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**RGNU - SAM CONCLAVE**

**ON**

**EMERGING TRENDS IN INSOLVENCY  
AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS, 2024**

**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB**

## **About Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab**

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL) is an autonomous National Law University (NLU) established by the RGNUL Act (No. 12 of 2006) passed by the Legislature of the State of Punjab, under the second wave of reforms instituted by the Bar Council of India. Established in 2006, RGNUL has garnered a pan-India reputation as a stellar institution for legal research and education. In May 2015, RGNUL became the first and the only NLU to have been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A' grade. In March 2018, RGNUL was amongst the four NLUs to have been granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission. The University has been ranked among the top 10 law schools in India in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

## **About RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review**

The RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review (RFMLR) is a bi-annual, student-run, double-blind peer-reviewed law journal published by the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The Journal was first published in the year 2014 and allows the legal academia, legal professionals and law students to contribute cutting-edge, doctrinal, theoretical, and empirical research in the field of business and commercial laws. The Journal is indexed on SCC Online, Manupatra, and HeinOnline, and has been ranked amongst the ten most accessed law school journals by SCC Online.

The Editorial Board also collaborates with various legal experts and undertakes various academic initiatives to promote study and research in the field of business and commercial laws. As a part of this endeavour, the Editorial Board has previously collaborated with IBBI, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, and various professionals and experts in the industry to initiate a novel discourse on emerging issues pertaining different areas of law.

# About Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.



**Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas**

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co (SAM & Co), founded on a century of legal achievements, is amongst the leading full-service law firms in India. They have 850 plus lawyers, including 182 Partners, offering legal services through their offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Gurugram, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai. The firm represents major transnational corporates on their India entry and business strategy and is known globally for its exceptional dispute resolution & arbitration, mergers & acquisitions, insolvency & restructuring, banking & finance, tax, competition law, regulatory litigation, capital markets and private equity practices.

A multitude of teams work closely with each other and provide advice to clients on every aspect of their business, from entry strategies and complex tax-efficient structuring to divestitures and exits. It also includes engagements regarding complicated mergers, acquisitions, private equity transactions, takeover code, corporate governance and employee-related matters. Over the years, SAM & Co has given effect to various complex and seminal deals and has consistently been awarded for the same. SAM & Co was ranked #1 by deal count and deal Value with 158 deals worth over USD 46.53 billion by MergerMarket India League Tables 2023. The firm has also been recognized as the 'Law Firm of the Year' and one of the 'Best Overall Law Firms' by the India Business Law Journal, 2024.

# Previous Editions of RGNUL-SAM Conclave

## **RGNUL-SAM CONCLAVE ON ARBITRATION IN PRACTICE, 2021**

In July 2021, the Editorial Board had organised the **RGNUL-SAM Conclave on Arbitration in Practice, in collaboration with SAM & Co**, with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") acting as an Associate Partner for the event. The Conclave was extremely successful in initiating a discourse on practical issues in arbitration in India. The Paper Presentation Session saw participation from students across the country presenting novel solutions to challenges faced by various stakeholders in the field of arbitration, and the Expert Panel Discussion brought together leading experts, who shared practical insights into the evolving opportunities and persisting hurdles that are likely to shape arbitration in the coming years. The panel of speakers consisted of Mr. Tejas Karia (Partner, Head – Arbitration, SAM & Co), Mr. Gauhar Mirza (Partner, SAM & Co), Mr. Kevin Nash (Deputy Registrar, SIAC), Mr. Rohit Singhal (Chief Executive Officer and Construction Dispute Expert, Masin). The discussion was moderated by Mr. Prakhar Deep (Senior Associate, SAM & Co).

## **RGNUL-SAM CONCLAVE ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF IT LITIGATION AND DATA PROTECTION IN INDIA, 2022**

In May 2022, the Editorial Board organised the **2nd RGNUL-SAM Conclave on Practical Aspects of IT Litigation and Data Protection in India**, in collaboration with SAM & Co. The Conclave was extremely successful in initiating a discussion on the critical and contemporary issues in the Information Technology sector, with a particular focus on understanding the disputes that emerge in India. Various participants researched and presented novel and innovative solutions to the issues confronting all stakeholders during the Paper Presentation Session. The Expert Panel Discussion witnessed professionals in the Information Technology sector participating in the discussion, sharing practical insights into the industry's ever-changing opportunities and lingering challenges. The panel of speakers consisted of Mr. Tejas Karia (Partner, Head – Arbitration, SAM & Co), Mr. Gauhar Mirza (Partner, SAM & Co), and Dr. Subhajit Basu (Associate Professor, Leeds University). The discussion was moderated by Mr. Prakhar Deep (Senior Associate, SAM & Co).

## **RGNUL-SAM CONCLAVE ON EMERGING TRENDS IN BANKING AND FINANCE IN INDIA, 2023**

In April 2023, the **3rd RGNUL-SAM Conclave on Emerging Trends in Banking and Finance in India**, was organized which was extremely successful in initiating a discussion on the critical and contemporary issues in the banking and finance sector, with a particular focus on understanding the challenges that are emerging in the sector. Emerging Trends in Banking & Finance in India have been the focus of discussion for quite some time now. With the ever-evolving financial landscape, it is crucial to keep an eye on the emerging trends to stay ahead of the curve. Various participants researched and presented novel and practical solutions to the challenges all stakeholders through the paper presentation session. Leading experts from SAM & Co and other professionals in the Banking and Finance sector participated in the Expert Panel Discussion, sharing practical insights into the industry's ever-changing opportunities and lingering challenges.

