

INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION ON DATA PROTECTION – THE NEW FRONTIER

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About Us

NovoJuris Legal is a new age law firm working in the areas of technology, private equity, fund formation, cross-border transactions, foreign exchange matters, M&A including reverse mergers, demergers, business structuring, intellectual property, real estate, employment laws, start-ups, accelerators, IBC, mediations, and settlements. Our litigation practice is currently focussed on specialized courts such as the National Company Law Tribunal and IBC.

We have worked on more than 350 equity financing, secondaries and exits, including complex cross-border structures. We have worked on both sides of the table. Our fund formation practice is primarily focused on establishing funds in Mauritius and procuring SEBI AIF registrations for funds in India, along with drafting of documents like the contribution agreements and fund management advisory contracts. The funds have also used our support to help their portfolio companies and manage their ongoing compliances. Our technology practice covers wide ranging verticals such as drones, artificial intelligence, bots, payment systems, cloud, big data and analytics, numerous mobile apps, ecommerce and traditional retail, data centres and many more.

Our infrastructure practice is currently focussed on helping clients establish and invest in solar power, micro-grids, EPCs, and carbon finance initiatives. The real estate practice works with builders, aiding with legal opinions, joint developments, joint ventures, title diligences, special economic zone operations, etc. Our intellectual property practice focusses not only on the protection of various IP forms, but also on the enforcement of patents, trademarks and the like, including IP audit and trainings. Mediation and settlements are part of the CXO level advisory and working with businesses through their journey

We are loved by start-ups and accelerators alike, for the CXO level advisory and engagement provided by us via founder engagements/disengagements, funding, exits, shutdowns, layoffs, acquihires, takeovers (asset or entity), business structuring, and on the many other challenges faced by owners while running a business.

About the Essay Competition

Data Protection has taken very high importance not only in India but across the World. The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018 (“**Bill**”) and the Data Protection Committee’s (“**Committee**”) Report (released on 27 July 2018) provides for the framework and the policymakers’ insight on protection of individual’s privacy and personal data in India. The Bill has set high expectations particularly after the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (“**GDPR**”) came into force on 25 May 2018. It is also essential to note the important judgments including the now famous “Aadhar case” of Justice Puttaswamy (Retd.) V. Union of India.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in April this year has mandated that all data generated by the payment systems in India, is to be stored in India. The Ministry of Health and Welfare has also published the draft legislation called Digital Information Security in Healthcare Act, to safeguard e-health records and patients’ privacy. Thus, all these new rules/policies/regulations (collectively referred as “**the Data Protection Framework**”) indicate a very strong direction that the Government wishes to undertake on protection of data including but not limited to data localisation, which helps in enforcing data protection, nation’s security and protect its citizen’s data, better control on transmission of data outside the country and more.

Theme

The following sub-themes have been identified as requiring academic consideration:

1. General Data Protection Regulation in European Union has raised the bar on legislation on data protection across the world. Would this be beneficial or would it stunt technological growth and innovation?
2. Is our Privacy safe under the Aadhar scheme? A critical analysis of change in the privacy law regime post Aadhar case in India.
3. Implication and critical analysis of the Data (Privacy and Protection) Bill, 2017.
4. Do we need a stronger consumer centric data protection law in India like the Customer Online Notification for Stopping Edge – Provider Network Transgressions (CONSENT Act), USA in the aftermath of the Facebook data breach incident?
5. With all the industry specific regulator (RBI, TRAI, MHoW and etc.) providing various regulations, guidelines and draft policy notes with regards to Data Protection Framework in India, what do you think the outcome will be? Is India formalizing a uniform law for data protection?

Important Dates

- **Submission Date** – The essays must be submitted on or before 11:59 PM on January 30, 2019.
- **Declaration of the Result** – The winners of the competition shall be notified by email and by declaration of results of the competition on the website of NovoJuris Legal (<https://novojuris.com/>) on March 30, 2019.

Prizes:

Cash prizes, Internship, Publication

1st Prize –

- INR 10,000
- Internship at NovoJuris Legal

2nd Prize –

- INR 8,000
- Internship at NovoJuris Legal

3rd Prize –

- INR 6,000
- Internship at NovoJuris Legal

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in any law course in a recognized University/College/Institute in India.
2. Only one submission per author shall be entertained.
3. Co-authorship is not permitted.

Guidelines for Submission

1. The essays must be submitted in English only.
2. The essays should be the original work of the authors. Any kind of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
3. The essays published elsewhere or selected/submitted for publication elsewhere shall be disqualified.
4. The name of the author should not be mentioned anywhere in the essay.
5. The word limit for the essay is 5000 – 6000 words, not including footnotes.
6. The essays should be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 and Line Spacing 1.5.
7. The footnotes must be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 10 and Line Spacing 1.
8. Heading: Arial, size-12, Bold, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.
9. Sub-headings: Arial, size-11.5, Italicized, 1.15 line spacing, centre-aligned.
10. The margins should be 1” or 2.54 cm on all sides.
11. All text should be justified.
12. Every citation must follow the Harvard Bluebook, 20th Edition.

Submission Procedure

1. The essays must be sent by email to essay.competition@novojuris.com
2. The body of the e-mail must specify the name of the author and College/Institute/University of Author.
3. The essay may be attached in ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ format only.

4. The participants are required to send the following details in a separate word document attached to the e-mail:
 - Title of the Essay;
 - Name of the Author;
 - College/ Institute/University of Author
 - Programme Enrolled & Year of Study of Author
 - E-mail address & Contact No. of Author

Important Note

1. All original essays submitted for this competition shall become the sole property of NovoJuris Legal.
2. NovoJuris Legal shall have the right to publish the entries in the form of a journal, book, e-book.
3. A Committee of Experts shall be constituted as a Jury, to select the winning entries. The decision of the Jury shall be final and binding.
4. NovoJuris Legal possesses the right to reject entries which do not conform to the Guidelines for Submission.
5. NovoJuris Legal reserves the absolute rights to cancel, defer, or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the accruing of any incident, natural or manmade.
6. In case of any dispute, the decision of NovoJuris Legal shall be final and binding.

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