



**14TH BOMBAY BAR
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COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL LAW
SUMMIT, 2024**

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(SPIL), Mumbai

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GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, MUMBAI



Government Law College enjoys the distinction of being the oldest law school in Asia and has, since its inception in 1855, essayed a seminal role in the evolution of India's legal and judicial landscape. Any discussion of India's legal system and culture today is incomplete, in fact, meaningless without a mention of Government Law College, Mumbai. Looking back over the years, one realises the immeasurable role this pioneering law institution has played in India's judicial, political and historical life. Government Law College, with its illustrious history and a heritage spanning over a century and a half, has nurtured some of the greatest minds of today, not only in the field of law but in various other walks of life.

In the 169th year of its glorious existence, this premiere institute of legal training has upheld its tradition of producing meritorious legal scholars who dedicate themselves to public service and reform. The generations of distinguished legal luminaries who have been nurtured by this unique institution, have made a seminal contribution globally, to the evolution of the legal fraternity.

The alumni of Government Law College have been pivotal in placing India on the globe even before she became independent. The great freedom fighter Shri. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak was an alumnus of this institution. The former President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil also received her legal education from Government Law College.

The College also boasts of a history of an illustrious faculty including the First Chief Justice of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay - Shri. M.C. Chagla, Shri. Badruddin Tyebji, Shri. G.S. Rao, Shri. V.F. Taraporwala, Shri. B.G. Gokhale, Shri. S.G. Patwardhan, Shri. N.A. Palkhivala and Shri. Tehemtan Daruwala among others.

Free India's first Law Minister and one of the principal architects of India's Constitution - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sir Dinshaw Mulla, Sir Bomanji Wadia and Shri. A.A.A. Fyze have served as Principals of this historic institution. With the strength of its glorious past, Government Law College strives incessantly and unremittingly towards a grand future.



STUDENTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (SPIL), MUMBAI

In an increasingly integrated world with growing transnational interactions, the significance of International Law has never been greater. We, at Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL) Mumbai, strive towards taking legal studies to an empirical level and promoting law as an area of enquiry and study far beyond the realms of classrooms.

To further this aim, SPIL, Mumbai, at the outset of each academic year, organises a string of Workshops, Idea Exchange Programmes, Paper Presentations and Debates to orient students with the Basics of International Law, Interpretation of Judgments, Legal Writing and Mooting in International Law. After the resounding success of the 1st Report Deliberation Competition in 2012, SPIL also organised the Intra Judgment Deliberation Competition in 2013, where students acted as Judges of the International Court of Justice. SPIL has always taken pride in the help that it offers to every student who expresses an interest in International Law.

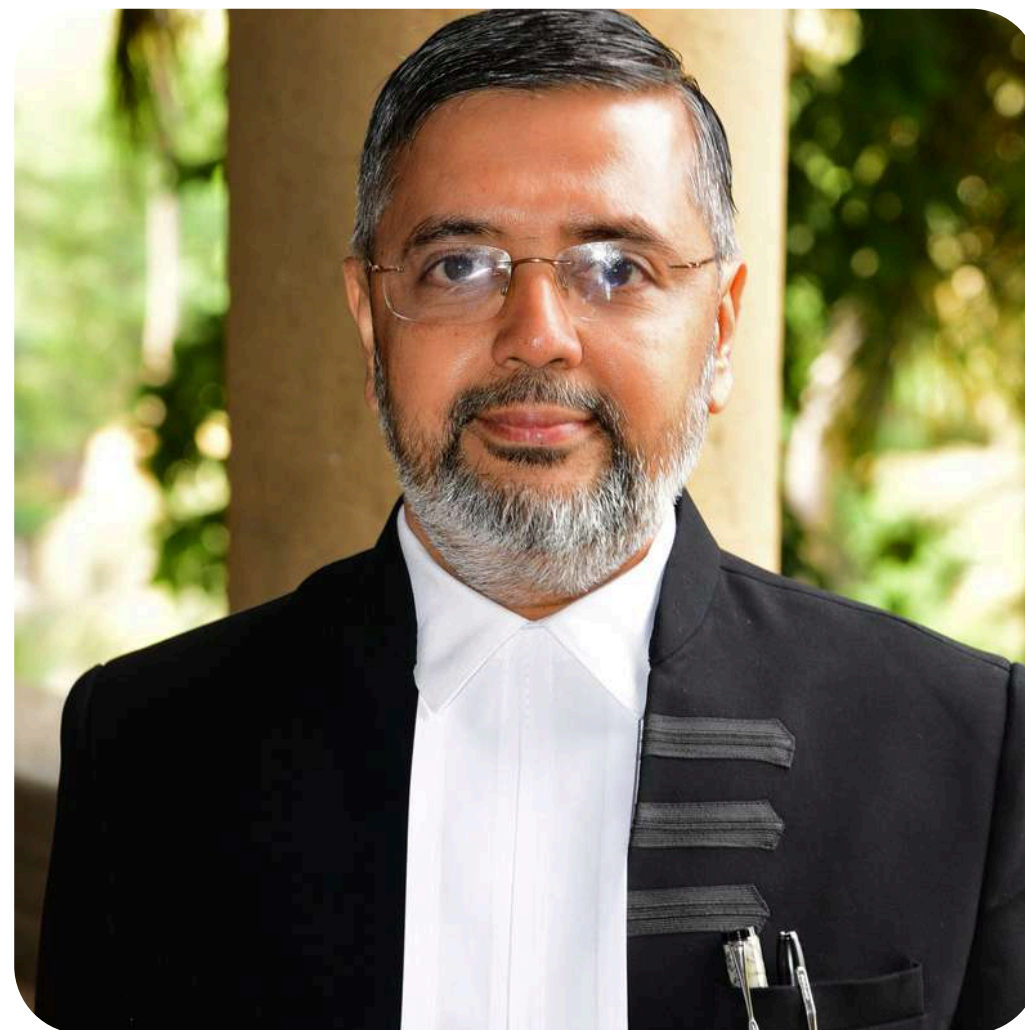
2023-24 has been an incredibly successful year for Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai. The year began with informative lectures organised by the committee, encompassing various facets of International Law, conducted by professors and experts for the benefit of newly enrolled students. Members of SPIL were presented with opportunities to enrich their understanding of International Law through various competitions and workshops which focused on the trifles of drafting judgments, articles and research papers.

