

YMCIA ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 We encourage participants to be a member of YMCIA before registering for the Essay Competition. Competition is open to any person who, as of the deadline for the submission, is:
- a. A law student;
 - b. A law practitioner with upto 2 year PQE.

** Any law student who graduated in 2019 is eligible to participate.*

2. TOPIC

- 2.1 **Use of technology in arbitration – what will the future of arbitration look like?** Essays could discuss issues such as:

- a. Recent updates to arbitral rules in relation to technology, the role of the Tribunal in relation to technology and what if the parties disagree about its use.
- b. Virtual hearings – interlocutory and final hearings – benefits / downsides.
- c. Use of digital platforms and use of technology / AI in documentary disclosure – benefits / downsides.

- 2.2 **The emergence of emergency arbitration in international arbitration.**

The essay could cover:

- a. Use of emergency arbitration and institutional rules, including timelines.
- b. The role and power of an emergency arbitrator; the conduct of the proceedings.
- c. The enforcement of an emergency arbitration award.

** The participant is not expected to cover all the three issues i.e. sub-topics. They are meant to work as a guideline so long as the essay confines to the main topic.*

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The Essay must:

- a. Be in English;
- b. Be no more than 2000 words (including footnotes, references, etc.);
- c. Be submitted in a Word document format;
- d. Be in Times New Roman font, with font size of at least 12 for text and at least 10 for footnotes; and
- e. Be double spaced.

- 3.2 The submission must be the original work of the participant, and must have not been published in any form.

- 3.3 Only one entry per person is allowed. Joint entries are not permitted.

3.4 Each submission must contain the following information:

- a. Name;
- b. E-mail address;
- c. Mobile telephone number;
- d. Educational institution, organization or employer of the participant;
- e. A statement confirming the eligibility to participate in the competition.

4. SUBMISSION

4.1 All the entries should be submitted via e-mail to youngmcia@mcia.org.in

4.2 The deadline for submission is 11.59 pm, 15 November 2021 IST. No entry will be accepted after the deadline.

5. JUDGING

5.1 The entries will be reviewed and shortlisted by the YMCIA Steering Committee. The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges including members of MCIA Council and other distinguished practitioners.

5.2 All decisions of the YMCIA Steering Committee and judgement panel are final, and no appeal or other correspondence will be entertained.

6. EVALUATION GUIDELINES

6.1 Competition entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Originality;
- b. Critical analysis;
- c. Clarity;
- d. Review of existing case laws and academic literature available;
- e. Quality of writing.

7. PRIZES

7.1 First place – USD 2,500; Second place – USD 1,500 and Third Place – USD 1,000

7.2 The authors of the top 3 essays will have a chance to intern at a Tier 1 law firm and the top 3 essays will be published in the YMCIA newsletter.

8. DISQUALIFICATION

8.1 Submissions may be disqualified if they do not satisfy any of the requirements set out herein.

9. CONSENT

9.1 The participants agree to assign exclusive copyright in the submission to MCIA. MCIA shall be permitted to publish the submissions on MCIA website, its newsletter, Kluwer Arbitration Blog or any other publication (after due acknowledgement to the author) MCIA or YMCIA also reserve their right to edit the submissions without permission from or further notice to the participants.

Kindly address all your queries on the above guidelines to youngmcia@mcia.org.in