



RFMLR SPECIAL ISSUE ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

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In the contemporary world, commercial arbitration has played an important role in dispute resolution. With the expansion of globalization, there is a substantial increase in the no. of parties belonging to multiple jurisdictions. Taking into account these concerns arbitration has emerged as an alternative to court proceedings for it ensures neutrality and enforcement (due to the ratification of New York Convention by over 150 countries).

With an influx of overseas commercial transactions and open ended economic policies acting as a catalyst, international commercial disputes are steadily rising. However, much of the concerns related to this field have not adequately dealt under the international legal regime. For instance, in the case of *Dallah*, there emerged a conflict between conventional arbitration and conventional court proceedings. So, it is imperative to explore the different dimensions and scope of international commercial arbitration and litigation in the light of recent developments.

This issue of the RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review intends to focus on emerging area of international commercial arbitration specially the change in perspectives, observed in last decade in relation to explaining the comparative strengths and weaknesses of international commercial dispute resolution mechanism. The scope of the theme is subject to all extended parameters including all possible interpretation and dimensions.

Submissions may conform to the following heads:

Articles: (5,000-15,000 words)

An article is an incisive and detailed assessment of a legal issue and it details all relevant literature pertaining to the issue and enunciates possible solutions to the same.

Notes: (2,000-5,000 words)

Notes are much more specific studies of contemporary issues.

Reviews: (10,000 words)

Book reviews must be done for books published within the past two years and the book must pertain to finance and mercantile law. Book Reviews should include all relevant information relating to the book reviewed. It should include the title of the book reviewed, the name(s) of the author(s)/editor(s), publication information, i.e. place of publication, name of publisher, year of publication, total number of pages inclusive of the index, the type of binding (soft cover/hardcover) and the price of the book.

Essay (5,000 words)

Any new ideas and perspectives on emerging and upcoming or perceived legal issues may be dealt with via this head. The research need not be detailed.

Sidebar (1000 words)

It is a comment or a short essay on a recent legal event or a comment on an academic piece.

Submission Guidelines

- All submissions must be 1.5 spaced in Times New Roman, font size 12 and justified. The prescribed word limits are exclusive of footnotes.
- All submissions must be in conformity with The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation (19th Ed.). The review employs footnotes as the method of citation.
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- Electronic submissions (on website or email) should ideally be made in Word Format (.doc)/(.docx)

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- An abstract of not more than 300 words describing the submission must be submitted along with the submission.

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Co-authoring of papers between individuals of the same or different institutions is permissible. The maximum no. of authors per submission is 2, however in case of a sidebar, the permissible no. of authors is 1.

Submission Date

The third edition of the review has a deadline of **31st October**. Late entries will not be entertained. However, the editorial board reserves discretion to waive the above deadline. Submissions should be emailed to us at **rfmlr@rgnul.ac.in**.

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