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The Editorial Board also collaborates with various legal experts and undertakes various academic initiatives to promote study and research in the fields of business and commercial laws. As a part of this endeavour, the Editorial Board hosted the 5th Edition of the Demystifying M&A series with Mr. Pratika Shankar enlightening the participants on the evolving regulatory landscape of M&A and Corporate Governance, October 11th 2025. Additionally, it organised the RFMLR Leadership Summit which brought together distinguished industry leaders, General Counsels, and experts to engage with the pressing challenges shaping the corporate and financial landscape. The board also organised the 4th RGNUL-SAM Conclave on the Emerging Trends in Banking & Finance in India, in collaboration with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (SAM) on 9th & 10th November, 2024; RFMLR-CAM Blog Series Competition on the 'Emerging Trends and Developments in the Competition Law Regime' held on March 22nd, 2024; in collaboration with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM) which witnessed an enthusiastic participation pool of industry professionals, as well as students from across the country.

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ABOUT VOLUME IV ISSUE I

RFMLR has constantly endeavoured to become a trusted platform for scholarly and original ideas put forth by legal practitioners, academics, and law students through the periodic publishing of critical reviews of multiple contemporary issues, focusing on various subjects of commercial legal affairs. In the upcoming issue, the Editorial Board aspires to undertake an evaluation of and publish an array of information on contemporary developments in all areas of commercial law.

Hence, for Volume XIV Issue I, the author(s) can make submissions in the domain of Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Competition Law, Insolvency, Banking & Finance, Insurance, Capital Markets, Securities, Dispute Resolution, International Trade, Investment Funds, Labour and Employment, Taxation, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, Technology, Media & Telecommunication, and White-Collar Crimes. Submissions encouraging an insightful discourse around any contemporary developments in the field of financial and mercantile laws are also welcome.

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