



22-23 March 2025

2nd NLIU AGREEMENT DRAFTING AND PRESENTATION COMPETITION, 2025

*In Collaboration with **Saraf & Partners***

ABOUT *NLIU*

National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU), was established by the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, by Act No. 41 of 1997 enacted by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature. NLIU is the **second oldest** National Law University in the country and is recognized by the University Grants Commission and the Bar Council of India. The university was established to fill the gap and provide the most modern legal education through multidisciplinary teaching and training of newer skills needed for the profession.



About *NLR*

Launched in 2010, the NLIU Law Review is the **flagship journal** of the NLIU Bhopal. It is a double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, published bi-annually by the students of the University. The NLIU Law Review aims to serve as a forum for promoting a culture of scholarly research and academic writing, by bringing to the forefront articles on subjects of interest to the legal profession and academia.

As of the year 2025, the Law Review has completed **fifteen successful years, with twenty-four editions in publication**. It has consistently been recognized as one of the top ten journals in India and has associations with several reputable databases.

ABOUT US

About *Saraf & Partners*

Saraf and Partners is a contemporary full-service law firm with over **three decades of experience**. They provide innovative, bespoke, and integrated legal solutions using global best practices. Prioritizing clear communication, they listen to clients' concerns and goals, responding promptly and keeping clients informed. Backed by a capable team, they deliver timely, cutting-edge legal advice while upholding the highest ethical standards. Their commitment to clients' commercial interests, extensive experience, and pragmatic approach ensure top-tier legal advisory. Recognized among India's top legal advisors, Saraf and Partners build their reputation on trust, integrity, and professionalism, adhering to a comprehensive code of conduct that safeguards clients' interests and fosters long-lasting relationships.

We are proud to have Saraf & Partners as the **Law Firm Partner** for the 2nd edition of the event.

About *the Competition*

The NLIU Agreement Drafting and Presentation Competition, 2025 shall be organised in two phases. The relevant details regarding both the phases are mentioned herewith.



CONTRACT DRAFTING AND SUBMISSIONS

- The Competition would require the participants to draft an agreement based on the Contract Proposition, which would be a fictional problem depicting a legal relationship between two or more parties.
- The Contract Proposition shall be on a commercial topic of contemporary relevance.
- Apart from the Agreement, the participants are also required to include a '**Concept Note**' in their submissions, briefly explaining the position of law to their client and highlighting the rationale behind inclusion of clauses in the agreement.
- The Agreements received from the participants shall be reviewed by judges having expertise in the subject matter.
- The **Top 15 entries** as per the review shall proceed to Phase II of the competition.

About *the Competition*



CONTRACT PRESENTATION AND ASSESSMENT

- The Top 15 entries shall be invited to the NLIU Campus to present their agreements before a panel of esteemed dignitaries.
- The panelists shall assess the performance of the presenters on their subject knowledge, manner of presentation, and other relevant skills.
- This shall be followed by a session on contract drafting, followed by the distribution of prizes in the valedictory ceremony.

Objectives

The event was launched to foster the learning of practical aspects relating to law of contracts. It provides a chance to showcase skills before experienced academicians and working professionals.

There are very few competitions organized which provide such an opportunity to the law students, wherein they get to appreciate commercial transactions.

Working on a niche legal problem, the participating students will get hands-on experience in transactional drafting, which forms an important facet in learning law.

The objective of specifically including the presentation is to render a unique addition to contract drafting competitions. The element of presentation would help in assessing the knowledge of participants and their rationale behind drafting clause.

Why *Presentation*?

The element of presentation is included as a part of the Competition to:

- To test the **participants' understanding of the clauses incorporated** in the contract rather than the mere use of AI and boiler plate clauses.
- To provide a **unique experience** to the participants in understanding the expectation of experts and practitioners, while presented with the said problem.
- To **foster discussions** about the best possible way of drafting an agreement, thereby providing a firsthand experience of real-time expectations.
- To understand the rationale behind the arrangement of clauses by the participant and be presented with **real-time feedback** from experts.
- To provide an active engagement with professionals thereby providing an **in-depth understanding of nuanced drafting**.

Other Important Details

Eligibility: The Competition is open to avid researchers and students enrolled in the Undergraduate or Post Graduate Programs in law i.e. 3-year LL.B. course / 5-year LL.B. course / LL.M. course etc.



REGISTRATION AND AUTHORSHIP

- There will be a registration fee of **INR 300** [Single Participant] and **INR 500** [Co-authorship up to two participants] for the competition collected in Phase-I from all the registering participants.
- For the participants whose agreements shall be selected for the Phase-II, an additional fee of INR 3500 would be collected per person to cover their accommodation and food during the course of Phase II of the Competition.



HOW TO REGISTER?

- Go to the ERP Payment Portal of NLIU, Bhopal (Link for the same can be found in the Description of the Google Form for Registration).
- Fill in the personal details such as Name, Father's Name, Email, Phone Number, etc.
- In the drop-down option of 'Details of Payment - Select the head of 'NLIU Agreement Drafting and Presentation Competition, 2025'.
- In the drop-down option of 'sub details of payment'. Select 'Individual Authorship Fee' or 'Co-authorship Fee' as per your team composition.
- The pre-filled amount of INR 300 or 500 will show in the 'amount' option.
- Proceed to make the payment through the appropriate mode of payment.
- Take a Screenshot/Print of the Payment.
- Open the Google Form for Registration attached [herewith](#) and fill in the relevant details and upload the payment screenshot.

Important *Dates*

27 JANUARY 2025

Release of Contract Proposition

8 FEBRUARY 2025

Last Date to Seek Clarifications

10 FEBRUARY 2025

Closure of Registrations

25 FEBRUARY 2025

Submission Deadline

7 MARCH 2025

Release of Top 15 Entries

22-23 MARCH 2025

Phase II of the Competition

Awards *and Prizes*

**INTERNSHIP WITH
SARAF & PARTNERS**

WINNERS

CASH PRIZES

WINNERS

INR 25,000

RUNNERS-UP

INR 15,000

2ND RUNNERS-UP

INR 10,000

**BEST OVERALL
SUBMISSION**

INR 5,000

OTHER AWARDS

**ACCESS TO
MANUPATRA
ACADEMY COURSE**

- *Free access to one course to Winners & Runners-Up*
- *50% Discount to the 2nd Runners-Up*

CERTIFICATES

- *Certificate of Merit to Top 15 submissions.*
- *Certificate of Participation to all participants.*

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