

EDITORIAL NOTE

Dear Readers,

On Behalf of the Editorial Board of the RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review (RFMLR), we would like to wish all the authors, patrons, and readers the best of health and a prosperous year ahead.

Academic Writing is the best way to engage with diverse ideas and thoughts. Similarly, legal writing allows discourse on various contemporary legal issues, and the ensuing literature serves as the foundation for future legislation and policy. RFMLR has always aimed to provide readers with high-quality legal research and to contribute meaningfully to the existing debate on important topics in the field of various business and commercial laws.

The rapid advent of the third wave of the COVID-19 in the midst of the year put our dedication to the test. Despite the difficulties, the Editorial Board continued with its work and focused on the growth and improvement of the Journal. The Editorial Board has continued to make substantial contributions to the existing discourse with its academic efforts and initiatives in both virtual and physical modes.

During this academic session, the Editorial Board organised the RFMLR-IBBI Blog Series Competition and Conference on ‘Evolving Dynamics of the Insolvency Regime in India’ in January 2022, in collaboration with the Insolvency and the Bankruptcy Board of India. Academicians, practitioners, and students from all across the nation attended the conference where an esteemed panel of experts from the field of insolvency discussed the practical and critical challenges which are prevalent

in the insolvency regime in the country, and offered novel and innovative solutions to tackle such challenges.

The Editorial Board also organised a certificate course on ‘Antitrust Concerns in Digital Markets’ in collaboration with the L&L Partners, in April 2022. Students were able to learn about the provisions of competition law, relevant markets, and abuse of dominance in the digital markets during the two-day session. This course allowed students to understand the applicability of the antitrust laws in the Digital Markets.

The entire Editorial Board has invested its efforts into curating RFMLR. It undertakes an intricate process that starts with finalising the call for papers, then moves on to the review of the manuscripts submitted by writers from all over the country, and finally compiles the peer-reviewed manuscripts into a biannual Edition of the Journal. We are ecstatic to announce the release of the First Issue of Volume IX of RFMLR which is an outcome of the professionalism and commitment of all the Senior Editors, Associate Editors, Junior Editors, Citation Editors, Copy Editors, Digital Editors, and Assistant Editors. Our respected Peer Board, which includes famous Practitioners and Academicians working across different practice areas such as Capital Markets, Intellectual Property Law, Arbitration, Insolvency, Mergers and Acquisitions, Banking and Finance, and Technology Law, was instrumental in the publication of this Issue.

In this Issue of RFMLR, we are pleased to present a comprehensive and insightful analysis of a vast array of contemporary issues such as the analysis of the contemporary issues & challenges in infrastructure development and project financing in India, critical analysis of Indian Regulations and Tax provisions related to Special Purpose Acquisition

Companies, the curious case of resolution professional as an officer of the court, the need of revisiting the status of operational creditors under the Indian Insolvency Regime, assessment of the role of the committee of creditors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (“**IBC**”), and the concept of Share Pledging that involves examining the position of secured creditors under the IBC, assessment of the validity of Non-disposal undertakings.

We assure all our contributors and readers that the Board is constantly working to improve the visibility and impact of the Journal. All the Issues of RFMLR are already indexed on SCC Online and the Journal is one of the most accessed law reviews in their database. Further, the Editorial Board has already initiated efforts to get indexed on other Indian and International legal databases shortly.

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your submissions for our next Issues.

Happy Reading!

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