



INVITING NOMINATIONS

NATIONAL LEGAL CONCLAVE & EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2027



March 2027



New Delhi

Last date to submit
the nomination

Friday
30th October 2026

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ABOUT

LEGAL CONCLAVE & EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Indian economy is growing at a rapid pace driven by technology, ease-of-doing-business measures, deregulation, and many other factors. Economy that lacks law and order is unthinkable, hence the important position of lawyers in preserving order, which will ensure the continued rapid growth. Laws of India, which is considered to be one of the oldest professions, have been developed starting from religious laws to constitutional law through secular laws and common law traditions. Now the work of lawyer involves varied things including being a consultant before courts, legislative council while developing laws and regulations, and helping corporations during establishment to development. Industry association of businessmen, ASSOCHAM considers legal professionals very highly when they contribute towards law through any of the ways mentioned above.

ASSOCHAM believes that appreciation and recognition are strong motivators which improve performance, productivity, morale, retention, and overall satisfaction. In order to recognize and appreciate the contribution of the learned people belonging to different sectors, ASSOCHAM has announced National Legal Conclave & Excellence Awards 2027. The National Council for Legal Affairs and Regulatory Reforms of ASSOCHAM seeks nominations to honor the achievements made by general counsels, academic institutes and universities, law firms, in-house counsels, and private practitioners in different fields and sectors. The nominations would be given based on work done in the financial year 2025–26. The nominated individuals would be judged by a panel of eminent persons from industry and the field of law who have expertise in different sectors.

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AWARDS

CATEGORIES

A

Law Firm of The Year
(T1/ T2/ T3/ T4/ T5/
Other notable firms)
in various categories

B

For Individual Practitioners
in various categories -
{In-house (Corporate)/ Law Firm/
Legal Services Provider}

C

For Corporate/ In-house
Teams/ Legal Services
Provider in
various categories

D

For Deals
of the Year –
Midsize | Premium

E

For Academia (Best
Law School/ University/
Institution of the Year)

NOMINATION

FEE

S. No.	Award Categories	Nomination Fee
1.	Category A, C, & E	Rs. 30,000 /-
2.	Category B, & D	Rs. 25,000 /-

*GST shall be extra, as applicable @18%

KEY

CRITERIA

- Data should be furnished for a single entity and not combined with group information.
- The information given in the questionnaire should indicate details/ data/ information relevant to the Financial Year 2025-26.

SELECTION

PROCESS

- Step 1 Questionnaire/ entries scrutiny by independent agency
- Step 2 Evaluation basis defined eligibility and established parameters
- Step 3 Interaction with applicant and document verification
- Step 4 Discussion with the nominee/ top management of short-listed applicants
- Step 5 Jury Discussion with short-listed applications
- Step 6 Selection of winner in each category

THE SET OF ANNEXURES

ATTACHED WITH THE INVITATION

Annexure # 1 General Information of the Entity/ Individual	Annexure # 2 Award Categories	Annexure # 3 Evaluation Questionnaire
The participating entity/ individual needs to mandatorily fill in the basic details mentioned in this annexure.	This annexure contains list of categories in which nominations to be submitted.	This annexure contains a questionnaire to be signed by the top-level officials.

We Need To Embrace Technology For A More Efficient Legal System: Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal



"We have made extensive use of technology, from mobile phones to court-related technologies, which have made the legal process much more efficient."

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal
Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice (Independent Charge); MoS, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; & MoS, Ministry of Culture, Government of India



Award Ceremony Session (with all panellists)



Jury Special Honor for Significance Contribution in the Legal Profession - Rajiv Luthra



Jury Special Honor for Life-Time Achievement Award - Lalit Bhasin

We have made extensive use of technology, from mobile phones to court-related technologies, which have made the legal process much more efficient," stated Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice (Independent Charge); MoS, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; & MoS, Ministry of Culture, Government of India at the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM's) Bharat Legal Conclave 2023. The ASSOCHAM National Legal Excellence Awards - 2023, organised by a leading industry association, is designed to tackle numerous challenges encountered by the legal sector and society as a whole.

Addressing the audience, Shri Meghwal emphasised the importance of maintaining harmony in body, mind, intellect, and soul, aligning with the rich Indian tradition of 'Bharat Legal Complex.'

As India celebrates its 75th year of Independence, Meghwal urged everyone to reflect on the nation's future. He stressed the



Opening Session

need for careful planning and consideration for the 100th-anniversary celebration of independence. In his address, Shri Meghwal shared, "When we award accolades, we extend our best wishes. However, we also have to acknowledge that there might be some deserving candidates who did not receive recognition." He discussed the significance of recognising and rewarding deserving candidates while also taking action against those who do not perform adequately.

Shri Meghwal highlighted the recent passage of the Mediation Bill and called for a greater emphasis on arbitration, drawing inspiration from global leaders like Singapore and Hong Kong. He questioned the limited participation of Indian lawyers in international arbitration processes, encouraging a deeper engagement. Meghwal questioned, "Why don't our Indian lawyers participate in this? This is something we need to think about."

Law Firm of the Year:



LexOrbis - IPR



Trilegal - Competition Law



S&A Law Offices - Taxation



Intygrat Law Offices LLP - Real Estate



S&A Law Offices - IBC



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MCO Legals - Litigation

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Individuals (In-house and Law Firm):



General Counsel of the Year - Mr. Vineet Vij, Tech Mahindra



Woman General Counsel of the Year - Ms. Sandhya Tolat, Aarti Industries Limited



In-House Legal Team of the Year - Defence & Aerospace - Thales Group



Inhouse Legal Team of the Year (Energy and Resources) - HPCL



Inhouse Legal Team of the Year - Innovation and Technology - Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd.



Partner of the Year - Mr. Siddharth Srivastava, Khaitan & Co.



Woman Lawyer of the Year - Ms. Nisha Kaur, Trilegal



Legal Compliance Team of the Year - Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited



Inhouse Legal Team of the Year - FMCG - Marico India Limited



Academic Excellence Award - Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Chadha, University School of Law, Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab

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Amount (excluding GST)	₹ 15,00,000	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 7,00,000	₹ 5,00,000	₹ 2,50,000	₹ 1,25,000
Speaking Slots & Opportunities						
Inaugural Session	YES	YES	–	–	–	–
Panel Discussion	2 Slots	1 Slot	2 Slots	1 Slot	–	–
Logo Branding@Venue of the Event						
Corporate Video	YES	YES	YES	–	–	–
Backdrop	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–
Thank You Partner Board	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–
Company Standees	4	3	2	1	–	1
Exhibition Booth	YES	YES	YES	–	–	YES
Tent Card@Table	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Selie Booth	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–
ASSOCHAM Website & Social Media Promotion						
Social Media Handle	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Event Creative	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Video Bytes (Expert & Speaker)	YES	YES	YES	–	–	–
Thank You Partners Post (Post Event)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Complimentary Benefits						
Award Nominations	3	2	1	–	–	–
Company Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Delegate Passes	12	10	8	4	3	2

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