The 14th International Law Summit Judgment Deliberation Competition, 2024, organised by SPIL, Mumbai, witnessed participation from across law colleges in India where students personated the judges of the International Court of Justice and deliberated on a judgment dealing with International Humanitarian Law.

SPIL, Mumbai seeks to contribute to legal education by promoting international law, encouraging communication and co-operation among students and lawyers globally. It resolves to bolster social responsibility in the field of law, increase opportunities for students to learn about cultures and legal systems worldwide and publicize educational and career opportunities in international law.

MESSAGE FROM HON'BLE JUSTICE ABHAY AHUJA

Justice Abhay Ahuja
Judge
High Court of Bombay



MESSAGE

My Heartiest Congratulations to the Students for the Promotion of International Law and the Government Law College on the success of the 14th Bombay Bar Association - Government Law College International Law Summit 2024.

I am delighted to know that this year the glory of the Summit was enhanced by the support of the Bombay Bar Association inspiring deliberations among scholars practitioners as well as the students exhibiting their commitment to promotion of discourse on contemporary global issues involving human rights.


In a globalized world that we all live in today, exposing students to the nuances of International Humanitarian Law is a commendable initiative by the SPIL and the Bombay Bar Association.

It is heartening to learn that 13 teams from reputed law schools and colleges across the country participated in the judgment deliberation competition this year and I am sure that the participants would have immensely benefited having got an opportunity to ruminate on this subject and also to dwell on possible resolution concerning the recent international developments.

The Government Law College has always been in the forefront of any such pioneering activity and I am glad that the College has again done it by hosting this Law Summit and I have no doubt that SPIL will be recognized as a trailblazer in promoting International Humanitarian law.

My Best Wishes to the Office bearers of SPIL, the Professors and the Students of the college as well as the Bombay Bar Association in supporting the Summit.
With Best Wishes,

6 July 2024


Justice Abhay Ahuja
Bombay High Court

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BOMBAY BAR ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE

My heartfelt congratulations to the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Government Law College, Mumbai and everyone who have made the 14th Bombay Bar Association - Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024, a grand success. This year's theme, "International Humanitarian Law", holds great significance in today's ever changing global environment. Considering the ongoing conflicts and humanitarian crises around the world, the principles of International Humanitarian Law are more relevant than ever, guiding the protection of civilians, the treatment of prisoners of war, and the conduct of armed conflict.

The Bombay Bar Association (BBA) is delighted to have supported this prestigious event, which has brought together eminent legal minds, practitioners, academicians, and students throughout the country. The thought provoking debates and discussions have undoubtedly contributed to improve our understanding and application of International Humanitarian Law. The collaboration between BBA and SPIL, Government Law College, Mumbai, highlights our shared commitment to legal excellence and education. I am particularly proud of the SPIL Team whose dedication and hard work have been the driving force behind the success of this summit.

The Bombay Bar Association remains committed to supporting such initiatives that not only advance legal knowledge but also inspire future generations of legal professionals. I am confident that the discussions held during this summit will have a lasting impact on all attendees.

Thank you all for your participation, enthusiasm, and contributions. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this summit in the legal community and beyond.

Best Wishes

Nitin Thakker,

President, Bombay Bar Association.

