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**THREE DAYS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON 'CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2019' FOR THE PRESIDENT AND NOMINATED MEMBERS OF STATE CONSUMER COMMISSION (24<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023)**



*VENUE: VIJAYA TEJ CLARKS INN, PATNA, 4TH FLOOR, P & M MALL PATLIPUTRA*

To offer advanced and interactive training for Presidents and Members assigned by the Ministry, the Center for Advanced Research on Corporate and Insolvency Laws (CARCIL). Chanakya National Law University, Patna, organized a "Three Days Training Workshop On

Consumer Protection Act, 2019 for the President of the District Consumer Commissions of Bihar. This workshop was tailored to enhance their capabilities in managing consumer disputes and realizing the goals of the Consumer Protection Act 2019.

The preamble of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, empowers the safeguarding of consumer interests and the establishment of effective dispute resolution authorities. Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions at District, State, and National levels, akin to those under the CPA 1986, now possess enhanced jurisdiction and the capability to virtually address complaints. Consumers can file electronic complaints from their location. The new Act includes a Mediation chapter, establishing mediation cells connected to District, State, and National Commissions, allowing parties to resolve disputes through mediation.

To support and enhance the competencies of Consumer Commission Presidents and Members, a prerequisite training program is proposed. This training aims to familiarize them with new aspects of the Consumer Protection Act 2019. Training plays a pivotal role in ensuring the competence of these Commissions within an efficient justice system. Both newly appointed and serving Presidents and Members of Consumer Commissions should receive substantial attention to upgrade their skills and knowledge for effective dispute resolution, aligned with the Act's objective.

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP:

1. Sensitize the allocated Presidents and Members about effectively applying the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, aligned with UN Guidelines and India's Constitution.
2. Train the allocated Presidents and Members to handle potential enforcement issues of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
3. Identify significant challenges faced by Indian Consumer Commissions during the processing and adjudication of Consumer Disputes, and devise solutions.
4. Offer fundamental and conceptual analysis of new elements in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, like Product Liability, Mediation, E-Commerce, Direct Selling, etc.
5. Compare provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, with the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
6. Educate the Presidents and Members of Consumer Commissions about mediation principles and processes to appropriately refer cases for mediation.
7. Train the Presidents and Members on conducting hearings and examining parties via video conferencing, ensuring authenticity



OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP:

1. Participants gained a thorough grasp of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, along with its associated Rules and Regulations.
2. Participants become familiar with the United Nations Guidelines for safeguarding consumer rights.
3. Participants became informed about potential challenges in implementing the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, and strategies to address these challenges.
4. Empowered Consumer Commission Members and Presidents with skills for effectively resolving Consumer Disputes, aligning with the goals of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
5. Enabled participants to recognize suitable cases for mediation in dispute resolution, promoting a mediation culture to reduce case backlog.
6. Enhanced delegates' understanding of the legal framework governing various aspects of Consumer Welfare Legislation.
7. Provided a dynamic environment to encourage and bolster Consumer *Activism*.

INAUGURAL GUEST:

- a. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kumar**, Hon'ble President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bihar, Patna.
- b. **Shri Vinay Kumar, IAS** Secretary, Food and Consumer Protection Department of Bihar Govt. of Bihar, Patna
- c. **Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Singh**, Former Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal
- d. **Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh**, Registrar, Chanakya National Law University

VALEDICTORY GUEST:

1. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi** (Former Chief Justice of Patna and Madras High Courts) President National Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission, New Delhi
2. **Mr. Rohit Kumar Singh**, IAS, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
3. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kumar**, Hon'ble President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bihar, Patna.

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4. **Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh**, Registrar Chanakya National Law University, Patna

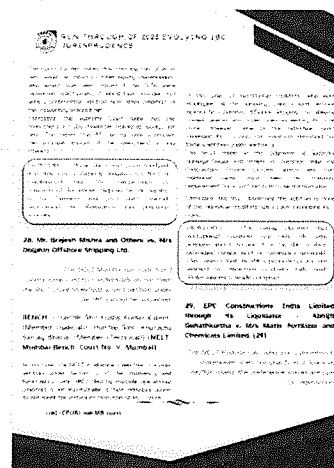
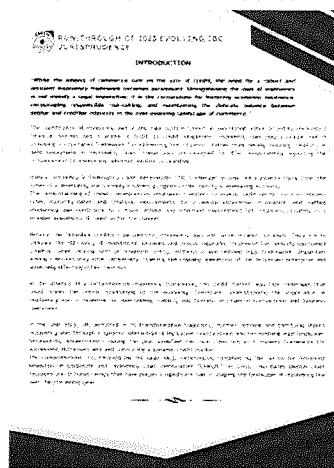
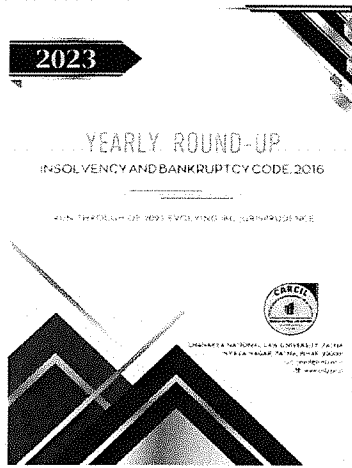
**Resource Persons:**

1. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kumar**, Hon'ble President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bihar, Patna.
2. **Prof (Dr.) S. S. Singh**, Former Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal
3. **Ms. Akanksha Rana**, Senior Manager (Litigation) Diageo | Author of Consumer Claims | Mentor and Adviser at Consumers India
4. **Shri. Krishna Kant Singh**, Senior System Officer, Patna High Court
5. **Mr. Hon'ble AVM J. Rajendra**, AVSM VSM (Retd.) Member National Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission
6. **Mr. Sumit Jain** Founding Director Centre for Competition Law and Economics



# IBC YEARLY ROUNDUP (JANUARY, 2024)

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In the year 2023, IBC persisted in its transformative trajectory, further refining and fortifying India's insolvency laws through a dynamic interaction of legislative modifications and the evolving legal landscape. Noteworthy advancements during the year solidified the code's position as a resilient framework for addressing distressed debt and cultivating a dynamic credit market.

In the absence of a comprehensive insolvency framework, the credit market may face challenges that could hinder the overall functioning of the economy. Therefore, understanding the importance of insolvency laws is essential for maintaining stability and fairness in financial transactions and business operations.

The comprehensive run-through for the year 2023, meticulously compiled by the Centre for Advanced Research on Corporate and Insolvency Laws ("CARCIL") at CNLU, elucidates pivotal court decisions and tribunal rulings that have played a significant role in shaping the landscape of insolvency law over the preceding year.

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## MOU SIGNED WITH INSOLVENCY LAW ACADEMY (ILA) (OCTOBER 06, 2023)



### MoU Signing Ceremony


Chanakya National Law University, Patna  
& Insolvency Law Academy

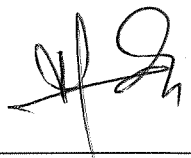


CARCIL-CNLU entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Insolvency Law Academy (ILA). This marked a significant milestone in the field of legal education and cross-border insolvency.

The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor of CNLU, and Mr. Sumant Batra, the founder of ILA & an esteemed insolvency lawyer with over three decades of experience. The ceremony was moderated by Dr. Nandita S. Jha, Co-Director of CARCIL.

Through this significant collaboration established a Chair of Cross-Border Insolvency at CNLU and a Regional Centre for Insolvency. The Chair aims to address the complexities of cross-border insolvency, a vital aspect of modern legal practice. CNLU, along with, Insolvency Law Academy, through this initiative, aims to bridge the gap between the enactment of the Model Law and its practical implementation. The establishment of a Regional Chair for Insolvency at CNLU further underscores our commitment to research and education in this domain.

  
Vice-Chancellor  
Chanakya National Law University, Patna



### 3<sup>RD</sup> CNLU-CCI NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023 (6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024)



The 3rd Justice U.P. Singh Memorial CNLU-CCI National Moot Court Competition was organized in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and Economic Laws Practice (ELP). Nishith Desai Associates served as the internship collaborator, while the Centre for Competition Law and Economics was the research collaborator. With the involvement of these prestigious organizations, CARCIL-CNLU aimed to provide students with a realistic experience of Antitrust Law.

To ensure maximum inclusivity and create a truly national competition without compromising the high-stakes nature of on-campus mooting, the event was held in a hybrid format. The inaugural ceremony, along with the preliminary and quarter-final rounds, took place virtually on March 22nd and 23rd, 2024. The semi-final and final rounds were conducted on April 6th, 2024, on the campus of Chanakya National Law University, Patna.

#### ABOUT THE ORAL ROUNDS

Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, and Final Rounds were the four phases of the Oral Rounds. Following the Preliminary Round, the top eight speaking teams advanced to the Quarter Final Rounds. The competition became knockout-style after this Round, with the best team from each round qualifying for the following round.

#### JUDGES FOR THE FINAL ROUNDS

1. Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) S.J. Mukhopadhaya – *Judge, Supreme Court of India*
2. Dr. Akhil Prasad – *Board Member, General Group Counsel, Company Secretary, Boeing India Services Private Limited*
3. Mr. Parthasarathi Jha – *Partner, Economic Laws Practice (ELP)*



4. Mr. Shashank Gautam – *Partner, P&A Law Offices*
5. Mr. Saifur Rahman Faridi – *Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.*

#### JUDGES FOR THE SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

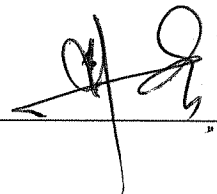
1. Anubhuti Mishra – *Partner, P&A Law Offices*
2. Danish Khan – *Principal Associate, DSK Legal*
3. Prashanth Shivadass – *Partner, Shivadass & Shivadass*
4. Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh – *Judge, Supreme Court of India*
5. Mr. Sumit Jain – *Founding Director, Centre for Competition Law and Economics*

#### WINNERS

1. Best Team – Institute of Law, Nirma University
2. Runners Up – Christ University, Bangalore
3. Best Speaker – Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow
4. Best Researcher – National Law University, Delhi
5. Best Memorial Christ University, Bangalore



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