



Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre

16th Annual International Conference

Navigating Arbitration in the Era of Digitisation and Reform

September 5 & 6, 2025

Venue:

The Oberoi, New Delhi, Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg, Delhi Golf Club,
Golf Links, New Delhi 110003

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NPAC's 16th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

At the Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre (NPAC), we reaffirm our commitment to advancing institutional arbitration as the cornerstone of efficient dispute resolution in India. Building on our legacy of fostering robust arbitral ecosystems, NPAC is delighted to announce its 16th Annual International Conference, titled “*Navigating Arbitration in the Era of Digitisation and Reform*”, scheduled to take place at **New Delhi** on the **5th (evening) & 6th September, 2025 (Friday evening and Saturday)**. Aligned with our commitment to advance institutional arbitration, this conference will explore the evolving landscape of dispute resolution in the digital age – highlighting the impact of technological innovation, reform-driven best practices, and India's emergence as a global arbitration hub. Arbitration today is no longer just an alternative to litigation; it is a continuously evolving mechanism that reflects the substantial shifts in commerce, technology, and jurisprudence. With increasing global interconnectivity, legal reform, and digital disruption, the arbitral process demands a nuanced understanding of not just its principles but its adaptability.

This year's conference delves into critical areas that are reshaping the arbitration landscape, examining evolving judicial approaches, legislative reforms, technological challenges, and contract complexities. From dissecting the Implications of the English Arbitration Act 2025 to exploring how generative AI redefines evidentiary standards, this platform aims to foster deep engagement with the future of arbitration in India and beyond. The forum brings together global legal minds and leading arbitration practitioners to analyse the practical, philosophical, and procedural shifts across jurisdictions. These sessions will challenge conventional boundaries and equip stakeholders with a forward-looking, adaptable, and commercially intelligent approach to dispute resolution.

We invite arbitration practitioners, corporate counsels, and policymakers to make use of this unique opportunity to learn strategic tools for navigating disputes end-to-end through arbitration. The opportunity to engage with global thought leaders dissecting seismic shifts in advocacy, technology, and enforcement will leave you equipped to transform challenges into opportunities for efficiency, fairness, and commercial resilience. Your participation will not only advance your practice but also contribute to shaping India's future as a global arbitration leader.



FOUNTAIN COURT CHAMBERS FIRESIDE CHAT



AS PART OF

NPAC'S 16th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 @ 7.00 P.M.

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Advocacy and Process: Arbitration versus Court



Lord Justice Underhill
Judge of the Court of Appeal of
England and Wales



Hon'ble Justice Manmohan
Judge,
Supreme Court of India



Stephen Moriarty KC
Barrister,
Fountain Court Chambers,
London



MODERATOR
Alex Taylor
Senior Clerk of Fountain Court Chambers,
London



Samudra Sarangi
Partner,
Law Offices of Panag & Babu,
New Delhi

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September 6, 2025: Program Schedule

Time	Topic
09.30 am – 10.15 am	Inauguration
09.30 am – 09.35 am	Welcome Address by Mr. Arvind P. Datar, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Madras High Court & Director, NPAC
09.35 am – 09.40 am	Conference Concept Note by Mr. N.L. Rajah Senior Advocate, Madras High Court, Director, NPAC
09.40 am – 10.10 am	Inaugural & Keynote Address by The Honourable Justice Philip Jeyaretnam President, Singapore International Commercial Court Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore
10.10 am – 10.15 am	Vote of Thanks by Ms. Payal Chawla, Founder, JusContractus & Director, NPAC
10.30 am – 11.45 am	TECHNICAL SESSION I Modification of Arbitration Awards: An International Perspective Chair: Hon'ble Ms. Justice Prathiba M. Singh, Judge, Delhi High Court Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Nicholas Lingard, Partner, Freshfields, Singapore2. Ms. Rebecca James, Partner, Linklaters, Singapore & United Kingdom3. Mr. Aditya Singh, Partner, White & Case, Singapore4. Mr. KV Krishnaprasad, Barrister, One Essex Court, United Kingdom
11.45 am – 01.00 pm	TECHNICAL SESSION II The English Arbitration Act 2025: Lessons for India Chair: Ms. Sherina Petit, Partner, Stewarts Law, United Kingdom, Director, NPAC Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. James Howells KC, Atkin Chambers, United Kingdom2. Mr. James Collins, Partner, Candey, United Kingdom3. Mr. Phillip D'Costa, Partner, Penningtons Manches Cooper, United Kingdom4. Ms. Shruti Raina, Partner, Law Offices of Panag & Babu, New Delhi