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



Smt. Dr. Asmita Vaidya
Principal, Government Law
College, Mumbai

In an increasingly interconnected global landscape, International Humanitarian Law assumes heightened significance due to the complex nature of conflicts and humanitarian crises that transcend national borders. Throughout history, wars and disputes have been pervasive, impacting countless lives and challenging the international community to uphold the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence. These principles are essential to protecting those who are not part of the hostilities and ensuring aid reaches those in dire need.

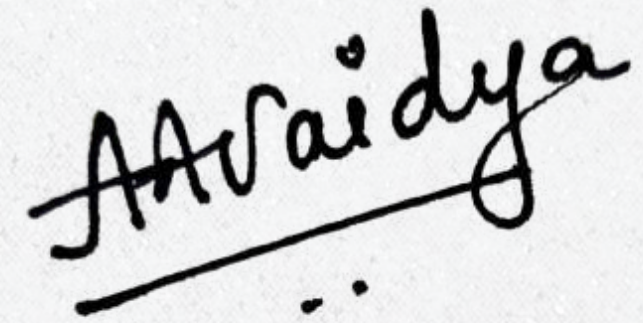
The selection of International Humanitarian Law as the theme for the 14th Bombay Bar Association – Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024 is both fitting and timely. Raising awareness among students about the legal principles and frameworks governing the protection of human rights during conflicts is crucial. It is equally important to highlight the role of international organisations and legal instruments in addressing the complex challenges posed by contemporary conflicts and ensuring compliance with humanitarian norms.

The Summit aimed to cultivate an inquisitive spirit and offer fresh perspectives on the interpretation and application of International Humanitarian Law. It provided an exceptional platform for students to engage with experts, discuss pressing issues, and explore innovative solutions to protect human dignity in times of conflict.

The successful organisation of the event is a result of collective efforts, and sincere appreciation is extended to the Professor-in-Charge of SPIL, Mumbai, Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria, for her invaluable guidance and support. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Prajjwal Tikhole, Ms. Brinda Majumder, Ms. Tanisha Chauhan, and Ms. Apoorva Sinha for successful organisation of this event. Further, the Core Committee members comprising Ms. Akshara Srivastava, Ms. Anuja Adukathil, Ms. Bhavini Mishra, Ms. Harashvi Vora, Ms. Mahek Mulani, Ms. Roshani Chaurasia, Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, Ms. Sanika Bhoje, and Ms. Trisha Kalash, along with dedicated volunteers, have exhibited commendable teamwork, significantly contributing to the success of the Summit.

Heartfelt gratitude is also expressed to all sponsors, speakers, judges, and participants for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout the organisation of the Summit. Their contributions have been pivotal in fostering meaningful discussions on International Humanitarian Law and its profound impact on the global humanitarian landscape. Lastly, congratulations are extended to all the deserving winners of the Judgment Deliberation Competition for their remarkable achievements.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this remarkable event.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AAVaidya". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Smt. Dr. Asmita Adwait Vaidya
Principal,
Government Law College, Mumbai

MESSAGE FROM THE PROFESSOR-IN-CHARGE



Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria
Professor-in-charge, SPIL,
Mumbai

It is with immense pride and pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to all those who contributed to the 14th Bombay Bar Association – Government Law College International Law Summit. This year, we delved into a theme of utmost significance – “International Humanitarian Law.” In a world characterised by increasing global interdependence, pressing humanitarian crises, and evolving legal landscapes, the exploration of International Humanitarian Law has never been more pertinent.

The intricacies of International Humanitarian Law resonate deeply in today’s dynamic global scenario. As conflicts transcend borders and Humanitarian challenges become more complex, the implications of Humanitarian Laws span across jurisdictions and impact countless lives. This Summit provided an exceptional platform to unravel these complexities, discuss the challenges, and envision the future of International Humanitarian Law. It is a testament to our commitment to fostering a deep understanding of the legal frameworks that govern the protection of human rights and dignity during times of conflict.

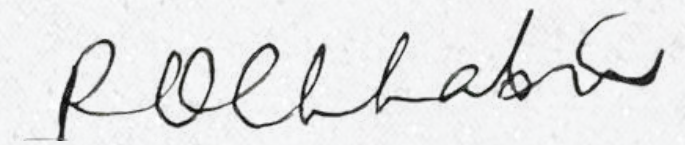
I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Speakers, Guest Lecturers, Judges, and Sponsors who had graced this event with their wisdom and insights. Their contributions have undoubtedly enriched the discussions and inspired the participants to delve deeper into the realm of International Humanitarian Law.

To the participants, the lifeblood of this Summit, your dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for learning are truly commendable. Your active engagement in these discussions and debates reflects your commitment to excellence and your desire to unravel the intricate threads of International Humanitarian Law.

