



1st Dr. TMA PAI INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION – 2024



30th – 31st MARCH 2024



PRIZES WORTH 3,00,000 (INR)

From The Director's Desk



Technology is integral to our modern way of life, driving progress, innovation, and connectivity across various domains. While it brings numerous benefits, it's also essential to address ethical, privacy, and security considerations to ensure responsible and sustainable technological development. Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru provides an opportunity to delve into tech related issues and develop an aptitude to solve the challenges of today's technology driven society.

We are a Law School which is fully committed to excel and explore the niche areas of law. Technology law and arbitration in the legal arena are still in the budding stage. Legislation is only slowly catching up with reality while at the same time these technologies are developing rapidly. Technology law is a fast-evolving field with unique and emerging challenges, and I am hopeful that this moot competition will allow participants to engage with cutting-edge legal issues and to explore creative and forward-thinking solutions to legal challenges posed by technology.

Furthermore, as we embark on a journey of legal excellence, I extend a heartfelt welcome to the students who are actively participating in the very first Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Competition 2024. To the participating students, I extend my best wishes.

Prof. (Dr.) Avinash Dadhich
Director, Manipal Law School (MAHE Bengaluru)
LL.M (France), Ph. D (UK) & IVLP Fellow (USA)

About Manipal Law School

Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru has identified itself as the destination for young minds aspiring to be legal professionals in the industry, specifically in technology law. Our Law School aims at being the best place to equip oneself with the knowledge and skills relevant in the field of technology law. Centre for Post-Graduate Legal Studies at MLS, MAHE Bengaluru presents the first of its kind Master of Law (LLM) programmes focussed on Data Privacy and Cyber Law, and Information Technology Law. With the recent roundtable conference on cybercrimes (held on 17th Oct, 2023) and Indian Data Protection Summit, 2023 on the theme of "Emerging Technologies and Privacy" (held on 24th-25th of November, 2023), we are on the path to furnish our students with the relevant tech law lore of today. At MLS, MAHE Bengaluru we thrive to prepare graduates who are fit for the legal landscape of the future. A future where amicable modes of dispute resolution will be favoured over adversarial ones and a future where technological developments will drive the industry and even effect our daily lives.



Manipal Law School's Moot Court Society

The Manipal Law School's Moot Court Society (MCS) serves as a cornerstone of legal enthusiasm. Its primary objective is to foster a research-oriented environment that nurtures the skills of young legal minds in research, drafting, and argumentation. Comprising dedicated members spanning the B.A.LL.B/B.B.A.LL.B (Hons.) program, MCS is the official student-run body entrusted with the organization of moot activities and events at the university.

The essence of the Moot Court practice lies in its resemblance to a court simulator, offering students a platform to refine their skills in a scenario akin to a real court. The committee is committed to the students' benefit, working towards moulding them into adept mooters and, consequently, professionally competent and socially responsible advocates.

Within the dynamic tapestry of the Manipal Law School Moot Court Society (MCS), our pride lies in the exceptional calibre of our members—students and faculty alike—who stand as paragons of legal acumen and unwavering dedication.

As we delve into the heart of the moot competition, the theme of technology and arbitration emerges as a crucible for legal acumen. In this era of rapid technological advancement, the conventional boundaries of dispute resolution have expanded, and the synergy of law and technology has become indispensable. MCS, cognizant of this paradigm shift, aims to equip its members and participants alike with a nuanced understanding of the intersection between technology and arbitration.

This competition provides all of us an opportune moment to explore and navigate the intricacies of Tech Arbitration—a domain where legal minds must not only grapple with substantive legal issues but also navigate the terrain of cybersecurity, data protection, and the admissibility of electronic evidence.

As the organizers of this competition, we extend our guidance to all participants, recognizing the shared pursuit of excellence in this unique moot competition.

