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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**CONSILIENCE 2013-14: A CONFERENCE ON 'LEGAL  
ISSUES PERTAINING TO CLOUD COMPUTING'**



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# **CONSILIENCE- A CONFERENCE ON LAW AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Consilience is the annual flagship Conference of the Law and Technology Society of National Law School of India University, Bangalore. As a Conference organised by undergraduates, Consilience is unique- an event completely managed by the students of National Law School of India University. Since its inception, Consilience has been unparalleled in terms of the sheer magnitude of legal input which goes into the event. The aim of the Conference is to clear up ambiguity and issues in the chosen theme and submit a recommendatory report to the Govt. of India based on the Conference. Consilience, dedicated to themes and topics devoted exclusively to law and technology is the only one of its kind in India. The quality of academic debate and discussion at the conference has always been of very high and commendable quantity. With its unique blend of legal and technical knowledge brought together on a common platform, Consilience also provides the ideal launch pad for creativity and practicality based solutions.

One of our primary endeavours in all our activities is to promote interest, research and legal scholarship among law students over the country in the field of Technology Law. At Consilience also, we reserve 1 spot for every session for a student speaker, who is selected by a abstract submission process.

In this regard, we are glad to announce call for student abstracts for this edition of Consilience and we invite abstracts from law students all over the country on the following sub-tracks:

## **SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO CLOUD COMPUTING**

- a. How does cloud computing work? - An overview of the basic technical features
- b. The current legal regime related to cloud computing in India- Main issues and challenges

## **SESSION 2: THE RELATION BETWEEN PARTIES TO CLOUD COMPUTING- USERS, INTERMEDIARIES AND GOVERNMENT BODIES**

- a. Legal obligations of the intermediaries towards (i) the government and (ii) the users
- b. Cyber security concerns
- b. Standards of data protection

c. Government's surveillance powers and privacy issues

#### SESSION 3: REGULATION AND MONITORING OF DATA CONTENT

- a. Current data control monitoring systems by intermediaries
- b. Data ownership and intellectual property issues- Possible threats and need for regulation
- c. Sensitive or critical data- Security concerns relating to their storage

#### SESSION 4: THE INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON CLOUD COMPUTING

- a. Jurisdiction and choice of law issues- how do we counter the confusion?
- b. International laws applicable to cloud computing
- c. Need for a comprehensive international framework to simplify the situation?

#### SESSION 5: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE US AND SINGAPORE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS DEALING WITH CLOUD COMPUTING

- a. Legal frameworks in US and Singapore
- b. Beneficial features of these legal regimes and their suitability in the Indian context
- c. Lessons to be learnt for India

#### SESSION 6: THE WAY FORWARD – SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Overview of the important challenges and suggestions
- b. Possible Policy and Legislative steps to improve the Cloud Computing regime in India

Each participant is required to submit an abstract on **any one** of the **six tracks** above and can choose the specific issue within the selected track to discuss. The abstracts must be between 750-800 words and should clearly identify the issue they are dealing with, and the argument that they seek to put forward. The abstracts must be footnoted. The conference follows a very strict policy on plagiarism and runs all submissions through plagiarism detection software.

The deadline for the **submission of abstracts** is **November 15, 2013**. The results will be declared by November 17, 2013. Following this, the selected authors will have to submit their final papers (word limit of 2500 words) by **December 9, 2013**. However, even after the acceptance of the abstracts, a selected author can be disallowed from presenting the final paper if

the same is unsuitable to be presented, being off topic, too different from the abstract, containing plagiarized material, of low quality or any other such reason.

All abstract submissions have to be mailed to [ltech.nls@gmail.com](mailto:ltech.nls@gmail.com) by 17:00 PM, November 15th, 2013. For any clarifications, write to [ltech.nls@gmail.com](mailto:ltech.nls@gmail.com) or contact:

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