

# 11TH NLIU-JUSTICE R.K. TANKHA MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION MOOT, 2026

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*About us*

# NLIU, BHOPAL

The **National Law Institute University, Bhopal** (NLIU), established in 1997, has consistently been accredited as one of the leading legal institutions of the country and is widely known as a reputable institution in the global legal arena. The vision of NLIU is to become one of the best centers of legal education, training, and research. The testament to this commitment is NLIU's great alumni network which finds its presence in almost all the multifarious fields of law across the nation and abroad as well.

The University has shown active interest in the field of mootng so as to inculcate the art of researching and drafting amongst the students. As a result, the mootng culture of the institution has achieved unparalleled heights in the past years. The students have also shown great enthusiasm in fostering and honing their mootng skills.

The **Moot Court Association** is the oldest cell of the institute and was established in 2002. It organizes various events of eminence such as the **NLIU - Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot**, the **NLIU National Corporate Law Moot**, and the **NLIU National Client Counselling Competition**. Additionally, it provides a plethora of opportunities for the students to participate in moot court competitions around the world and the same has yielded great achievements for the Institute.

*About*

# THE TANKHA MOOT

The NLIU-Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot (the “**Tankha Moot**”) is the *flagship moot* of National Law Institute University, Bhopal, organized annually in association with the **Office of Mr. Vivek Tankha** (*Senior Advocate & Member of Rajya Sabha*). Owing to the participation from various prominent national and international law universities, the moot gives a great amount of exposure to the participants to showcase their knowledge and adept mooting skills at a global level. Because of the stiff competition and abundance of knowledge that it offers to the participants, the moot also holds the distinction of being one of the biggest moots organized across the country.

The event has, in its long-standing journey, received enormous support from various individuals and institutions who have blessed the moot with their vast experience and knowledge in this field. The **Singapore International Arbitration Centre**, one of the world’s leading arbitral institutions has extended its unvarying support as the official *institutional partner* for the moot.

**Jus Mundi**, the celebrated international law and arbitration research engine has also extended its support for this event as the Research Partner

The moot is also supported by **Reynolds Porter Chamberlain**, a leading London based law firm, as our *International Law Firm Partner*. The event is judged by luminaries from the legal fraternity including judges of the Supreme Court of India and the High Court, senior counsels, practitioners, and arbitrators making it an enriching experience for the participating teams.





*About Late Hon'ble Justice*

## **R. K. TANKHA**



Born on 29 May 1926, **Justice Tankha** completed his schooling at Allahabad and graduated in law from Allahabad University. Thereafter, he practised as a junior counsel to Shri Gopal Swarup Pathak, Senior Advocate, who later became the Vice President of India. Around 1950-51, Justice Tankha started his legal practice in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh where he received professional acclaim at a very young age. Subsequently, he moved to Jabalpur, the seat of the High Court of the State of Madhya Pradesh, and within a short period of time, gained prominence at the Madhya Pradesh Bar. He also served as the *President* of the High Court Bar Association. In 1972, he was elevated as a *Judge* of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. Justice Tankha passed away at the age of 52 on 13 December 1978.

His son, **Shri Vivek Tankha**, joined the Bar in 1979 and is one of the most eminent senior advocates in India. He was the *Advocate General* of the State of Madhya Pradesh from 1999 to 2003. He also held the position of the *Additional Solicitor General of India* at the Supreme Court from 2009 to 2012. Further, he is currently a *Member of the Rajya Sabha* where he assumed his office in 2016. An avid philanthropist, Mr. Tankha has facilitated the opening of various Rotary Cross Blood Banks in tribal areas and has set up five schools for specially-abled children in five towns in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

This Competition was founded by Shri Vivek Tankha in memory of his late father - Justice Tankha, to motivate young law students to strive for legal excellence and to promote the spirit of academic enquiry.



# *The* **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES**

The **previous edition** of the competition was held *in-person* on the lush green campus of **NLIU, Bhopal**. Notwithstanding the sizeable participation, the competition was organized very smoothly owing to the resolute efforts of the MCA and the cooperation and support of all the collaborators involved despite quite a few editions being previously held virtually due to the pandemic.

The organising committee worked round the clock and made sure that the competition remained hassle-free and that the rounds of the competition were held on time and remained free from any difficulties. The participants received invaluable feedback from the judges and faced stiff competition from their counterparts from sister universities with zeal and enthusiasm.

The MCA is ready to set the ball rolling physically yet again this time and is committed to making sure that the tenth edition of this moot is as grand as the previous editions and provides an enriching experience to all the participants.

# *The* **ELEVENTH EDITION**

Carrying forward the legacy of the moot, we are extremely delighted to announce the **eleventh edition** of the **NLIU-Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot**. The previous editions have delivered much above expectations which makes it more challenging for the NLIU Moot Court Association 2025-26 to match the bar that has been set for the moot across the globe. In this endeavour to exceed the levels of excellence, we are ready to hustle to the fullest of our capabilities to make this event as grand as ever.

## **Format of the Competition**

The competition shall be organized *physically* and the oral rounds shall take place in the premises of NLIU, Bhopal. This year, the registering teams will have to go through a *memo-qualifier process* after which **40 teams** shall be selected to participate in the advanced rounds. The advanced rounds shall begin with the preliminary rounds which shall consist of two rounds of pleadings. First, the teams shall present their submissions from both the Claimants' and the Respondents' side during the Preliminary Rounds. The top 8 teams shall subsequently advance to the knockout stage in the Quarter-finals, and the top 4 teams shall thereafter make it to the Semi-finals. The last two teams will compete for the winner's trophy in the final round. The teams shall argue the sides allotted to them as per the rules of the competition.

