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2nd NLS - SAM

FinTech

Moot Court Competition

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About NLSIU

The National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, was established in 1986 as the first National Law University in India. Conceived through a visionary collaboration between the Bar Council of India, the Judiciary, and the Government of Karnataka, the University was founded with a resolute commitment to transform legal education and contribute meaningfully to the evolution of the Indian legal system. As a pioneer in the field, NLSIU introduced the country's first five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) programme in 1988, setting a precedent for interdisciplinary and practice-oriented legal education.

For more than three decades, NLSIU has consistently led the national legal education landscape, setting high academic and professional standards. The University has emerged as a hub of excellence in teaching, research, and policy advocacy, producing distinguished alumni who have made impactful contributions across law, governance, academia, civil society, and the corporate sector.

Situated on a sprawling 23-acre residential campus in Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru, NLSIU fosters a vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment. The University hosts a diverse and dynamic student body, engaged in a range of co-curricular and extracurricular pursuits. NLSIU students regularly excel in national and international moot court competitions, debates, and policy forums. The institution remains deeply committed to academic rigour, social justice, and institutional innovation, reinforcing its position as a cornerstone of transformative legal education in India.





About SAM

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co (SAM), founded on a century of legal achievements, is one of India's leading full-service law firms with the ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification – the latest global benchmark for information security management systems. The Firm's mission is to enable business by providing solutions as trusted advisers through excellence, responsiveness, innovation, and collaboration. SAM is known globally for its exceptional practices in mergers & acquisitions, private equity, competition law, insolvency & restructuring, dispute resolution, international commercial arbitration, capital markets, banking & finance, tax, intellectual property, data protection and data privacy, white collar crime, technology law and infrastructure, energy and project finance.

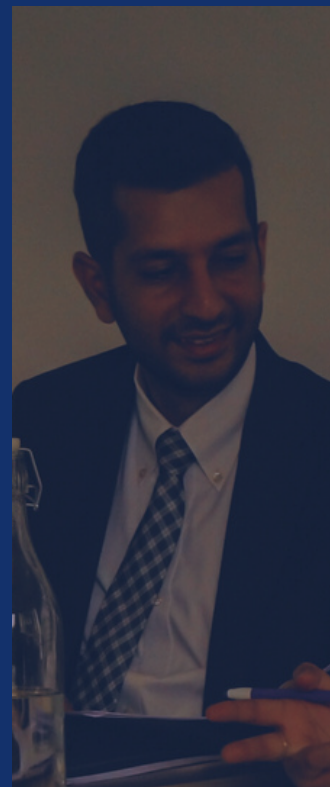
With the full suite of Harvey AI functionalities, the Firm has a pan-India presence and has been at the helm of major headline transactions and litigations in all sectors, besides advising major multinational corporations on their entry into the Indian market and their business strategy. Currently, the Firm has over 900 lawyers including 189 partners, offering legal services through its offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Gurugram, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Chennai.

About The NLS-SAM Fintech Moot Court Competition

The National Law School of India University and Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. are proud to announce the 2nd NLS SAM FinTech Moot Court Competition, 2025-2026. The event is scheduled between 15-16 November, 2025 at the NLSIU campus in Bengaluru. The competition focuses on the dynamic interaction between finance, technology and regulation and aims to address key emerging issues in these fields, challenging participants to engage with the pressing regulatory challenges posed by rapid technological advancements in the finance and technology sector.

The NLS SAM FinTech Moot Court Competition provides a unique platform for law students across India to explore innovative solutions to various regulatory frameworks that shape the finance and technology space in the country. It offers to be an invaluable opportunity for legal minds to grapple with real world issues at the forefront of fintech regulations. Complementing the moot court competition, a one-day FinTech Regulation Conference will be held.

NLSIU has developed research and teaching expertise in financial regulation with an emphasis in fintech regulation and are delighted to collaborate with SAM to host the NLS SAM FinTech Moot Court Competition. The conference and competition will help students, and others academics and professionals, engage with some of the best minds in the field, gain exposure to emerging challenges in the intersection of fintech and to develop innovative legal strategies to respond to this fast developing field.



About the Problem

This year's moot problem centers on the legal and regulatory challenges arising from the rapid growth of online gaming platforms, particularly considering the recently passed Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025. The problem was selected to deliberate on real world questions ranging from the constitutionality of blanket restrictions and payment directives on operation of gaming platforms, platforms obligations to users, and the limits on speech rights of digital creators- so that participants engage with issues currently before policymakers, regulators, and courts.

About the Moot Problem Drafters

The problem has been drafted by the Fintech team at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. with inputs from Ms. Ranjana Adhikari's team on gaming law aspects and Mr. Shashank Mishra's team on litigation aspects. We gratefully acknowledge inputs on the problem from Mr. Vivek Reddy, a 2003 graduate from NLS and a Senior Advocate practicing before the Supreme Court of India. He has extensive experience in technology laws and has also appeared in litigations involving tax levy on online gaming platforms. Mr. Reddy's insights helped sharpen the problem's industry realism.

Eligibility

The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Post Graduate law course (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized institution, provided that only students in their 2nd year or above of the B.A. LL.B. (or any integrated 5-year law program) and the 3-year LL.B. program, shall be eligible to participate. A recognized institution shall be entitled to send only one team to the competition. In a system where a university has constituent colleges, each college can register a team or the university as such can be represented by a team comprising students from different constituent colleges.

Timeline



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