A special note of appreciation goes to our respected Principal Dr. Asmita Vaidya for wholeheartedly supporting this initiative and fostering an environment where intellectual pursuits thrive. Prof. Kishu Daswani deserves special appreciation for his continuous support and guidance to the Committee throughout the year. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the entire core-committee of Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to meticulously plan and execute every facet of this Summit.

This Summit served as a catalyst for greater understanding and collaboration in the realm of International Humanitarian Law. It is my fervent hope that the knowledge gained during these deliberations will resonate far beyond these walls, shaping the future of legal thought and practice.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this remarkable event.



Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria
Professor-in-Charge,
Students for the Promotion of International Law, (SPIL)
Government Law College, Mumbai.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, SPIL



Mr. Prajwal Tikhole
President, SPIL, Mumbai

“There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work towards the same goal.”

Since its inception in 2009, the Government Law College International Law Summit has witnessed monumental growth. What began as an endeavour to promote International Law within the college, the Summit today is one of the country’s largest and most sought-after gathering of legal enthusiasts from across the country. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to have been a part of Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL) and organise the 14th Bombay Bar Association - Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024 themed “International Humanitarian Law.”

Our goal was to create a platform for insightful discussions, foster collaborations, and promote a deeper understanding of International Humanitarian Law among students, legal professionals, and academics. The overwhelming participation and the high calibre of discourse exceeded our expectations, reaffirming the importance of such gatherings in today’s complex global legal landscape.

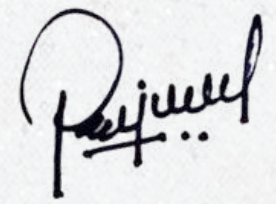
The Summit would not have been possible without the unwavering support of Bombay Bar Association, Sr. Adv. Arvind Datar, Manupatra, Karma Kettle, Pixtric Studios and others associated as well as our esteemed speakers and the dedicated efforts of the organising committee. Your contributions have not only enriched the event but also provided invaluable insights that will inspire and guide the future of international law.

The confidence and faith shown by our Principal, Dr. Asmita Vaidya, Principal, Government Law College, Mumbai, has been a strong motivation to SPIL, Mumbai. I extend my special thanks to Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria, our professor-in-charge and Prof. Kishu Daswani our mentor.

This Souvenir is a symbol of gratitude to those who had laboured untiringly to make the Summit a success and a moment to honour those who helped it to reach the glory it has reached today. In particular, I would like to thank Ms. Akshara Srivastava, Ms. Anuja Adukathil, Ms. Bhavini Mishra, Ms. Harashvi Vora, Ms. Mahek Mulani, Ms. Roshani Chaurasia, Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, Ms. Sanika Bhoje and Ms. Trisha Kalash for their hard work, perseverance and dedication towards our cause.

I extend my sincere gratitude to my predecessors and colleagues, in particular Ms. Vidhi Sonar, Ms. Shaili Dhulia, Ms. Shreya Saxena and MS. Princy D'souza for all their assistance and support over the course of the year. It has been a privilege to contribute successfully in organising the 14th Bombay Bar Association - Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024. I hope this Summit is truly an enriching experience for all the delegates, participants and attendees from across the country.

Warm regards,



Prajwal Tikhole
President, SPIL, Mumbai
Government Law College, Mumbai

13TH GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL LAW SUMMIT, 2023

(31st March – 2nd April 2023)

International Taxation Law



The 13th Government Law College International Law Summit, organised by the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai was held from 31st March – 2nd April 2023. The Summit consisted of a Panel Discussion, and unveiling of the SPIL International Law Journal (ILJ), Volume III, along with the Judgment Deliberation Competition (JDC), which was conceived within the portals of our institution. The theme for the 13th Government Law College International Law Summit, 2023 was ‘International Taxation Law’, a legal area that has become quite relevant in light of recent geopolitical events.

Associate-sponsored by Sr. Adv. Arvind P. Datar, ALMT Legal as the Award Sponsor, DM Legal Associates as the Stationery & Merchandise Sponsors, and Taxmann as the Knowledge Partners, the Competition acknowledged the scope of improvement and the growing importance of this field of law that has developed over the years in an international sphere. Numerous groups of the intelligentsia, including legal experts, experts in education, professionals, and students from around the world, paid attention to the Summit and appreciated the efforts of the team. The Summit of 2023 was a resounding success and attracted attention from a wide range of legal professionals and intellectuals from around the nation and the globe.

The JDC 2023 Module has been drafted by Mr. Hardeep Chawla, Senior Associate at Vaish Associates & Advocates, New Delhi, India.

