

EDITORIAL NOTE

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The Indian Arbitration Law Review (IALR) was established with an idea to further the research in the realm of arbitration law in 2018. Eventually, its first edition came to fruition a year later in 2019 and since then it has been an annual affair. We are particularly thankful to Mr Udyan Arya Srivastava, Mr Prabal De and Mr Pranjal Agarwal, the Editor-in-Chief of the previous volumes and their colleagues. It is because of them that the Journal has reached this pedestal. We must also thank Mr Prashant Mishra, our Patron, without whose guidance and support this Journal would not have been conceptualized.

We are quite delighted that in addition to being published by the venerated Eastern Book Company, we are now also indexed on leading research databases – HeinOnline and SCCOnline.

It is always an honour to have eminent members of the legal fraternity donate their time and efforts to the furtherance of legal research through their support of student-run initiatives. We boast of having some of the most renowned individuals in the field of arbitration on our Board of Advisors. We are honoured to have these internationally recognized luminaries, jurists, practitioners and academicians, from all over the globe provide their able guidance to us for this Journal. We are also indebted to Dr Abhishek M. Singhvi for kindly agreeing to author the Foreword for this edition, despite his busy schedule.

We take pride in the efforts of our entire editorial body, who have worked tirelessly over the past year, despite exigencies created due to the raging pandemic, to bring this volume to fruition. We are also indebted to our distinguished peer-review board for their time. Lastly, we thank and congratulate all the authors who sent us their work. Although we were

unable to publish all submissions, each piece had its own unique value, and certainly contributed to the culture of scholarship in arbitration law.

In the legal field, there often exists the misconception that research is an extraneous skill for practitioners and is only consequential within academia. Its practical aspects are underestimated, despite it being a fundamental tool for lawyers irrespective of their area of practice. Research provides the crucial analytical foundation required for the application of the law. It would not be an exaggeration to state that it is the groundwork upon which the notion of the legal profession is erected. A shortage of consideration to this primary skill proves to be an impediment to the development of individuals, entities or even certain domains of law.

Arbitration is one such domain where further exploration is required to expand the current dossier of research available to the world. It is a relatively novel but eclectic body of law whose evolving nature provides ample room for a more complex examination of its functioning through doctrinal research. This form of research is essential in enhancing substantial portions of the law through an in-depth examination of the legal doctrines, analysis of which is currently lacking in the field of arbitration.

The present volume, therefore, consists of doctrinally researched articles of stellar quality, seeking to seal the gap that exists in research of arbitration. This volume intends to encourage the practice of doctrinal research by providing its readers with a unique corpus of well-written legal study on a broad variety of subjects of both international and domestic importance in the arbitral sphere. We are hopeful that it will contribute to the existing scholarship in the field of arbitration.

Finally, we would like to thank our readers, such as yourself, who have provided us valuable feedback, which has certainly improved the Journal's quality, over the years. This time as well, we would be open to receiving your feedback and criticism.