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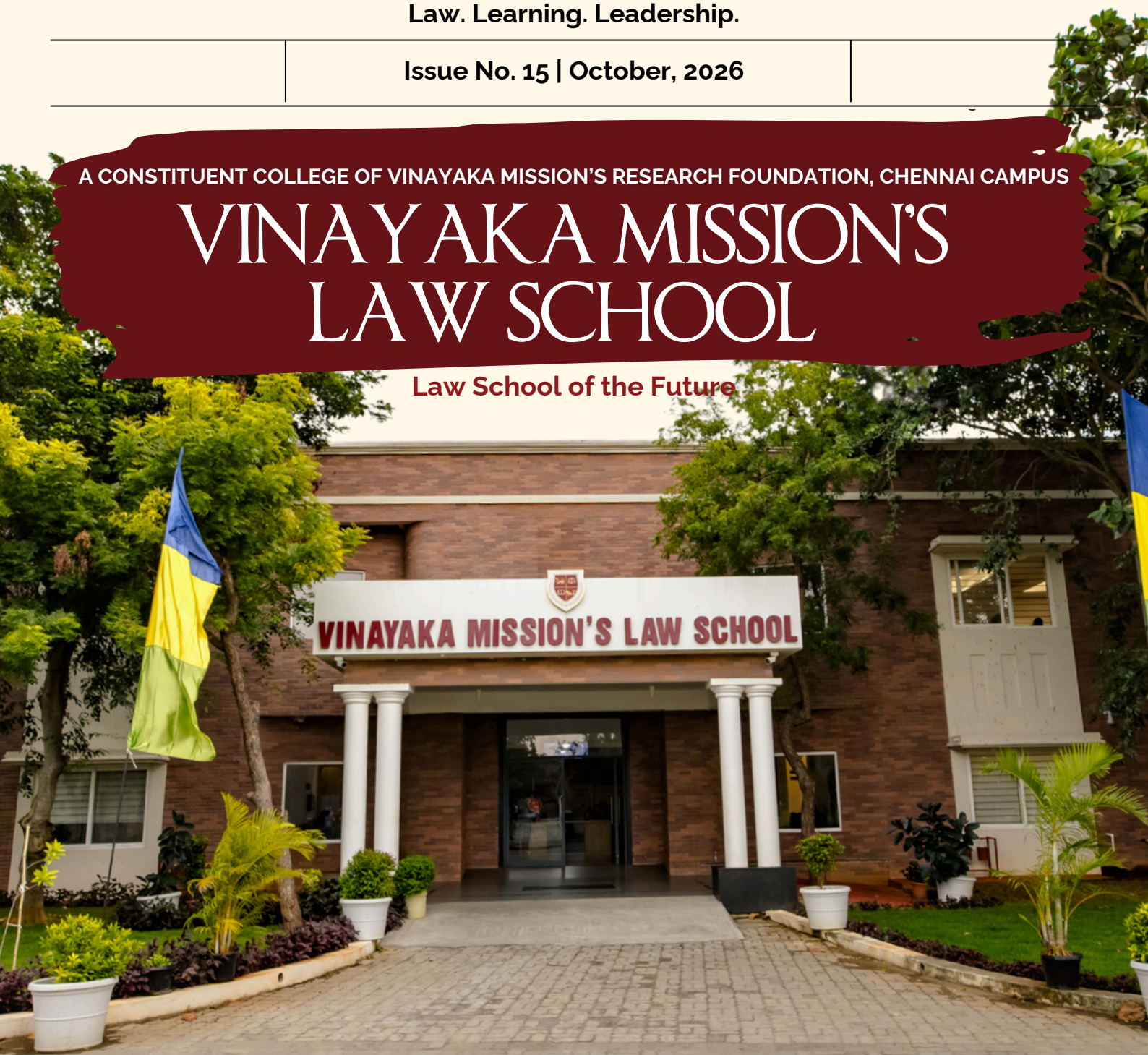

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Highlights from September - October 2026

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) continues to advance its vision of delivering a future-oriented legal education that integrates academic rigour with global exposure, interdisciplinary learning, and meaningful community engagement.

