



# **INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL AWARD WRITING COMPETITION 2020**

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**LexADR's Arbitral Award Writing Competition**

### **About LexADR:**

LexADR is a legal learning platform built exclusively for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) enthusiasts. With this platform we aim to build a community that will help foster the ADR system in our nation. LexADR is a student run organisation, founded by Mr. Rahul Saraswat, final year student at Gujarat National Law University. With the assistance of team members and mentors, LexADR performs its day to day functions. LexADR is organisation of 2000+ subscribers and 2500+ Followers on LinkedIn. LexADR is funded by the Government of Gujarat and incubated by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.

### **About of Chambers of Ratan K. Singh:**

Mr. Ratan K. Singh heads “Chambers of Ratan K. Singh”. His area of practice includes Arbitration (domestic & international), Construction, Infrastructure, Engineering & Technology Law, Real estate, Commercial Law (Domestic and International), Mining law, etc. He did his Masters in Geology and Bachelors in Law from Delhi University in 1996. He is Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb), UK and has done Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from CI Arb (UK).

He is the founder Chairman of Society of Construction Law, India. He is also Director of India Branch of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) UK and Member of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Task Force on Dispute Resolution. Mr. Singh is also accredited tutor of CI Arb, UK. He is visiting faculty of Indian Society of International Law (ISIL).

*Award writing is most important aspect of arbitration. Everybody who wants to pursue arbitration as a career option should learn the art of award writing. This competition is unique in this sense and I wish all the success to this initiative.*

**Mr. Ratan K. Singh**

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## **ARTICLE 1- DEFINITIONS**

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- i. 'Arbitral Tribunal' means a sole arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators;
- ii. 'Award' means the arbitral award submitted by a participant pursuant to these rules;
- iii. 'Claimant' means the person invoking arbitration clause and submitting dispute to the arbitral tribunal for it's adjudication;
- iv. 'Competition' means the LexADR-Arbitral Award Writing Competition-2020;
- v. 'Competition Rules' means the official rules framed by the organising committee of the LexADR and shall include the subsequent amendments made therein;
- vi. 'I.S.T' means Indian Standard Time;
- vii. 'Organising Committee' means the committee formed by the LexADR for the administration and conduct of the Competition and includes any other person authorised by the LexADR for the administration and conduct of this Competition;
- viii. 'Participant' means a member participating In this competition and shall include the team where there is more than one member;
- ix. 'Penalty' means the consequence of violation of a rule(s), whether disqualification from competition or deduction of points.
- x. 'Respondent' means a person against whom the arbitration clause has been invoked by the claimant.

## **ARTICLE 2- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- 1) Any student from a recognised Law College or University may participate in the Competition;
  - 5-years course law student
  - 3-years course law student
  - LL.M. course student.
- 2) No restriction is placed on the number of students representing from each university/ institution.
- 3) Individual participation as well as participation in a team of two i.e. co-authorship is allowed.

### **ARTICLE 3- LANGUAGE**

The language of the competition shall be English.

### **ARTICLE 4- FORMAT OF ARBITRAL AWARD**

- 1) The format of the Award shall be in the following chronological order.
  - a) Cover Page: The cover page must include the name of the competition, name of the parties and the name of the student author(s).
  - b) Statement of Facts
  - c) Issues in Dispute
  - d) Arguments from the Claimant and the Respondent
  - e) Decision and Award
- 2) The Participants shall write the award on an issue by issue basis and their respective arguments.
- 3) Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities, and Section Headings shall be typed Single-spaced.
- 4) The Entry must be typewritten. Font: Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5 and justified alignment; proper page numbering should be inserted.
- 4) All footnotes must be in Times New Roman, font size 10, single-spacing and justified. Endnotes shall not be permitted.
- 5) Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
- 6) The manuscript should be accompanied with a covering letter specifying the author's name, designation, institute, contact number and e-mail for future reference.
- 7) The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation (20th Ed.) is to be followed.
- 8) The Award must be submitted in both Microsoft Word and PDF format.

## **ARTICLE 5- SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- 1) The participant(s) has/have to submit his/their Award(s) on or before **June 20, 2020(2359 Hrs. I.S.T)** by emailing it to [lexadr.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:lexadr.competitions@gmail.com).
- 2) The subject should read: "Submission of Entry - Name of the Author(s)".
- 3) The attachment should be titled as "Award - Name of the Author(s)".