With a shared passion for the intricacies of legal argumentation, our members are poised to dazzle, leaving an indelible mark on the moot court arena. Get ready to witness legal brilliance in action as our MCS takes hosting stage, prepared to leave an indelible mark on your first moot endeavours at Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru

Elucidating The Theme

As we stand on the threshold of this competition, it is paramount to comprehend the intricate relationship between international arbitration and the transformative influence of technology. This convergence of legal practice and technological innovation has reshaped the landscape of dispute resolution, presenting both challenges and opportunities.

Intersection of Technology & International Arbitration Law

As technology continues to evolve, disputes are inevitable thus dispute resolution mechanisms need to be tailored as per the need of the subject. Technology grows beyond the boundaries and therefore international arbitration will likely be the most appropriate forum to address new challenges and opportunities presented by these advancements.

The relationship between technology and arbitration law is dynamic and continually evolving. The intersection of technology and arbitration continues to shape the landscape of dispute resolution, offering opportunities for increased efficiency, accessibility, and transparency in the arbitration process. As technology advances, it will likely play an even more prominent role in shaping the future of arbitration.



About The Competition

Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru hereby announces the first edition of Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Competition 2024. With technology shaping today's globalised world and driving the dynamic and fast-moving industry of the day, we think it is time to move ahead of the traditional focus on municipal substantive and procedural laws in legal education.

While a good attorney is always needed, what businesses of the day need is a legal professional equipped with knowledge of Alternate Dispute Resolution(ADR) mechanisms and technology law. ADR is efficient and cost effective, an aspect which is appealing to modern day businesses. Thus, it is imperative that legal professionals of the day tailor their services to this need of the industry.

Keeping this in mind, Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru is organizing their first Dr. TMA Pai International Arbitration Moot on the theme of Technology Law on 30th - 31st of March 2024. This pioneering moot competition seeks to unravel the interplay between international arbitration and technology law, offering participants a unique opportunity to navigate the complex landscape where legal principles intersect with technological advancements. At the core of this intellectual pursuit lies an exploration of the multifaceted dimensions of tech law and its compelling global significance.





In preparing for this intellectually stimulating endeavour, delving into landmark judgments and seminal works on the intersection of international arbitration and technology law will undoubtedly provide a solid foundation. Familiarity with the evolving landscape of technology, from artificial intelligence to blockchain, will further equip participants to dissect complex legal issues arising in this domain.

The 1st Dr. TMA Pai International Technology Arbitration Moot Competition 2024 promises an immersive experience, beckoning participants to explore this intricate tapestry of tech and arbitration on the global stage. As you embark on this journey, we at Manipal Law School, MAHE Bengaluru encourage you to embrace the challenges with intellectual curiosity and a keen eye for the evolving role of technology in shaping the contours of international legal practice.

Hope we see you there!

Meet Our Organizing Committee

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Registration

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DETAILS AND FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will have Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-final rounds, semi-final round and final round.

Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-final rounds- 30th March 2024

Semi-final round and Final round- 31st March 2024

Number of Teams: 16

Team Composition: 2 Speakers, 1 Researcher

Registration Process and Instructions:

- ▶ Click here for the REGISTRATION
<http://surl.li/ontnt>
- ▶ Registration Opens on: 25th December 2024
- ▶ The registrations will be closed after the entry of 16 teams.
- ▶ Registration Closes on: 21st January 2024

Registration Fee:

- ▶ For Participants from India: ₹4,500 (INR)
- ▶ For International Participants: \$150 (USD)

Payment Details:

- ▶ Refer to rules and regulations

Awards:

- ▶ Winner - 1,50,000 (INR)
- ▶ Runner Up - 50,000 (INR)
- ▶ Best speaker - 20,000 (INR)
- ▶ Best Researcher - 20,000 (INR)
- ▶ Best Memorandum - 20,000 (INR)
- ▶ Participants - Certificates

Venue:

- ▶ Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru Campus
(Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University)
Govindapura, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560064, Karnataka, India