This edition of the newsletter reflects the institution's dynamic academic environment, where legal education extends beyond classrooms into real-world engagement, research excellence, and societal impact.The period witnessed a series of intellectually enriching academic engagements, including master classes on AI ,moot court competitions, sport achievements, student achievements in IP drafting and career guidance programmes. These sessions, led by distinguished scholars and practitioners, enabled students to critically engage with evolving legal frameworks and contemporary global challenges. Complementing these academic initiatives are impactful outreach programmes and institutional collaborations, community-driven initiatives, reinforcing VMLS's commitment to access to justice and social responsibility.

The edition also celebrates notable achievements of faculty and students across national and international platforms—ranging from research presentations at global conferences and scholarly publications to recognitions in academic and extracurricular domains. These accomplishments reflect a culture of excellence, curiosity, and intellectual engagement nurtured at VMLS.

Through a blend of academic innovation, professional exposure, and community engagement, VMLS continues to shape legal professionals who are not only competent and future-ready but also socially conscious and globally aware. This edition captures the spirit of a vibrant institution committed to knowledge, innovation, and the pursuit of justice.

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2nd Intra Tamil Moot Court Competition 2026

26–28 October 2026 | VMLS



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully conducted the 2nd Intra Tamil Moot Court Competition 2026 from 26 to 28 October 2026, providing students with a valuable platform to develop and demonstrate their advocacy, legal research, reasoning and courtroom skills in Tamil. Organised by the VMLS Tamil Moot Court Committee under the guidance of Dr. Fowmina, Associate dean, Student affairs, Faculty In-charge, the three-day competition witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 18 teams. The event encouraged students to engage with legal concepts, construct persuasive arguments and present their submissions with clarity and confidence, while also strengthening their ability to use Tamil in legal proceedings.

The competition progressed through multiple stages, beginning with a Researchers' Test, followed by preliminary rounds, quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final round. Each stage tested the participants' understanding of the moot proposition, research abilities, interpretation of legal principles and effectiveness in oral advocacy. The proceedings culminated in an engaging final round, adjudicated by a distinguished five-member bench headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Mohammed Jiyaputeen. The bench appreciated the quality of arguments presented by the finalists and offered valuable feedback, giving participants an opportunity to learn from judicial perspectives and refine their courtroom approach.

The team மௌவல், comprising Dharanya, Manikam and Rindhya Subalakshmi, emerged as the overall winner, while அல்லி, comprising K. Ramesh, P. Rajagopal and A. Anbu, secured the runner-up position. The special recognitions were awarded to வெட்சி (Sasi, Ajay Dharan and Ramasamy) for Best Memorial, Dinesh Ragavendra for Best Speaker (Male), Poovitha for Best Speaker (Female) and Ashwin for Best Researcher.

The competition was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Fowmina, Associate dean, Student affairs, with the encouragement and support of Executive Dean Mr. Siddharth Raja. The student coordinators, participating teams, court officers, judges, faculty members and supporting staff also contributed to its successful conduct.

Through this initiative, VMLS reaffirms its commitment to experiential legal education, strengthening advocacy skills and promoting Tamil as an effective language for legal discourse. The competition also highlights the importance of making legal learning accessible, inclusive and rooted in linguistic diversity.



Student Achievement in IP Policy Drafting

25 September 2026 | Sathyabama University

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates its III LL.B. (Hons.), Section A students, Pradhipa K, Immanuvel S, and Porselvi M, on securing Third Place among 30 participating teams at the Techno Summit SIST 2026 – IP Policy Making Draft Competition, held at Sathyabama University. The competition provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of Intellectual Property Law, legal drafting, and analytical reasoning while gaining practical exposure to policy formulation. Their achievement highlights the importance of practical learning and student participation in academic competitions, further adding to VMLS's record of student accomplishments. The students were guided by Dr. Aarthy Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean – Partnership & Student Engagement, VMLS.

National Moot Court Achievement

9–11 October 2026 | Sir Isaac Newton Law College, Nagapattinam



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates its II LL.B. (Hons.), Section B students, Kanimozhi Kanika M.S., Vigneshwaran K, and Naresh P., on securing Third Place at the 1st R. Thandapani Memorial National Moot Court Competition, conducted by Sir Isaac Newton Law College, Nagapattinam. Competing against 34 teams, the students advanced to the octa-final rounds and received the Best Appreciation of Facts Award. The team demonstrated their abilities in legal research, factual analysis, and courtroom advocacy. Their preparation and performance were supported by Dr. Aarthy Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean – Partnership & Student Engagement, VMLS. This achievement reflects VMLS's commitment to experiential legal learning and developing students into confident advocates equipped with strong research, reasoning, and advocacy skills.