The first day of the 13th Government Law College International Law Summit, 2023, commenced in a grand fashion by the sheer stature and the august presence of the esteemed guests presiding over the event, among other eminent personalities. Prof. Dr. Asmita Vaidya, Principal of the Government Law College, Mumbai, gave all the guests and participants a heartwarming welcome address. This was followed by the preliminary rounds of the Judgement Deliberation Competition. The day was finally brought to an end by the President of SPIL Mumbai, Ms. Vidhi Sonar, through her Vote of Thanks dedicated to all those who made the materialisation of the Summit possible.

The Preliminary rounds of this novel Competition were judged by Ms. Ruju Thakker, Advocate & Counsel at Bombay High Court; Mr. Yazad Udawadia, Litigation Associate at DM Legal Associates; Ms. Morvi Chaturvedi, Tax Litigation and Advisory at Nishith Desai Associates; Ms. Saudamini Gupta, Assistant Lecturer at Jindal Global Law School

Mr. Divyesh Doshi, Director at Kinjal Group; Ms. Ruchi Gandhi, Litigation Associate at DM Legal Associates; Mr. Shoryavardhan Bisaria, Tax Lawyer at Ernst & Young; Ms. Palak Shah; Associate at ALMT Legal; Mr. Avin Jain, Principal Associate at Khaitan & Co; Mr. Nikhil Bhise, Tax Consultant at Ernst & Young; Mr. Meherdad Kavarana, Associate at ALMT Legal; Ms. Raina Sakhale, Senior Associate at Khaitan & Co; Mr. Saurabh Bhise, Principal Associate at Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan; Mr. Yash Desai, Senior Associate at Economic Laws Practice; Ms. Madhur Azad, Associate at Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan; Mr. Alister Sequeira, Associate at Khaitan & Co; and Mr. Avirup Mandal, Associate at Trilegal.

The Semi Final Round of the same was judged by Mr. Ahetesham Thaver, Principal Associate at ALMT Legal; Mr. Advait Sethna, Advocate and Council at Bombay High Court; Mr. Manoj Shirsat, Senior Panel Counsel for Income Tax Department at High Court of Bombay; and Ms. Diya Gabija, Senior Associate at ALMT Legal.

The final round of deliberation was presided over by Mr. Aliff Fazelbhoy, Senior Partner at ALMT Legal; Mr. Percy Pardiwalla, Senior Advocate at Bombay High Court; and Mr. Kishu Daswani, Professor at GLC, Mumbai

The Competition successfully achieved its objective of broadening perspectives and encouraging rational discourse. The apotheosis of the day was the highly engrossing SPIL organised a Panel Discussion after the Summit on 2nd April 2022. The topic for discussion was “Changes in the Realm of International Taxation in Light of ODI & FDI Developments”. The event examined the tax transparency that has increased as governments around the globe concentrate on eradicating tax evasion via a series of detailed questions, and further look into the economic reforms that are essential especially those involving cross-border taxation. The Panel discussion witnessed an engaging exchange of viewpoints on India's stance on the changes around International Taxation Law.

The highly engrossing discussion was featured by our illustrious panelists –

- Mr. Anish Thacker, Partner, SRBC & Associates LLP
- Mr. Rahul Charkha, Partner, Economic Laws Practice
- Mr. Kapil Kulkarni, Taxation & Transactional (M&A) Consultant
- Hardeep Chawla, Senior Associate, Vaish Associates & Advocates, New Delhi, India
- Mr. Afaan Arshad, Leader of the International Tax Practice, Nishith Desai Associates

Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL) Mumbai, also unveiled the SPIL International Law Journal, Volume III on 23rd September 2023. The journal features academic articles, essays and legislative commentaries addressing developments in public and private international law and foreign relations law. The editorial board consisted of Prof. Raabia Shams, assistant professor at Jindal Global Law School and Mr. Sudhir Verma, doctoral scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University and assistant professor at Symbiosis Law School, Noida.

The Editorial Board has been instrumental in conducting a meticulous and an extensive editorial process. The success of the journal also reverberates with the dedication and prowess that has been exhibited by all authors who poured in their notable submissions this year. With the unveiling of the Journal, SPIL Mumbai hopes to further promote as an area of enquiry and study far beyond the realms of classrooms.

EVENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL) Mumbai, was born in furtherance of a desire to understand the tumultuous nature of International Relations and to promote a greater awareness and appreciation of International Law.

INTRA-JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION (28TH AND 29TH OCTOBER, 2023)

SPIL scheduled an Intra-Judgment Deliberation Competition, 2023 for the students of GLC, Mumbai. The Intra-JDC essentially expects participants to arrive at a judgment, after analysis of facts and arguments presented from both sides. The inaugural edition of the Intra JDC had a module regarding damages caused to Cultural Heritage due to wars. The participants from GLC represented the judges of the International Court of Justice. As is customary, this year too, SPIL has maintained an unwavering focus on the dissemination of knowledge and promotion of International Law and began the Intra JDC journey with the problem being drafted internally.