## **ARTICLE 6- EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- 1) The arbitral award submitted by a participant (s) shall be evaluated by a discrete panel constituted by the competent authority of LexADR.
- 2) Every Award will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated as given below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Marks</b>
i.	Organisation of facts	20
ii.	Framing of issues	20
iii.	Application of laws	20
iv.	Extent & use of research	20
v.	Citation of source	10
vi.	Grammar & style	10
Total		100

## **ARTICLE 7- ANONYMITY OF PARTICIPANT(S)**

1. Each participant shall be allotted a 'code' after the registration.
2. No participant shall, in any case, reveal their identity, in any manner whatsoever, except by means of Code allotted to them.
3. Any disclosure of identity shall result in disqualification of such participant from the competition.

## **ARTICLE 8- CLARIFICATIONS**

1. Any clarification with respect to rules of the competition, registration, payment, etc. shall be addressed to **lexadr.competitions@gmail.com** with subject 'Clarification- (specify Rules/Registration/payment/ ....)'
2. All communications shall be addressed on e-mail only.
3. The organising committee shall compile all the clarifications received by it and will publish the same with their answers on the official website of LexADR and will also be informed to participants via email communication.

## **ARTICLE 9- PENALTIES**

1. A penalty, in case required, shall be imposed only by the Organising Committee in consultation with the panel of judges.
2. Each violation of rule shall entail a deduction of 2 marks.
3. A participant shall be liable for disqualification on the following grounds-
  - a) Disclosure of Identity; or
  - b) Any attempt to influence organising committee or any of its members for any purpose whatsoever; or
  - c) Any attempt to contact judges; or
  - d) Any other matter which the organising committee deems fit.

## **ARTICLE 10- AWARDS**

1. The winner shall be awarded **INR 4500/- + Certificate of Merit**
2. The runner-up shall be awarded **INR 2500/-+ Certificate of Merit**
3. The second runner-up shall be awarded **INR 1500/-+ Certificate of Merit**
4. Shortlisted awards will be published with the name of author(s) on the website of LexADR.
5. Certificate of Merit would be awarded to the top ten participants excluding top three.
6. Certification of participation will be given to all the participants

## **ARTICLE 11- MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1) The organising committee shall serve as the final arbiter of interpretation as well as implementation of these rules.
- 2) In case any dispute arises, the same shall be resolved by the organising committee only.
- 3) In no circumstances, a participant shall upload online the award or share it with any other person for its publication on any platform without a prior permission of LexADR.
- 4) LexADR reserves its right to publish or post online a copy of award giving due credits to the author of such award with complete details of such author.
- 5) LexADR reserves its right to amend these rules as and when it deems fit.
- 6) Before, during or after the competition if any issue arises, decision of LexADR will be final.

## **ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE COMPETITION**

- 1) The present case is an arbitrable dispute and thus no question of arbitrability arises.
- 2) All formalities relevant to instituting the dispute under provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 have been complied with by the parties.
- 3) Both parties to the dispute have consensually appointed the Sole Arbitrator and thus, there shall be no challenge to the appointment of arbitrator.
- 4) Notice invoking Arbitration has been sent to the Respondent by the Claimant and the Respondent has duly received it.
- 5) The aforesaid contract has been duly stamped and is valid. No question on the ground of insufficient stamp duty shall be raised by the parties.
- 6) The Arbitrator has signed and provided the disclosure of Independence and Impartiality as required under the provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. There is no conflict of interest between the Arbitrator and the parties.
- 7) All the relevant Provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 have been complied with by the parties to the dispute.

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

1. Participants are required to fill the registration form to register the team via this link only.  
<https://forms.gle/84zTC1TLi8gMjsB49>
2. Registration fee for the competition is **INR 250 only for Single Author** and **for co-author INR 350 only**.
3. The registration fee paid by a participant shall not be refunded on any ground.
4. Once the registration and payment is done, the team will be allocated a unique team code.
5. Once registration via google form is done, the participant need to complete payment. The team shall send the screenshot of the payment via whatsapp on **9407174742** to confirm the participation.

## **MODE OF PAYMENT**

**The registration fees can be paid via Paytm, Google Pay, Phone Pay on 9407174742.**

For any information or payment related issue, please drop a whatsapp text or call on **9407174742/9978865129**.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

1. Release of Competition Problem: 23/05/2020
2. Last date for clarifications: 31/05/2020
3. Last date for Submission: 20/06/2020
4. Declaration of Results: 10/07/2020

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