International Silambam Championship Achievement

11 October 2026 | Titiwangsa Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Malavika A. on securing First Place and winning the Gold Medal in the Single Stick category at the 6th Malaysia–India International Silambam Championship 2026, held at Titiwangsa Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Her achievement at the international championship reflects her dedication, discipline, and commitment to the traditional martial art of Silambam. Representing India on an international platform, she has brought recognition to the institution through her sporting accomplishment. This achievement reflects VMLS's commitment to encouraging students to pursue excellence beyond academics and supporting their overall development through diverse sporting and extracurricular pursuits.

Legal Awareness Outreach Programme

14 October 2026 | Manuelmony Matriculation School, Pallavakkam, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) conducted an outreach programme at Manuelmony Matriculation School, Pallavakkam, Chennai, to introduce students to legal education and the diverse career opportunities available in the field of law. The session was led by Prof. Akshara, Assistant Professor, who highlighted the role of law in upholding justice, protecting individual rights, and shaping society. Students were introduced to traditional legal professions as well as emerging career paths in corporate law, cyber law, public policy, intellectual property, and legal journalism. The programme was coordinated by Mr. M. Aravintth, Manager – Outreach, Admissions, VMLS. The initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to promoting legal awareness and encouraging young minds to explore opportunities in legal education.





Career Guidance for Class XII Students

24, October 2026 | Bharath Senior Secondary School

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) conducted an interactive career guidance session for Class XII students of Bharath Senior Secondary School, led by Dr. Aarthy Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean – Student Engagement and Partnership. Moving beyond conventional guidance, the session incorporated interactive activities, thought-provoking discussions, real-world legal developments, and courtroom movie references to introduce students to legal education and its diverse career opportunities. The programme encouraged students to explore their interests, engage in discussions, and make informed decisions about their future. Coordinated by Mr. M. Aravintth, Manager – Outreach, Admissions Team, VMLS, the initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to promoting awareness of legal education and empowering young minds to make informed career choices.

Legal Awareness Outreach Programme

27 October 2026 | National Public School, Gopalapuram, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) conducted an outreach programme at National Public School, Gopalapuram, Chennai, to introduce students to legal education and diverse career opportunities in the field of law. The session was led by Prof. Srinivas Raman, Assistant Professor of Law, who highlighted the role of law in upholding justice, protecting individual rights, and contributing to nation-building. Students were introduced to traditional legal professions, including advocacy, litigation, and the judiciary, as well as emerging fields such as corporate law, cyber law, public policy, intellectual property, and legal journalism. Coordinated by Mr. M. Aravintth, Manager – Outreach, Admissions Team, VMLS, the initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to promoting legal awareness and encouraging young minds to explore legal education.





Author's Talk on Indian Federalism

28 October 2026 | VMLS Moot Court, VMCC Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), through its Library, organised an Author's Talk featuring Adv. Nirmalkumar Mohandoss, Advocate, Madras High Court and Author, centred on his book The Union of States – Contemporary Political History of Federal Challenges, published by OakBridge Publishing. The discussion explored Indian federalism, constitutional governance, Centre–State relations, and contemporary political challenges. Moderated by Mr. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, and Prof. Ashwani Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, the interactive session encouraged students to engage with the author through questions and discussions, gaining insights into the practical dimensions of constitutional principles and the research behind the book.

The programme was coordinated by the VMLS Library team and reflects VMLS's commitment to fostering critical thinking, reading culture, and meaningful academic engagement beyond the classroom.

Career Guidance and Awareness Session

29 October 2026 | Vidya Mandir Estancia, Guduvanchery, Chennai



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), representing VMCC, conducted a career guidance session at Vidya Mandir Estancia (CBSE), Guduvanchery, Chennai, to help students make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures. The session was led by Dr. Susan Victoria, Senior Academic Leader, and Dr. R. Shenbagavalli, Associate Professor. Students gained insights into diverse career opportunities, higher education pathways, and emerging professional fields, with discussions focusing on identifying individual interests, recognising strengths, and exploring opportunities beyond conventional career choices. The programme was coordinated by Mr. M. Aravintth, Manager – Outreach, Admissions Team, VMLS, with the support of Ms. Merlin Stephen, Deputy Director – Admissions, and Dr. Omprakash, Director – Outreach. The initiative reflects VMCC's commitment to guiding students towards informed and purposeful career choices.