After two exhausting days, Ms. Kshitija Shivankar, Mr. Karthik Ravichandran and Ms. Janhavi Belge rose to be the Best Judge, Second Best Judge and Third Best Judge respectively.

The Final Round of Intra JDC was adjudicated by Adv. Advait Sethna and Prof. Kishu Daswani.

14TH JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION (25TH AND 26TH MAY 2024)

SPIL conducted the 14th edition of the Judgment Deliberation Competition during the International Law Summit at GLC. JDC has been inspired by the procedures of various judicial bodies and brings a fresh approach to problem analysis and judgment-making.

The winners of the JDC were:

1. Winning Team – Rishi Raj Sharma and Muskaan Jain, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA
2. Runners Up Team – Rudraksh Pathak and Arya Mishra, MNLU, Nagpur
3. Best Written Judgment – Rishi Raj Sharma and Muskaan Jain, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA
4. Best Speaker – Amrita Singh, Bharati Vidyapeeth New Law College, Pune.

The Final Round of the Competition was adjudicated by Mr. Vikram Nankani, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court and Prof. Kishu Daswani, professor at GLC, Mumbai.

INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL VOL. IV

The GLC-SPIL International Law Journal (ILJ) is published by the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai. The Journal features academic articles, essays, and legislative commentaries addressing the developments of public and private international and foreign relations law.

The academic year 2023-2024 was the 4th Edition of the International Law Journal. Call for Papers was organised for the International Law Journal from 10th April 2024 to 10th June 2024. SPIL invited students, industry practitioners, academicians and research scholars to write essays articles and case commentaries. Submissions were invited on themes of International Legal Theory; Work of the International Law Commission; Contemporary Debates in International Law; and Alternative Approaches to International Law with a Special Focus on the Biodiversity of Areas Beyond the National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty.

We proudly introduce the distinguished members of the Editorial Board for GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, Vol. IV, 2024:

1. Mr. Chandril Chattopadhyay is an advocate practising before the Calcutta High Court and an LL.M. candidate at Jindal Global Law School with a specialization in dispute resolution.
2. Ms. Dhriti Kapadia, International Arbitrator, Certified Mediator, Solicitor, and Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India.
3. Ms. Shivani Chimnani, member of the partnerships team at a human capital consultancy firm, specializing in strategic talent solutions for the social impact sector.
4. Dr Sudhir Verma, researcher and educator in International Law, who also conducts free courses on international law.
5. Ms. Tanya Vatsa, Geopolitical Risk Intelligence Analyst at InQuest Advisories, Editorial Intern at the Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs and Junior Research Fellow at the European Institute of Policy Research and Human Rights (EIPRHR).

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International Humanitarian Law



Embarking on a journey fueled by unwavering determination and an unyielding pursuit of excellence, the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai, successfully completed the 14th Bombay Bar Association-Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024. Through meticulous planning, relentless dedication, and a vision that surpassed boundaries, the Summit unfolded as a resounding triumph. On 25th and 26th May 2024, an extraordinary convergence of legal minds and luminaries was witnessed, transcending the confines of mere academia.

With a theme revolving around 'International Humanitarian Law', we delved into uncharted territories, igniting intellectual curiosity and fostering insightful conversations that traversed the global landscape. Distinguished experts and esteemed members of the legal fraternity graced the Summit, engaging attendees with their profound knowledge, thought-provoking perspectives, and unparalleled expertise.

The Judgment Deliberation Competition (JDC), the novel competition conceptualised within the portals of our institution, shone brightly, captivating participants and showcasing their exceptional legal acumen. The wide-ranging lectures, panel discussions, and competitions undoubtedly proved to be an enriching experience. It stands as a testament to seemingly endless territory of international law, and cater to pertinent issues of the day.

We, at SPIL, extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the attendees, including students, revered professors, and esteemed members of the legal community, who contributed to the resounding success of the Summit. Their unwavering support and unwavering passion fueled our journey and invigorated our pursuit of excellence.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The theme for the 14th Bombay Bar Association - Government Law College International Law Summit was “International Humanitarian Law”. It focused on the legal framework governing armed conflicts and the complexities surrounding the use of force between nations.

Despite the UN Charter’s prohibition of force against States, the right of self-defence is retained for those facing attacks on their independence or territory. The Charter doesn’t extend this prohibition to internal conflicts, and Chapter VII allows collective force to maintain international peace.

The inevitability of conflicts underscores the need for international rules that mitigate the impact of war on individuals and property, offering protection to vulnerable groups. This is the central goal of international humanitarian law, prominently expressed through the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, alongside a significant body of customary law.

The historical roots of humanitarian law trace back to the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, where Henry Dunant proposed two crucial actions: the establishment of the Red Cross to aid wounded military personnel and the creation of an international covenant ensuring the protection of those injured on the battlefield, leading to the first Geneva Convention.

