

**Call for Entries: 12th RMLNLU-Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan International Legal Essay Writing Competition and Conference on Insolvency Law: Submit by 13 September, 2024.**

*RMLNLU along with Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan is organising a Legal Essay Writing Competition and Conference on “Insolvency Law”. Entries for the same are invited from interested law students.*

**About RMLNLU**

RMLNLU was established in 2006 to impart quality legal education to students all over the country and to meet emerging challenges in the field of law. RMLNLU is committed to providing excellent infrastructure to its students and facilitating an environment that advances and disseminates knowledge of the law and legal processes. It aims to develop in students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in advocacy and legal writing.

**About Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan**

Founded in 1985 by Shri V. Lakshmikumaran and Shri V. Sridharan, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan has been a leading law firm with multiple offices splattered all across India and more than 400 professionals who are specialists in their fields. Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan specializes in areas such as corporate & commercial laws, dispute resolution, taxation and intellectual property and have professionals with experience of working in both traditional sectors such as commodities,

automobile, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and modern sectors such as e-commerce, big data, renewables.

The firm hosts a myriad of teams specializing in multiple areas like arbitration, banking & finance, commercial litigation, competition & antitrust, corporate, customs, direct tax, employment law, goods & services tax, insolvency, intellectual property, international trade & WTO, mergers & acquisitions to name a few. The firm has a rich history of over 35+ years of experience representing clients' interests in over 50,000 tax disputes before various forums like appellate bodies, DGFT, Tribunals, High Courts, and over 2000 cases before the Supreme Court of India.

The insolvency team at Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan (L&S) supports clients with advisory as well as litigation services. The firm provides clients with comprehensive and efficient counsel owing its extensive knowledge in fundamental corporate and commercial legislation as well as its awareness of different business sectors. The team at L&S has been involved in several matters involving the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 representing both creditors as well as debtors before various company law and appellate tribunals and has also represented creditors in various sectors, such as power, heavy industries, tourism, and financial sector.

### **About the Journal Committee**

The Committee was constituted with the objective of promoting legal research and writing. Apart from conducting RILEC every year, the Committee annually publishes two peer-reviewed journals – the RMLNLU Law Review and the RMLNLU Journal on CMET (Communication, Media, Entertainment and Technology) Law. Both these journals publish articles, essays, case

notes/comments and book reviews from contributors all over the world. The RMLNLU Law Review also runs a blog that provides a platform for people in the field to express their opinions on contemporary legal issues.

## **About the Judge**

Asish is a Partner at Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan and practices in the areas of general corporate, M&A and regulatory. Based in Mumbai and with more than 10 years of experience, Asish has rich experience in advising various domestic and multinational companies in restructuring, M&A, regulatory, GST and commercial dispute resolution matters. He has assisted various clients with GST impact assessment and implementation. Additionally, he has done notable transactions in relation to transition, supply chain, re-modelling, and business transformation and anti-profiteering assignments.

Asish advises clients on general corporate advisory matters and has worked on various transactions and matters pertaining to M&A, corporate restructuring, investment, FEMA, payment regulations and real estate including carrying out due diligence, drafting and negotiating transaction documents. He specialises in dealing with clients from digital and e-commerce space.

Asish also has experience of being a part of the service tax team of Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan. As a part of the team, he had advised various leading companies on issues related to service tax like taxability, classification, exemption and credit optimization strategy.

## **Themes and Sub themes**

This year the Committee is inviting original submissions from authors in the form of essays falling within the indicated contours of the theme of the offline conference – “Insolvency Law”. The list of the indicated sub-themes is given below to aid the participants:

- Cross-border Insolvency
- Integration of ADR for Effective Resolution of Insolvency Disputes
- Intersection of Insolvency and Money Laundering
- Real Estate Sector & IB Code, 2016
- Green Insolvency
- Impact of IBC on Credit Culture

**NOTE:** Sub-themes are merely indicative in nature and not exhaustive.

## **Eligibility**

Authors must be pursuing their **5-year integrated LL.B. (Hons.) course/ 3-year LL.B. course/ LL.M** from any recognised university in India and equivalent law degree abroad for the academic year of 2024-2025, to be eligible to participate in the competition.

## **Structure**

- All entries will be judged and ranked by **Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan** and the **Committee**.
- The **authors of the top three entries** will be selected for an offline conference. In the conference, they would be required to present their papers before a panel of judges.
- The participants may adopt any suitable means for presenting the papers including audio-visual aids, such as PowerPoint presentation.

- The **final rankings** of the authors of the top three entries shall be declared on the basis of their paper presentations in the conference.

## Cash Prizes

- Winner: INR 15,000/-
- First Runner- up: INR 10,000/-
- Second Runner- up: INR 5,000/-

## Other entitlements

- Authors of top three entries will be receiving a '**Certificate of Achievement**' and may, upon the discretion of Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, receive an internship opportunity as per the Internship Policy of the Firm.
- A '**Certificate of Merit**' shall be provided to the selected entries.
- Top three entries will be published on the RMLNLU Law Review Blog.
- Top three entries may be considered for publication in the next issue of the **RMLNLU Law Review Journal**.
- All participants shall be receiving a '**Certificate of Participation**'.

## Participation Guidelines

- Co-authorship of entries (maximum two) among individuals from the same or different institutions is allowed.
- Multiple entries for the same authors are not allowed.
- Entries should be original, unpublished and non-plagiarised.

## Submission Guidelines

- Word Limit: 4000–5000 words (excluding footnotes).
- Individual Attachments: Name; contact details; current academic status (year of study, name of university etc.); undertaking as to guarantee of originality.
  - Font and size for the essay: Times New Roman – 12
  - Font and size for footnotes: Times New Roman – 10
  - Paper Size: A 4
  - Line spacing: 1.5
  - Margin: 1” from all sides
  - Alignment: Justified
- Citation Style: Footnotes must be properly cited strictly in accordance with the latest OSCOLA (4th edition) format. No endnotes or speaking footnotes (descriptive footnotes) are permitted.
- Entries should be emailed to [rilec.rmlnlu@gmail.com](mailto:rilec.rmlnlu@gmail.com) under the subject title “Entry for 12th RILEC – [Name(s) of Author(s)]” in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.
- Any queries relating to the Competition should be addressed to [rilec.rmlnlu@gmail.com](mailto:rilec.rmlnlu@gmail.com).

## Miscellaneous Rules

- The copyright for all entries shall vest with the Committee who herewith reserve the right to modify, postpone or defer the Competition and its adjudication indefinitely as and when exigencies of an unforeseen nature may arise.
- Any attempt, direct or indirect, to contact the panel of judges will be met with the immediate disqualification of the relevant entry.
- Any indication of the author’s name or university in the entry shall lead to immediate disqualification from the

Competition. Details about the author may only be specified in the body of the mail and the name of the author must not be mentioned in the name of the file submitted.

### **Important Dates**

- Last date for submission of manuscript: **13 September 2024**
- Late entries will not be entertained.
- The offline conference will be held in February, tentatively. The exact dates of the offline conference will be announced soon.

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For more details about the competition, please access the brochure [here](#).