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The Members of the Governing Body
Consortium of National Law Universities

Sub: Report of the Expert Committee to review the Common Law Admissions Test

Dear Members of the Governing Body,

The Advisory Board had constituted the Expert Committee with the general mandate to review the design and administration of the Common Law Admission Test (“CLAT”). This was announced publicly on the Consortium website, and the Expert Committee received inputs from the public, by actively soliciting suggestions and comments as part of the consultative process. Notably, the response from stakeholders was enthusiastic and substantive, with students, parents and tutors engaging meaningfully in this exercise.

On 2 February 2026, the Expert Committee submitted its Final Report. Having examined the contents of the Report, including the final set of recommendations made by the Expert Committee, the Advisory Board is pleased to commend the painstaking effort put in by the Expert Committee for providing valuable inputs for reforming the existing system. The recommendations of the Expert Committee are substantive, well-founded, and provide an actionable pathway for change in the conduct and design of the CLAT.

The Expert Committee Report is being circulated to the Governing Body for review and necessary follow-up action. We are of the view that the Governing Body must deliberate on the Report, and move towards its implementation in a timely manner. We are also forwarding a copy of the Report to the Chancellors of all NLUs for their consideration and inputs. The Committee has indicated that it remains available to assist the Governing Body for any further deliberations that may be required on the findings of the Report.

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We also urge the Governing Body to disseminate the Report to the general public for wider deliberation. The Expert Committee has emphasized in the 6th Advisory Board Meeting dated 14 January 2026 that the Report be made available to the public at the earliest opportunity.

The Expert Committee Report is an essential first step towards long overdue reform of the CLAT examination. I trust that the Governing Body will take appropriate and timely steps to secure public trust and confidence before we bring about changes in the public entrance examination in India.

14th May 2026

Sincerely,



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