The Geneva Conventions of 1949 addressed various categories of individuals affected by armed conflicts, including the wounded, sick, shipwrecked members of armed forces, prisoners of war, and civilian persons in times of war.

These conventions, born from the lessons of World War II, have become universal law, accepted by virtually all nations.

Distinct from human rights law, humanitarian law specifically addresses armed conflicts, using measures like armed forces training, domestic legislation, and prosecution for grave breaches.

International Humanitarian Law continues to be relevant in current times as it strives to minimise the suffering caused by armed conflicts, emphasising the importance of preserving human values and creating a more humane world. Its evolution reflects an ongoing commitment to address contemporary challenges and protect the rights and well-being of individuals affected by the scourge of war.



EVENT SCHEDULE

14th Bombay Bar Association-
Government Law College
International Law Summit, 2024



Day 01
25th May
Saturday

10:00 AM
Opening Ceremony

11:00 AM
Judges Briefing

11:30 AM
Preliminary Round

01:30 PM
Announcement of Semi-Finalists

03:00 PM
Judges Briefing

04:00 PM
Semi-Finals

03:00 PM
Announcement of Finalists

Day 02
26th May
Sunday

09:15 AM
Judges Briefing

09:30 AM
Final Round

12:00 PM
Valedictory
Ceremony



BOMBAY BAR ASSOCIATION

Sr. Adv. Mr. Arvind P. Datar
(Independent Tax Counsel)



JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION

A novel competition, the JDC© has been inspired by the procedures of various judicial bodies and tribunals that span the spectrum of international law. JDC brings a fresh approach to problem analysis and judgment making, requiring participants to, upon analysis of facts presented and arguments advanced, arrive at a unique judgment that is infallible in law, rational in thought, and innovative in its essence.

The Competition Module comprises a Case File of a wide connotation, such that it will invite varied interpretations that not only attract established legal principles but also encourage thought innovation that is based on legal analysis and rational thinking. The aforementioned Module for the Competition will consist of a comprehensive set of facts discovered by the judicial authority, tribunal or court, as the case may be, arguments presented by both parties, any further evidence if any, leads by them and so forth.

The Competition consists of two rounds: first, a Written Judgment Round, and second, Oral Rounds. Each Oral Round comprises the following segments:

Judgment Presentation Round:

Participants present their Judgments

Commenting Round:

Participants make pertinent observations on the points made by their colleagues

Concluding Round:

Participants summarise their judgment and make concluding statements

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The Preliminary Rounds of this novel Competition were judged by Mr. Agastya Sreenivasan, *Associate at Solomon & Co.*; Mr. Prathamesh Naik, *Advocate at Bombay High Court*; Ms. Aboli Kherde; Ms. Ameesha Tripathi, *Associate at S&R Associates*; Mr. Aditya Raut, *Associate Partner at Desai Carrimjee & Mulla*; Mr. Ujjwal Batra; and Mr. Rohin Chauhan, *Advocate at Bombay High Court*.

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The Final Round of the Competition was presided over by Mr. Vikram Nankani, *Senior Advocate at Bombay High Court*; and Mr. Kishu Daswani, *Professor at GLC, Mumbai*.

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The Module significantly contributed to the success of the Judgement Deliberation Competition, 2024, and ultimately to the success of the 14th Bombay Bar Association-Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024 and served as a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved.

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Mr. Vikram Nankani is a designated Senior Advocate who has been in practice since 1986. He completed his LLM from the Government Law College, Mumbai, in 1988.

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He regularly appears before various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India and has to his credit, several landmark judgments rendered by the Courts that have been reported by various authoritative journals and reporters.

Mr. Nankani is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), London. He is Chairperson of the SIAC India National Users Committee. He is on the Governing Council of the Mumbai Centre of International Arbitration.

JUDGES – JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION FINALS



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Professor Kishu Daswani has been teaching law at the Government Law College, Mumbai for over 25 years and is the Faculty Advisor for Students for the Promotion of International Law, at Government Law College, Mumbai. He is the founder member and the Coordinator for the Securities Law course at the College and has been appointed by the Governing Council of the College to work on Social empowerment of underprivileged in college.