# CASE COMMITTEE

*Drafters of the Problem*

## Mr. Anchit Oswal



Mr. Oswal is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice at Khaitan & Co, NCR. An alumnus of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, he brings with him extensive experience in advising and representing clients across a wide range of sectors. He advises on pre-litigation strategy, and over the past decade, he has been involved in numerous complex civil, commercial, corporate, joint venture, and regulatory disputes before courts, specialised tribunals, and in domestic as well as international arbitrations.

## Mr. Gaurav Sharma



Mr. Sharma is a 2017 alumnus of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, and is currently a Principal Associate at Khaitan & Co, NCR. With a strong grounding in corporate law, he has built a distinguished practice at the firm, advising on and handling complex disputes and high-value advisory matters. He also served as the Co-Convenor of the NLIU-MCA in his final year and was instrumental in organising the second edition of the Tankha Moot Court Competition, contributing significantly to the development of mooting activities at the institution.



# JUDGES

## *Previous Editions*

In order to make the competition more enriching, we invite a panel of eminent personalities as judges from across the industry. Every judge on board is acclaimed for their expertise, insights, experience, and in-depth knowledge of the subject matter. We are proud to have been able to host several esteemed panels over the years which included sitting judges of the Apex court and other well-known names in the field of international commercial arbitration. Here is a sneak-peak into our previous two editions' panels for the Final Round of the competition. A sneak-peak into some of our previous editions' panel for Final Round of the competition.



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*About*

# SIAC

*Institutional Partner*

Since the commencement of its operations in 1991 as an independent, *not-for-profit* organisation, **SIAC** has established a track record for providing the best-in-class arbitration services to the global business community. SIAC arbitration awards have been enforced in many jurisdictions including Australia, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Thailand, the UK, the USA and Vietnam, amongst other New York Convention signatories. SIAC is a global arbitral institution providing cost competitive and efficient case management services to parties from all over the world. SIAC's Board of Directors and its Court of Arbitration consist of eminent lawyers and professionals from all over the world. The Board is responsible for overseeing SIAC's operations, business strategy and development, as well as corporate governance matters.

The Court's main functions include the appointment of arbitrators, as well as overall supervision of case administration at SIAC. SIAC has an experienced international panel of over 500 expert arbitrators from over 40 jurisdictions.

Appointments are made on the basis of specialized knowledge of an arbitrator's expertise, experience, and track record. SIAC's panel has over 100 experienced arbitrators in the areas of Energy, Engineering, Procurement and Construction from more than 25 jurisdictions. The SIAC Rules provide state-of-the-art procedural framework for efficient, expert and enforceable resolution of international disputes of all sizes and complexities involving parties from diverse legal systems and cultures.





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## **REYNOLDS PORTER CHAMBERLAIN**

*International Law Firm Partner*

Since tracing its roots back to 1898 and evolving into a modern international powerhouse, **RPC** has established a track record for providing best-in-class legal and commercial services to the global business community. RPC's strategic advice and dispute resolution outcomes have been relied upon in many jurisdictions, with a physical presence in London, Bristol, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and a wider reach through its Global Access Lawyers network. RPC's Partnership and its diverse teams consist of eminent lawyers and professionals from across the globe. The leadership is responsible for overseeing RPC's operations, business strategy, and development, as well as corporate governance matters.

The firm's main functions include the delivery of complex transactional advice, as well as overall supervision of high-stakes dispute resolution. RPC has an experienced international team of over 1,100 professionals, including more than 140 partners and 500 expert lawyers. Appointments and case teams are formed on the basis of the specialized knowledge of a lawyer's expertise, experience, and track record. RPC's team includes market-leading practitioners in the areas of Insurance, Technology, Media, Retail, and Commercial Litigation from multiple jurisdictions. The RPC approach provides a modern, progressive framework for the efficient, expert, and enforceable resolution of international disputes and commercial challenges of all sizes and complexities involving parties from diverse legal systems and cultures.

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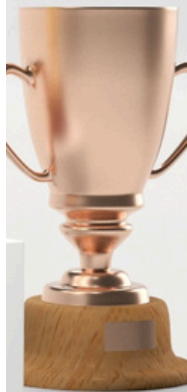
# JUS MUNDI

*Research Partner*

Known as a leading *International Law and Arbitration* research engine, **Jus Mundi** is a Paris and New York-based legal tech company offering global arbitration intelligence, data-driven arbitration professional search, and business development to connect legal ecosystems and champion global justice with technology.

They offer the broadest and most extensive collection of international legal information – from a range of awards and decisions through key partnerships with the world's leading institutions and associations, such as ICC, ICDR-AAA and the IBA, to a collection of secondary sources, such as the ICC Dispute Resolution Library, the Juris Arbitration Library or Oxford University Press Law Library. They also offer a professional network of 50,000 members called Jus Connect, which connects legal departments with legal expertise.

# PRIZES & AWARDS



## WINNERS

- Prize Money of INR 1,15,000
- Three-month subscription to Jus Mundi Legal Research Portal
- Internship opportunities at leading law firms

## RUNNERS-UP

- Prize Money of INR 50,000
- Internship opportunities at leading law firms

## BEST ORALIST (Preliminary Rounds)

- Prize Money of INR 15,000
- Internship opportunity at a leading law firm

## BEST ORALIST (Final Round)

- Internship opportunity with Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP

## BEST MEMORIAL (Claimant)

- Prize Money of INR 15,000
- Publication on the IALR website
- Internship opportunities at leading law firms

## BEST MEMORIAL (Respondent)

- Prize Money of INR 15,000
- Publication on the IALR website
- Internship opportunities at leading law firms



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