



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

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Presents

7<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
ARBITRATION MOOT 2020

In association with



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## FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

At the outset, I take this opportunity to welcome you all, as we at National Law University Odisha, embark on our journey towards maintaining a conducive environment of academic ambience aiding in the enhancement of professional knowledge of the law. It is my consideration that NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot will aid its participants in exploring contemporary, niche areas of Maritime and Arbitration Law. Participants are faced with the daunting task of understanding grey areas of law and respond to them analytically. It will, in turn, hone their advocacy skills, preparing them for practical challenges of their competitive professional life.

I have full faith, that the organising team will leave no stone unturned to make IMAM, a thrilling and unforgettable learning experience for you.

I convey my best wishes to all the participants and we earnestly look forward to having you at Cuttack this March for IMAM 2020.



## FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Ever since its inception in 2014, IMAM has continued to grow at an exponential rate. The objective of providing a wholesome experience to all the participating teams is what differentiates IMAM from other moot competitions. Participants are not only provided with a platform to test their legal acumen in the contemporary and challenging core issues of Maritime law but also given a chance to augment their skills against the best teams and amongst the finest and highly acclaimed panel of arbitrators.

With the same enthusiasm, I am delighted to invite you to the 7th NLUO Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2020.

I am confident that with the commitment of the organising team and your unwavering support, this edition will be a tremendous success as well.





# NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA, CUTTACK

National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in the year 2009 by Act IV of 2008 of the State of Odisha. NLU Odisha is a vibrant addition to India's national law universities located in Cuttack, a city dating back to over a thousand years and boasting of a rich legal heritage and is also the seat of Orissa High Court. It is, thus, no surprise that some of the finest lawyers and judges (two former Chief Justices of India) of the country trace their roots back to this city.

Within a short span of time, NLU Odisha has made its mark as a university engaged in teaching and research in law. NLU Odisha aims at providing world-class education with relevance to the practical world. NLU Odisha has made a name for itself by earning laurels with excellent performance of its students in various seminars, conferences, and especially moot court competitions. This can be witnessed from the stunning performance of the University in some of the most reputed international moot court competitions including 2 times Octa-Finalist in Oxford Price Media Law Moot, tremendous achievements in Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot with citation of Semi-Finalist in 2017 and Alone E. Evans Award for Best Combined Memorials in 2019, etc. NLU Odisha has also excelled in the national mooting arena by winning some of the most prestigious national moots like the 11th NUJS-HSF Corporate Law Moot Court Competition 2019, 9th P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition 2019, and 4th B.P. Saraf National Tax Law Moot Court Competition 2018.







With similar enthusiasm, the university has been successfully organising its National Moot “International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM)” for 6 consecutive years now to attract some of the brightest minds and honing their advocacy skills in the thriving fields of maritime law and arbitration.





# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ARBITRATION MOOT [IMAM]



Ever since its inception in 2014, The National Law University Odisha – International Maritime Arbitration Moot (IMAM) is proud to hold the distinction of being the first International Maritime Arbitration Moot in India and third moot competition in the world to have maritime law as its principle subject area. The moot was started in the year 2014 with the aim of enhancing research and advocacy skills of students in the area of Maritime Law and International Commercial Arbitration. So far, the moot has witnessed six successful editions with the enthusiastic participation of teams from all across the country. The event witnesses the participation of teams from all the premier institutions of the country and what makes IMAM one of best maritime arbitration moot in India is the quality of moot propositions, the judge's profile and the calibre of the participating teams in the competition.

The subject matter of the moot is chosen with a special focus on International Commercial Arbitration in cases of maritime disputes, a subject specifically chosen not only to encourage intellectual discourse in this field of maritime law but also to bring it in harmony with the stature of the state of Odisha, being the hub of maritime activities and operations.

The previous moot propositions for this competition have been drafted by various well-known legal experts, reputed law firms and chambers. The problem for the last edition was drafted by Mr. Deven Choudhary (Shipping Claims Analyst, Legal at Scorpio Marine Management [India] Pvt. Ltd.), currently pursuing LL.M. in International Maritime Law from Swansea University. It is our endeavour to provide our participants with a more challenging dispute with every successive edition to scale new heights.



The previous editions of IMAM have witnessed the presence of revered and esteemed legal luminaries having expertise in the field of maritime law and arbitration. Few names of these renowned experts who have been panelist for judging this competition are Dr. Proshanto Mukherjee, Professor Emeritus at the World Maritime University, Mr. Ashwin Shanker (Partner, Law Chambers of George Rebello), etc.



The bench for the previous editions' finals have included judges like Mr. Amitava Majumdar (Managing Partner, Bose & Mitra & Co.), Mr. Hari Narayan (Partner & Maritime Lawyer, United Maritime Law Chambers), Mr. Ajay Thomas (Ex-Vice Chairman, ICC India Arbitration Group), Mr. Dharmendra Rautray (Partner, Kachwaha & Partners), and Mr. Joy Thattil Itoop (Partner, Callidus Legal).







An enjoyable social program accompanies the competition to enable students to forge contacts with students from other law schools and meet with senior members of the profession and the maritime industry. We pride ourselves on running a friendly but intellectually rigorous competition which gives a real insight into this fascinating and important area of law, while honing the advocacy skills of the student teams.