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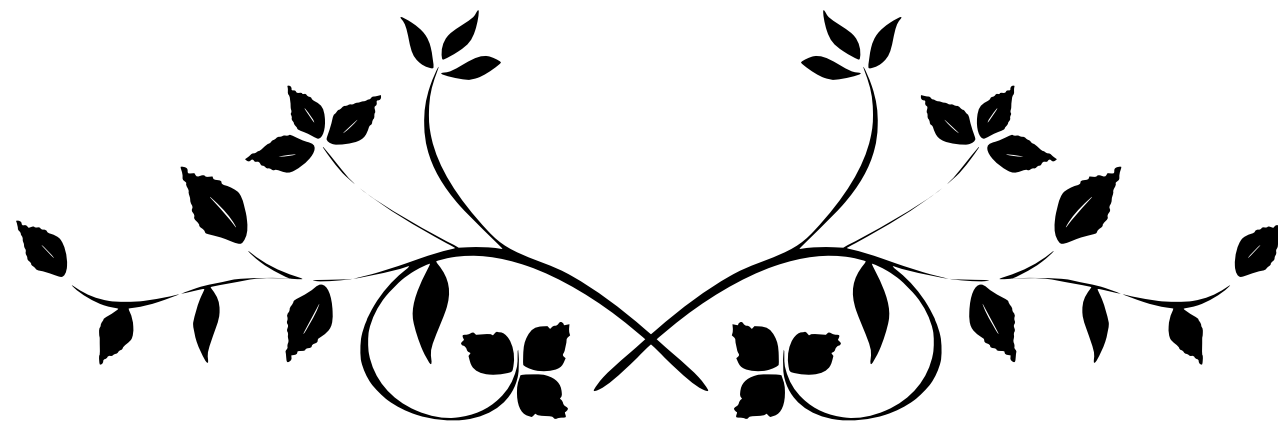
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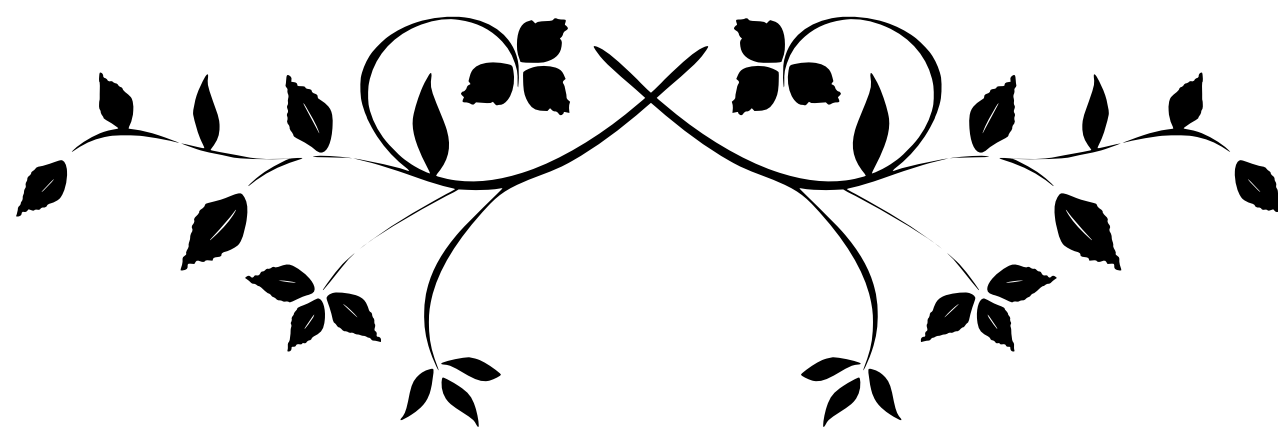
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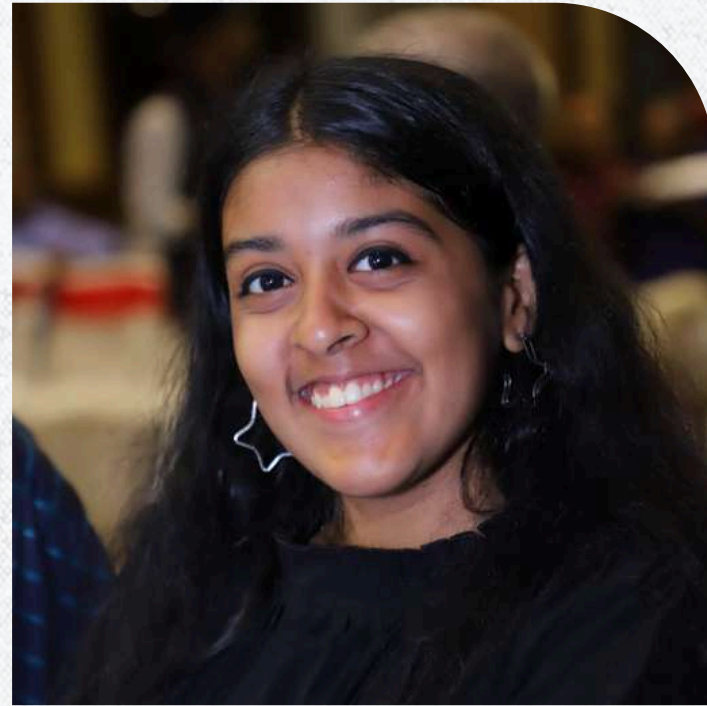


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