



National Seminar on

# Intellectual Property Rights

NEW AGE CHALLENGES

12th November 2016

Organised By

Tamil Nadu National Law School

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI



## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Tamil Nadu National Law School (TNNLS) was established by an Act of the State Legislature to provide high quality legal education, at par with global standards. In a short span of four years since its inception, TNNLS has become one of the leading institutions in the region. It is backed with a 25 acre full-fledged residential campus situated in Trichy, also known as the Tiruchirappalli / Rock Fort City which is in the central part of Tamil Nadu. The campus is well connected by road, rail and air. The Law School offers 5 year integrated B.A., LL.B (Hons) & B. Com., LL.B (Hons) Programmes.

## CONCEPT NOTE

Intellectual Property (IP) is a concept much invoked in the context of the new knowledge economy, but little understood. The protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) serve as a potential tool for economic growth. TRIPS, a multilateral agreement, under the umbrella of WTO plays a major role in harmonizing the system of protection of all forms of IP and sets out universal minimum standards. Over the past few decades, the trade and investment landscape has transformed IPR and resulted in unprecedented changes in IP laws. The negotiations in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs), Foreign Trade Agreements (FTAs) & Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) raise concerns about existing TRIPS flexibilities especially in areas such as access to knowledge, public health and nutrition. The recent increase in Indian IP litigation and the judicial interpretations on patent eligibility, compulsory licensing and fair dealing has raised concerns globally and are being discussed in various international IP forums. Thus it is imperative to have an academic discussion to analyse the current state of affairs, understand sectoral implications and also work out alternate strategies to ensure the balance between private and public interest. In this context, TNNLS is organizing a one day National Seminar on “Intellectual Property Rights: New Age Challenges” on 12th November, 2016 at Tiruchirappalli.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Original and well-researched papers are invited from academicians, advocates, researchers, students and other stakeholders working and interested in the field of IPR. Only one co-author is permitted, i.e. a maximum of two authors per paper. The co-author is also required to pay registration fee in an individual capacity. All research papers shall be subjected to the scrutiny of anti-plagiarism software and the approval of the Editorial Board. Selected papers are proposed to be published in an edited book with an ISBN Number. Only completed papers submitted within the specified timeline shall be considered for publication. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to filter submissions for publication.

## GUIDELINES

Participants who intend to present their research papers in the seminar are required to submit the abstract of their paper before 12th October, 2016. The word limit for abstract is 300 – 350 words. The abstract should be accompanied by a brief profile of the author including his/her e-mail ID, contact number and official address for communication. The word limit for the final Research Paper is 4000 – 6000 words (maximum) (excluding footnotes). Abstracts and Research Papers shall be submitted to following email-id [seminar.tnnls@gmail.com](mailto:seminar.tnnls@gmail.com).

Following specifications should be strictly followed:

Font Style	Times New Roman
Font Size	12 (Text) 10 (Footnotes)
Line Spacing	1.5 (Text) 1.0 (Footnotes)
Margin	1 inch on all sides
Citation Style	Bluebook 19 <sup>th</sup> Edition
File Name	Title of the Paper & Name of the Author(s)
File Format	MS Office Word 2007/2010/2013

## SUB-THEMES

### Technical Session 1: Law, Policy & Reforms in IPR

- IP Forum Shifting: FTAs, BITs & TRIPS Plus Standards
- National IPR Policy
- Compulsory Licensing and Affordable Medicines
- Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions
- Alternate Dispute Resolution in Intellectual Property Matters
- Patent Reforms: Utility and Software Patents
- Non-Conventional Trademarks

### Technical Session 2: IP Enforcement and Litigation

- Access to knowledge and Copyright enforcement
- Standard Essential Patents and their availability on FRAND terms
- Copyright & Cyberspace
- Domain Names & Trademarks
- Forum Shopping
- Fan Fiction & Character Merchandising
- Copyright & Remix Culture

*Note: The above identified issues/sub-themes are only illustrative. Participants may select the related topics covered under the main theme.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Submission of Abstract	12.10.2016
Intimation of Accepted Abstract	15.10.2016
Last Date for Registration	20.10.2016
Date for Submission of Final Draft	02.11.2016
Publication of Final List	07.11.2016
Date of the Seminar	12.11.2016

# PARTICIPATION FEES

Students	Rs. 500 only.
Researcher / Faculty and others	Rs. 1000 only.

Payment for registration shall be made through online or NEFT only to the following account specifying the name of the participant.

## Account details for remitting the registration fee:

A/c No: 16560110029565

IFSC Code: UCBA0003003

MICR Code: 620028012

A/c Name: The Registrar, Tamil Nadu National Law School, Tiruchirappalli

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Branch: Tamil Nadu National Law School, Tiruchirappalli - 620009

## Note:

- No Travel Allowance will be provided.
- Registration fee is non-refundable. The registration fee is inclusive of seminar- kit and lunch on 12th November 2016.
- Accommodation for the Author(s) of selected papers will be arranged by the institution.
- Accommodation for the participants/delegates will be arranged at nominal cost in the University guest house, hostel and hotels at Tiruchirappalli on request and payment basis.

## CONTACT DETAILS

### VENUE

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>Author / Participant</b>	
	<b>Student</b>	<b>Rs. 500/-</b>
	<b>Faculty / Researcher /Others</b>	<b>Rs. 1000/-</b>

**Details of the Participant:**

Name: .....

Designation: .....

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Title of the Paper: .....

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**Note:**

- Duly filled in registration form must be sent by e-mail on or before 20th October, 2016
- Registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.