagiarism (plagiarism of the sources relied upon) is also a ground for immediate disqualification of the manuscript.

Parameters of Evaluation

#2

CONTENT REVIEW

- Manuscripts that are not rejected at the Technical Review stage undergo Content Review. The Content Review is conducted in two stages wherein the manuscripts which are fit for publication as is, or do not require significant changes are shortlisted for Peer Review. The manuscripts are evaluated in Content Review on the following five parameters:

1. Language and Grammar

- The language of the manuscript must be crisp and concise. A direct statement or argument would be preferred over an indirect one and minimum usage of passive voice is recommended. Author(s) must be familiar with the usage of a term used in the manuscript. The author(s) may be marked down for unnecessary repetition, long-winded sentences, and irrelevant rhetoric.

2. Structure and Logical Coherence

- The manuscript must be logically sound and appropriate for the objective it seeks to achieve. Author(s) may be marked down for arguments based on incorrect premises or presumptions, the lack of a clear structure, or the lack of a proper logical flow.

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3. Contribution to Existing Literature

- If the topic of the manuscript is one which has been written about extensively in the past, the author(s) must consider what the contribution of the manuscript to the discussion is. Merely quoting and/or summarizing precedents would be inadequate. On the other hand, writing in a more innovative manner and providing a novel explanation/interpretation of a concept would be appreciated.

4. Contemporary Relevance

- Manuscripts are expected to include recent developments on the topic. A manuscript is considered to possess contemporary relevance when it deals with trending societal issues and legal issues that have not been given the attention they deserve. The topic may also be one that has faded from public memory but has reemerged for some reason. The relevance of the particular topic should be highlighted by the author(s) in the introduction.

5. Referencing and Research

- The manuscript must reflect an in-depth, and not just superficial research. The author needs to be aware of what citation is required in the circumstances, when to cite (and when not to cite) and the relevance of that citation.

** The Editorial Board may, in its absolute discretion, waive any of the above rules or amend the process. In case of any dispute or ambiguity, the decision of the Editorial Board shall be final and binding.*

Awards

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WINNER

- Internship With Chandhiok & Mahajan
- Cash Prize Of INR 5,000/-
- Publication In Volume XV Issue II Of NLIU Law Review

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FIRST RUNNERS-UP

- Internship With Chandhiok & Mahajan
- Cash Prize Of INR 3,000/-
- Publication In Volume XV Issue II Of NLIU Law Review

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SECOND RUNNERS-UP

- Internship With Chandhiok & Mahajan
- Cash Prize Of INR 2,000/-
- Publication In Volume XV Issue Of NLIU Law Review

** The publication shall be subject to compliance with submission guidelines and changes suggested by the Editorial Board.*

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