## **ABOUT THE CONCLAVE**

Insolvency and bankruptcy laws constitute a formidable domain within the legal landscape, characterized by its dynamic nature and technical intricacies. This legal sphere constantly evolves, responding to the ever-changing dynamics of financial distress and corporate restructuring. In recognition of these factors, the RGNUL-SAM Conclave will serve as a platform for the initiation of insightful discussions on the emergent trends in insolvency and bankruptcy laws in India. The Conclave aims to foster a nuanced discourse on pressing issues within this expanding domain, offering innovative solutions that address the concerns of various stakeholders involved.

### **EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION**

The first session of the Conclave would be an Expert Discussion on Emerging Trends in Insolvency and Bankruptcy laws, where professionals from SAM & Co and other experts would discuss emerging issues in this domain. We welcome academics, legal practitioners, and law students to attend the Expert Discussion. This would not only give the attendees insights into the practical issues in this area, but also give them a unique opportunity to interact with the experts from the field.

### **PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION**

The next session of the Conclave would be a Paper Presentation Session. The Editorial Board of RFMLR invites law students to submit research papers under the below-mentioned theme to contribute to the discourse around practical issues in Insolvency & Bankruptcy in India. After preliminarily reviewing all the manuscripts, the Editorial Board will shortlist entries whose authors will be invited to present their research before the experts from SAM & Co on the day of the Paper Presentation Session.

# THEMES FOR SUBMISSION & PAPER PRESENTATION

## THEME : Emerging trends in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws



Kindly note that the above sub-themes are **non-exhaustive** in nature. Authors are encouraged to explore and submit papers on any other relevant sub-theme that aligns with the broad theme of 'Emerging Trends in Insolvency and Bankruptcy.' We welcome innovative and diverse perspectives that contribute to the ongoing discourse in this field, whether through theoretical analysis, empirical research, case studies, or comparative studies. Submissions that address novel issues, propose new frameworks, or offer critical insights into the evolving landscape of insolvency and bankruptcy law and practice are highly encouraged. We also value interdisciplinary approaches that connect insolvency with other fields, as well as forward-looking analyses that anticipate future challenges. All submissions should aim to advance understanding and inspire further research in the field of Insolvency and Bankruptcy.

## Rewards

- Among all the papers presented in the Conclave, the top three will be awarded Certificates of Merit, along with other prizes which shall be announced later.
- All the other entries selected for presentation will be awarded Certificates of Participation.
- After a comprehensive review of the papers shortlisted for presentation, the Editorial Board will publish the compilation of the best entries among them.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## GENERAL

1. The Editorial Board of RFMLR invites submissions from law students from within and outside India for the purpose of the paper presentation.
2. The submissions shall be written in the English language only.
3. Co-authorship is limited to a maximum of two authors.
4. The word limit for the submission is 3000-6000 words (exclusive of abstract and footnotes).
5. Submissions shall be lucid, contemporarily relevant, and well-researched. They shall contain a novel analysis of the issue by the author(s). The Editorial Board encourages analytical submissions with concrete suggestions over descriptive submissions with generic suggestions.
6. Any form of plagiarism is strictly prohibited and the submission shall be original, unpublished, and an outcome of the author's own efforts.
7. The author(s) bear sole responsibility for the accuracy of facts, opinions and views stated in the submission.
8. The name(s) of the author(s) or institution must not be mentioned anywhere in the body of the submission.
9. The author(s) shall refrain from submitting the manuscript elsewhere during the pendency of the review process.
10. The author(s) are required to submit an abstract, not exceeding 250 words, within their manuscript.

## FORMATTING

1. Body: Submissions shall be typewritten in Times New Roman, font size 12 with line spacing 1.5 and justified alignment.
2. Footnotes: Citations shall be in accordance with OSCOLA (4th Ed). All the footnotes shall be typewritten in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single line spacing and justified alignment. Use of speaking footnotes is strictly prohibited.

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## SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. The author(s) shall submit the manuscript through the registration-cum-submission form here before the submission deadline. No author is allowed to submit more than one manuscript.
2. The author(s) shall submit the manuscript in .doc or .docx format. The author(s) shall submit the manuscript along with a duly signed Certificate of Originality and Copyright (provided in Google Form).

# Other Details

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Deadline for Submission of Manuscripts: October 15, 2024
- Intimation to Authors of Entries Shortlisted for Presentation: October 29, 2024
- Date of Expert Panel Discussion: November 09, 2024
- Date of Paper Presentation Session of the Conclave: November 10, 2024
- Publication of Selected Entries: 15 January, 2025

**Note:** The Conclave will be organized in an offline mode at RGNUL Campus. After the selection of manuscripts, authors will be required to pay a fee, which will cover their accommodation and meals. Payment details will be communicated at a later stage.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Submission Form](#)

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