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"Virtual Arbitration in India: A Practical Guide"

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai's Centre for Arbitration and Research (CAR) is pleased to announce the publication of "*Virtual Arbitration in India: A Practical Guide*". This is [available](#) online at the University's website.

As the COVID-19 pandemic compels all dispute resolution mechanisms to be held virtually, this guide comes as timely research to familiarise the Indian arbitration community with a holistic toolkit for virtual arbitration. The guide is aimed to enable parties, counsel and arbitrators to make an informed decision on the use of virtual procedures in arbitration. It, therefore, analyses the technology that is available, and the practical considerations that must be made in determining the technology to be used. It further provides guidance on the conduct of such proceedings with detailed analysis on protocols and guidelines, drawing from emerging global practices in virtual arbitration. Arbitrators may find this guide helpful for case management in virtual arbitrations.

As arbitrators and counsel start participation in virtual arbitrations, a variety of troubling legal issues may emerge, specifically pertaining to due process and its impact on the substantive rights of the parties. The guide, considering Indian law, provides a multi-faceted analysis of the potential issues that may arise in what is likely to be a popular mode of dispute resolution in the coming times.

The guide has been researched and written by Aditya Gupta and Natasha Kavalakkat, Research Associates with CAR under the guidance of research advisor, Chirag Balyan, Faculty Coordinator at the Centre. The guide has been reviewed and refined with insights from leading arbitration practitioners from India and abroad. The Review Panel comprised of:

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CAR seeks to carry out research in arbitration law and practice, contribute to policy discussion, and provide a platform for the training of arbitration professionals. CAR wishes to emphasise research and training in contemporary and emerging issues of arbitration law, specifically in niche practice areas, often unexplored by academia, but highly relevant for practitioners, such as construction arbitration, maritime arbitration, investment arbitration, sports arbitration, etc.

CAR was founded under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey. CAR's Faculty Coordinator is Chirag Balyan, Assistant Professor of Law at MNLU Mumbai. Yashraj Samant is the General Secretary, and Aditya Gupta & Natasha Kavalakkat are Research Associates at CAR.

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