In 2019, Symbiosis Law School, Pune were adjudged as the Winners, while the Runners-up were Government Law College, Mumbai. The Best Oralist award was bagged by Mr. Priyanshu Jain of National Law School of India University, Bangalore and the citation of the Best Memorial was bagged by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
ARBITRATION MOOT

# INTRODUCING NLUO BOSE & MITRA & CO. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ARBITRATION MOOT 2020

IMAM 2020 seeks to improve upon the experience by ensuring that the teams are met with a challenging problem related to the contemporary areas of maritime law and have the opportunity to face an experienced and engaging panel of judges. Owing to the developing interest in the field of maritime law, our competition, as has always been, will be dealing with varied aspects of maritime law and our continued association would be mutually beneficial to both the university and your organisation.

We are happy to announce that this year's problem has been drafted by Ms. Jananidivya Soundararajan, Legal Counsel, Global Claims, Maritime Law and Claims, Maersk Line Fleet Management and Technology India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Tom Copland, Head of Maersk Legal Shared Services, Maritime Law and Claims, Maersk Line Fleet Management and Technology India Pvt. Ltd.

The case study is based on an arbitration dispute arising out of a charter party in the BIMCO "BOXTIME" form.

Further, we are immensely proud to announce our association with Bose & Mitra & Co. as our "Title Sponsor" for the 7th edition of NLUO-IMAM.

Additionally, the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL), Swansea University has collaborated with NLUO as "Associate Partner" to host the 7th edition of NLUO-IMAM. We are proud to announce that IISTL will also be presenting the "Best Memorial" award in the competition.



## ABOUT BOSE & MITRA & CO.

Bose & Mitra & Co. is one of the oldest and biggest boutique law firm in the field of maritime law in India which has established its niche in the shipping, commodities and insurance industries. They have been ranked as a band 1 law firm by Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners in the field of shipping. Recently, they received an award for excellence in “Maritime Jurisprudence” by the Indian Corporate Counsel Association. They were also awarded the “Maritime & Shipping Law Firm of the Year Award” by The Legal Era Magazine and the “Shipping & Maritime Law Firm of the Year Award” by The Indian Business Law Journal (A Hong Kong based Legal Magazine). Bose & Mitra & Co. has a team of renowned and eminent lawyers.





Mr. Amitava Majumdar (Raja), the Managing Partner at Bose & Mitra Co. has an experience of over 20 years in the maritime industry. He was instrumental in setting up Bose & Mitra & Co., Mumbai in 2004 (a spin-off of an 85-year old firm – Bose & Mitra & Co., Kolkata) which has grown to become one of the largest boutique shipping law firms of India over the past 15 years. He has also been ranked as a Band 1 lawyer by Chambers & Partners and he also finds a place in Who's Who Legal. Mr. Subir Majumdar who is the Senior Partner at Bose & Mitra, apart from being a qualified lawyer in India, is also an English Solicitor. It has always been firm's belief that imparting training to students in the form of extracurricular activities such as moot courts, not only builds up an asset base for the profession but also helps the students to get a glimpse of the various intricacies of practising law. In furtherance of this objective, Bose & Mitra & Co. as a "Title Sponsor" has collaborated with NLUO to host the 7th Edition of NLUO - Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2020.





## About Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, Swansea University



The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law was established in 2000 as a specialist research and professional training centre within Swansea University's School of Law. It promotes research and teaching of the highest standard in the fields of international shipping and trade law; and fosters co-operation with other academic institutions and professional, commercial, shipping, insurance and business organisations. In the last two decades, the IISTL has gained a world-wide reputation for its contribution to research, policy-making, professional training and teaching in these areas. The IISTL maintains close connections with leading maritime and international organisations including maritime research centres at Dalian, Oslo, Rotterdam, Shanghai and in Tromsø and with the: International Maritime Organisation; British Insurance Law Association; British Maritime Law Association; Comité Maritime International. Several IISTL members have been involved in the debate on reforming aspects of shipping and insurance law, at domestic and international levels. Some have served on working groups of inter-governmental organisations or provided legal advice to key NGOs and institutions. The IISTL operates a wide variety of professional courses for directors, managers and employees of shipping corporations, as well as a bespoke training programme for young solicitors working in the City Law firms.



The IISTL also works closely with shipping organisations, such as the BIMCO, in organising professional training courses. Several members offer consultancy services on various aspects of maritime and shipping law or help deliver the Swansea Law School's LLM Programmes in Commercial, Maritime, Trade, Oil and Gas and Intellectual Property Law.

Membership of IISTL has grown considerably and it is proud to be one of the largest specialist research centres in Europe dedicated to shipping and trade law. It has a substantial research library of specialist materials available to IISTL members, PhD students and visiting scholars. The award-winning IP Wales, which raises understanding of Intellectual Property among Welsh businesses, operates under the auspices of the IISTL.

In furtherance of these objectives, The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law as "Associate Partner" has collaborated with NLUO to host the 7th edition of National Law University Odisha - Bose & Mitra & Co. International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2020. IISTL will also be presenting the "Best Memorial" award in the competition.



## AWARDS FOR IMAM 2020

### Total Prize Money

INR 1,50,000.

### The Winning Team (Best Team Award)

INR 75,000 as prize money and three internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co.

### The Runners-up Team (Second Best Team Award)

INR 45,000 as prize money and three internship slots at Bose & Mitra & Co.

### Best Oralist

INR 15,000 as prize money.

### Best Memorial

INR 15,000 as prize money.





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