

Book Launch: A Critique of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

A Critique of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 written by our Associate Member, Abhimanyu Bhandari, and his colleague Kartika Sharma, was published on 1st February 2021.

The text critically examines various provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA, 2002) as well as judicial decisions in this area of law and is an addition to the scarce literature on the law relating to the PMLA.

The book has attracted praise from legal luminaries such as former Indian Supreme Court judge, Justice AK Sikri, as well as former UK Solicitor General, Lord Garnier KC.

Lord Garnier KC commented:

A complicated subject has been beautifully clarified by two bright lawyers, but this is a book not just for their compatriots. Money laundering is a global phenomenon that pays no attention to national boundaries or jurisdictional niceties. Black money flows where it can and brings havoc with it. This is no ordinary text book. It is a concise but clear study of India's PMLA. The authors show us what it is, what it does well and what it gets wrong from their own, invaluable experience as lawyers who have advised on and applied the Act in practice. No one working in the field of international financial and economic crime, be they in London, New York, Singapore or Sydney, let alone in the criminal courts in India, should be without this book.

The book has also attracted coverage from the Indian legal press, namely Bar & Bench.

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