Interpretation of Taxing Statutes

29 October 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a Guest Lecture on "Interpretation of Taxing Statutes" for Third-Year Integrated B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and B.Com. LL.B. students. The session was delivered by Prof. S. Jayasaranya, Assistant Professor of Law, Saveetha School of Law (SIMATS), Chennai, who discussed the principles governing the interpretation of taxing statutes, their judicial application, and their significance in taxation law. The lecture helped students strengthen their understanding of statutory interpretation and explore its practical relevance in the application of tax legislation. Coordinated by Dr. Aarthy Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Dean – Partnerships & Student Engagement, VMLS, the initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to providing practitioner-oriented academic engagements and strengthening students' understanding of specialised areas of law.

The Future of Legal Education

29 October 2026 | VMLS Campus



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised a Guest Lecture on "The Future of Legal Education" for LL.M. and First-Semester B.Com. LL.B. students. The session was delivered by Mr. Murali Neelakantan, Principal Lawyer at Amicus, formerly Global General Counsel at Cipla and Senior Partner at Khaitan & Co. Drawing on his professional experience, he discussed the evolving expectations of the legal profession and emphasised critical thinking, practical learning, peer dialogue, proficiency in local languages, and the importance of reading, writing, and publishing. The interactive session encouraged students to reflect on the skills and values required for their professional journeys. Organised by Prof. Shubham Shukla, Assistant Dean – PG Academics, the initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to preparing students for the changing landscape of legal education and practice.



Industry Masterclasses on AI and Intellectual Property

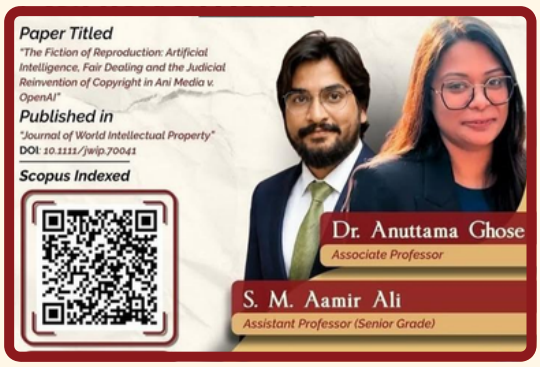
24 & 31 October 2026 | Surana & Surana International Attorneys, RK Salai Office, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), in collaboration with Surana & Surana International Attorneys, conducted two Industry Masterclasses for LL.M. students, focusing on emerging issues at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Law. The first session, held on 24 October, titled "Patentability and Inventorship of AI-Assisted Inventions: A Filing and Prosecution Perspective", was led by Ms. D. Sai Meera, Deputy Head (IP Practice) and Patent Agent. The second session, held on 31 October, titled "Copyright in AI-Generated and AI-Assisted Works: Licensing, Authorship and Infringement in Practice", was led by Mr. Balaji P, Deputy Head of IP Practice. The sessions explored patentability, inventorship, authorship, ownership, licensing, and infringement concerns arising from AI technologies. Coordinated by Dr. Anuttama Ghose, Associate Professor, the initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to strengthening industry–academia collaboration and equipping students with practical insights into emerging areas of law.

Scopus-Indexed Faculty Research Publication

Journal of World Intellectual Property |October 2026

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Dr. Anuttama Ghose, Associate Professor, and Mr. S. M. Aamir Ali, Assistant Professor (Senior Grade), on the publication of their research paper titled "The Fiction of Reproduction: Artificial Intelligence, Fair Dealing and the Judicial Reinvention of Copyright in Ani Media v. OpenAI" in the Journal of World Intellectual Property, a Scopus-indexed journal. The paper examines the evolving relationship between artificial intelligence, fair dealing, and copyright law, with particular focus on the legal challenges arising from generative AI. This publication reflects VMLS's commitment to promoting rigorous legal research, encouraging engagement with emerging legal developments, and fostering a strong culture of academic scholarship and interdisciplinary research.