01.00 pm – 01.30 pm	<p>MARCH OF LAW BY Mr. Sidhant Goel, Senior Partner, SIM AND SAN, Attorneys at Law</p>
01.30 pm – 02:15 pm	Lunch
02.15 pm – 03.30 pm	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION III Evidence in the Age of Generative AI</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Managing Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mark McNeill, Partner, Quinn Emanuel, United States Mr. Mahesh Rai, Director, Drew & Napier, Singapore Ms. Smitha Menon, Partner, Wong Partnership, Singapore Mr. Mohit Abraham, Chief Legal Officer, Peak XV Partners
03.30 pm – 04.45 pm	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION IV Enforcement of Standard Form Contracts: Navigating Legal Complexities and Balancing Commercial Considerations</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Binsy Susan, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Director, NPAC</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lopamudra Rao, General Counsel, Meesho Ltd., India Mr. Ritesh Khosla, General Counsel, Sony Pictures, India Mr. Siddharth Sharma, General Counsel, Tata Sons, India Ms. Blossom Hing SC, Director, Drew & Napier, Singapore

NANI PALKHIVALA ARBITRATION CENTRE

Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre (NPAC) is a non-profit company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Built in the year 2005 by the Palkhivala Foundation in memory of the legendary jurist Nani Palkhivala, it is the only arbitration institute recognised by the Madras High Court in South India.

Invitees: This conference is open to all eminent personalities in the field of arbitration, in-house counsels, advocates, CEO's, accountants, financial intermediaries, academicians and law students.

Faculty: The panelists of this conference are experts in arbitration law, will share their knowledge, opinions and experiences related to the conference theme **“Navigating Arbitration in the Era of Digitisation and Reform”**. We take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of our conference and benefit from its insights.

Registration Details (Early Bird Registration Before August 8, 2025)

Participants	First Day 05.09.2025 (including GST)	Second Day 06.09.2025 (including GST)	Both Days 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025 (including GST)
Delegates residing in India	Rs. 5,500	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 9,000
NPAC members	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 4,500	Rs. 8,500
Students	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 5,500
International delegates	USD 300	USD 200	USD 500
International members of NPAC	USD 200	USD 150	USD 350
International students	USD 100	USD 75	USD 175

Email to npacdelhi@gmail.com for early bird registration on or before 7th August 2025.

Registration for the same will be confirmed upon the completion of registration formalities through the link that will be provided.

Registration Details After August 8, 2025

Participants	First Day 05.09.2025 (including GST)	Second Day 06.09.2025 (including GST)	Both Days 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025 (including GST)
Delegates residing in India	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 5,500	Rs. 10,000
NPAC members	Rs. 5,500	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 9,000
Students	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 6,000
International delegates	USD 300	USD 200	USD 500
International members of NPAC	USD 200	USD 150	USD 350
International students	USD 100	USD 75	USD 175

Registration Links

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International delegates are requested to email to npacdelhi@gmail.com to register for the Conference.

Cancellation Policy: We consider the receipt of your registration form as your commitment to attend the conference. The registration fee is non-refundable. However, a registration may be transferred to another person from the same company or organization at no extra charge, provided that the notice of such change is sent to NPAC at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the Conference.

Guidelines for Student Applicants: The last date for completion of the registration process for student applicants is 20th August 2025. The numbers of seats for students are limited to 50 only, on a 'first come first serve basis'.

Email to npacdelhi@gmail.com with your student Id Proof to receive your Registration Link. The confirmation of registration is only upon receipt of acknowledgement by NPAC. Kindly note that no spot registration shall be entertained for student applicants.

Payment details for cheques: Crossed cheques are to be made in the favor of "Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre" and addressed to: New no: 22, Karpagambal Nagar, Mylapore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India – 600 004.

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