Kachwaha & Partners is pleased to announce the results of the first Arb Excel Essay Writing Competition as follows:

1st Prize:  
Ms. Ridhi Kabra  
NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad  
Title: "Defining the contours of a Commercial Arbitral Tribunal: Can ICSID decisions confer an inherent power on the tribunal to regulate appointment of counsels?"  
Rs. 1 lakh

2nd Prize:  
Mr. Ritwik Bhattacharya  
Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar  
Title: "Implied Exclusion of Part I of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act: Propounding the Test of Certainty."  
Rs. 50,000

3rd Prize:  
Ms. Anjali Anchayil  
National Law School of India University, Bangalore  
Title: "Bhatia International to Videocon Industries and Yograj Infrastructure: Recasting the Foundations of Arbitration Law in India."  
Rs. 25,000

Finalists:  
Mr. Jagdish John Menezes  
NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad  
Title: "Simplicity, Clarity and Consistency - What the Supreme Court should do in Bharat Aluminium Co. v. Kaiser Technical Services Inc."

Mr. R. Harikrishnan  
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow  
Title: "To be or not to be: The case of non-signatories to Arbitration Agreement - The Indian picture."

Mr. Kunal Mimani  
Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar  
Title: "Conflict of Law Rules: The Law Applicable to the Arbitration
Results of Inaugural Event

Agreement.

Rs. 10,000 (each)
[Finalists shall also be entitled to a book prize to be announced shortly].

Honourable Mentions:

Mr. Bhishaan Anup Shah
National Law School of India University, Bangalore
Title: "Restricting or Expanding Arbitration Agreements: A study of severability, incorporation and tortious claims."

Mr. Manu Thadikkaran
National Law University, Jodhpur
Title: "India: Is it a preferred destination for International Commercial Arbitration?"

Mr. Soumyadipta Chanda
Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar
Title: "Another brick in the wall: The enforcement of annulled International Arbitral Awards."

Ms. Minu Sali
Government Law College, Mumbai
Title: "Alternate Dispute Resolution: Smart pick, relief quick."

Rs. 10,000 (each)

We were gladdened to see the healthy response, enthusiasm and overall standard of the contributions. The competition was extremely close, especially amongst the top entries, compelling us to create a new category called "Finalists". We have upgraded three winners from the "Honourable Mention" category to the "Finalists" category in acknowledgement of the close
result.

We may add that the process of evaluation and judging a competition of this type is to a great extent a subjective exercise. It is challenging to weigh the competitive entries on golden scales and we trust that if some are disappointed with the results, they will accept it in this spirit. We plan to post the rules / timelines for the next round by the third week of September and do look out for the same at this site.

We thank you once again for participating in the competition and wish you the very best in your professional endeavours.

Sincerely,
Sumeet Kachwaha