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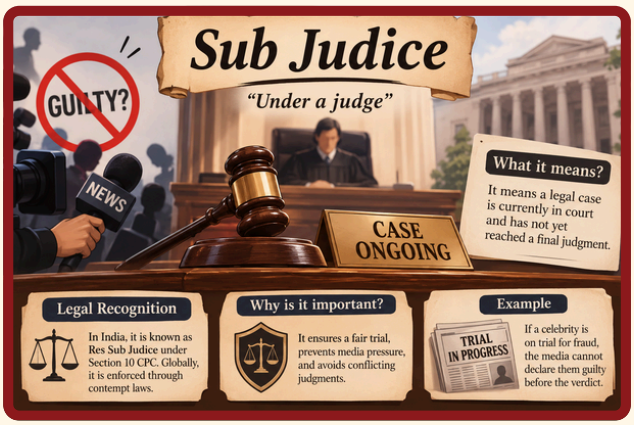
"Sub judice"

Sub judice means **"under a judge"**. It signifies that a legal case is currently active in court and has not yet received a final judgment.



Example

If a celebrity is currently on trial for fraud, the media cannot publish articles declaring them guilty before the judge rules, as the case is sub judice.

Legal Recognition

India: Codified as Res Sub Judice under Section 10 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC), which pauses a new lawsuit if the exact same case is already pending in another court. It is also enforced through parliamentary rules and the Contempt of Courts Act.

Global: Common law nations (UK, Australia) enforce it via contempt laws to prevent media bias. The US rarely uses the term, relying instead on "gag orders" due to First Amendment free speech protections.

Importance

It guarantees a fair trial by preventing outside public or media pressure from influencing judges and witnesses. In civil law, it prevents courts from issuing conflicting judgments on the same issue.

Sub judice என்பது லத்தீன் மொழியில் **"நீதிபதியின் கீழ்"** என்று பொருள்படும். ஒரு வழக்கு தற்போது நீதிமன்றத்தில் நிலுவையில் இருந்து, இறுதித் தீர்ப்பு இன்னும் வழங்கப்படவில்லை என்பதை இது குறிக்கிறது.



எடுத்துக்காட்டு

ஒரு பிரபலம் மோசடி வழக்கில் விசாரணையில் இருந்தால், நீதிபதி தீர்ப்பளிக்கும் முன்பே அவரைக் குற்றவாளி என்று அறிவிக்கும் கட்டுரைகளை ஊடகங்கள் வெளியிடக் கூடாது; ஏனெனில் அந்த வழக்கு sub judice நிலையில் உள்ளது.

சட்டரீதியான அங்கீகாரம்

இந்தியா: சிவில் நடைமுறைச் சட்டத்தின் (CPC) பிரிவு 10-இன் கீழ் Res Sub Judice என்று சட்டமாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது; ஒரே வழக்கு ஏற்கனவே மற்றொரு நீதிமன்றத்தில் நிலுவையில் இருந்தால், புதிய வழக்கு நிறுத்தி வைக்கப்படும். நாடாளுமன்ற விதிகள் மற்றும் நீதிமன்ற அவமதிப்புச் சட்டம் மூலமாகவும் இது செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. உலகளாவிய நிலை: இங்கிலாந்து, ஆஸ்திரேலியா போன்ற பொதுச் சட்ட நாடுகள் ஊடகச் சார்பைத் தடுக்க அவமதிப்புச் சட்டங்கள் மூலம் இதைச் செயல்படுத்துகின்றன. அமெரிக்கா முதல் திருத்தத்தின் கருத்துச் சுதந்திரப் பாதுகாப்பின் காரணமாக இச்சொல்லை அரிதாகவே பயன்படுத்தி, அதற்குப் பதிலாக "வாய்ப்பூட்டு உத்தரவுகளை" (gag orders) நம்பியுள்ளது.

முக்கியத்துவம்

வெளிப்புறப் பொது அல்லது ஊடக அழுத்தம் நீதிபதிகளையும் சாட்சிகளையும் பாதிக்காமல் தடுப்பதன் மூலம் நியாயமான விசாரணையை இது உறுதி செய்கிறது. சிவில் சட்டத்தில், ஒரே பிரச்சினை குறித்து நீதிமன்றங்கள் முரண்பட்ட தீர்ப்புகளை வழங்குவதைத் தடுக்கிறது.



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