

NLIU-TRILEGAL SUMMIT ON MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS, 2017

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

General Procedure

- Provisional Registration: Author(s) must send an e-mail outlining their intention of submitting a paper for consideration, by 30 November, 2016. The mail should have the following details: a) Name of Author(s); b) Contact Details; c) Sub-theme; d) Category of submission; e) Presentation and/or publication.
- Final Submission and Short-listing: Final manuscripts, along with abstracts, shall be submitted according to the Rules provided hereunder. There will be no preliminary short-listing on the basis of abstracts and all submissions will be evaluated in full, so as to ensure that the best manuscripts are selected for presentation/publication.
- Declaration of Results: The tentative date for declaration of manuscripts selected for presentation/publication is January 15, 2017.
- Payment of Registration Fees: Those authors whose papers are selected for presentation in the Summit shall be required to pay the registration fee. The registration fee shall be INR 1000 for single author entries and INR 1500 for co-authored entries. Details for payment will be communicated to the presenters by e-mail. The said payment must be made by January 31, 2017.

Categories

Submissions must be under either of the two categories:

- Articles: Manuscripts under this category should be an in-depth analysis of the issue within the word limit of **4000-6000 words**. Co-authorship up to two authors is permissible in this category. The presentation time allotted to author(s) of such Articles will be **15 minutes inclusive of questions** put forth by panelists.
- Essays: Manuscripts under this category should either cover a recent development or be issue-specific within the word limit of **2000 to 3000 words**. Co-authorship is not permissible in case of Essays. The presentation time allotted to author of such Essay shall be **10 minutes inclusive of questions** put forth by panelists.

Kindly note that the word limit is inclusive of footnotes. Strict adherence to the word limit is highly prescribed.

Rules

- All Articles and Essays must be in English.
- The submissions must be in MS Word (.docx) format.
- Students must be pursuing LL.B. (Hons.) / LL.B. / LL.M. course from any recognized university to be eligible to participate in the Summit.
- All papers, along with an abstract (not more than 300 words), must be submitted on or before December 15, 2016 (11.59 pm). The Author(s) must categorically mention the specific contribution of the submission, beyond the existing available literature, and the practical utility of his/her recommendations. Author(s) whose papers are selected would be intimated of the same by January 15, 2017.
- The body of the submission should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 and 1.5 Line Spacing.
- Footnotes shall be preferred to Endnotes. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, Single Line Spacing and must conform to the 19th edition Bluebook style of citation.
- Margins of 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides must be maintained, and the body of the text must be justified.
- The submission must be accompanied by a covering letter in a separate Word document and must include the following details: (a) Name of Author(s); (b) Contact Details– Address and Mobile No.; and (c) Name and Address of the Institution.
- No mention of participant's identity should be found in final entry except for on the covering letter. A violation of the same shall lead to disqualification.
- Only one entry is allowed per student. Cross-college/university authorship is, however, permitted.
- The abstracts, manuscripts and clarifications should be mailed to: trilegal.nliusummit@gmail.com.
- The subject of the e-mail should read '**NLIU-Trilegal Summit: (Title of the Article/Essay)**'.
- The body of both the e-mails (Registration and Final Submission) must specify the category, i.e., Article or Essay under which the author(s) wishes to submit her/his work.

Evaluation Process

Evaluation process shall consist of a plagiarism check. Entries found plagiarized shall be immediately disqualified. The submissions will be adjudged on the basis of:

1. Originality and Contribution to Knowledge;
2. Clarity and Logic in Analysis;
3. Structuring of the essay/article;
4. Methodology of Research; and
5. Language used.

Miscellaneous

- Copyright for all the essays and articles sent as entries for this competition shall rest with the Centre for Business and Commercial Laws, however, author(s) shall be given due credit. The Centre shall have the right to publish the articles in the form of a journal or a book.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the absolute rights to cancel, defer, or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the accruing of any incident, natural or man-made.
- The decision of the Organizing Committee with regard to the competition, eligibility, submissions, selection criteria, results, or any other matter shall be final and binding.

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