



FIRST NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2021

25th and 26th September 2021



THE ORGANISERS

ABOUT HPNLU, SHIMLA

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla was established by an Act of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha in the year 2016 (Act 16 of 2016). In the five years of its foundation, HPNLU, Shimla has seen tremendous growth and has undertaken a good number of innovative measures to enhance its academic potential. Led by the visionary scholar of law, the Vice-Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, the University has been very proactive in organizing a series of events encompassing a wide spectrum of socio-legal issues. Despite the spread of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, HPNLU, Shimla has been at the forefront of using digital platforms to raise awareness about issues as far spread as Fundamental Duties, Reproductive Rights of Women, Human Rights and Access to Justice etc.

ABOUT CENTRE FOR ADR & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR] and Professional Skills primarily aims to promote research in the field of dispute resolution mechanisms in India. The Centre aims to provide a platform for interaction between professionals in the field and the students. In pursuance of its goal of conditioning the law students to efficiently resolve disputes, the Centre is proposing this event intending to establish it as a flagship event of HPNLU, Shimla, as we believe such events and competitions are the need of the hour to minimize the suffering and provide students with platforms and opportunities to nurture the future members of the Indian Legal Fraternity by enabling them to face the dynamic Indian Justice System.

THE PARTNERS



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

The Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation, Delhi (IIAM), one of the pioneer institutions dealing with Alternative Dispute Resolution in India. The institution's main objective is to cater the needs of individuals, companies, institutions and organizations, for resolving disputes outside court by way of mediation or arbitration. The institution aims to provide professional administrative service right from the beginning of any dispute till its successful culmination and thereby providing cost-effective, fast, and fair justice.



NANI PALKHIVALA ARBITRATION CENTRE

The Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre, Chennai (NPAC), was founded by the Palkhivala Foundation to promote institutional arbitration in India, keeping in mind the growing burden on Indian courts and the inordinate delay in disposal of cases. By providing world-class facilities to conduct quick, efficient and cost-effective arbitration proceedings, NPAC seeks to become a centre of excellence in the field of Institutional Arbitration. NPAC is one of the few recognized institutions on arbitration in India with an outstanding panel of arbitrators comprising not only retired judges and lawyers but also chartered accountants, civil servants, engineers and other professionals. Its rules have adopted the best practices in international centres.

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ABOUT FIRST NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2021

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First National Mediation Competition is a step taken by the Centre for ADR and Professional Skills, HPNLU, Shimla towards acting as facilitator in increasing the ADR Culture among aspiring students. In the milieu of the backlog of cases reaching its saturation, Alternative Dispute Resolution such as mediation and negotiation provide an amicable way out.

The competition seeks to provide a prodigious experience that will amplify the interests of young minds in this niche practice of law. The competition will help students brainstorm probable solutions for a near to reality challenges while providing them with the comfort of choosing their roles as per their preferences. It, therefore, tries to break the monotony of theory-based learning and helps students in putting their knowledge and skills to use.

This competition will also provide an opportunity for the participants to develop the requisite lawyering and communication skills through various training sessions conducted by industry professionals. The appealing and ever-growing fields of Law will be selected for this competition to expose the participants to a situation where the interests of clients are multifold, often going beyond mere commercial interests. The participants are expected to take a multi-dimensional approach in reaching a settlement, showcasing the variety of fields that can be effectively be dealt with via mediation.

ABOUT TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Training Workshop offers the opportunity to learn what is necessary to become an effective negotiator and a skilled mediator. Experienced and highly knowledgeable trainers introduce one to the theory and concepts that form the basis of negotiation and mediation practice. The program provides participants with the opportunity to practice this structured dispute resolution process through a series of interactive presentations, role-play simulations, real-life case studies and discussion groups.

Through this training one will also learn how to negotiate better settlements. Because negotiation is the core component of the mediation process, this program emphasizes negotiation skills, strategies and techniques that one can use. Negotiation is a continuum from very competitive to very collaborative. To be a complete negotiator, one must become familiar with and practice all approaches to negotiation. Beyond negotiation, this course will emphasize the communication skills that are critical in mediating and settling cases.

One will also learn how to get people to the table, how to create an environment of an agreement once they get there, and how to close the deal and bring about a lasting settlement agreement. This program will be a practical training course. While covering theory to give a framework and the intellectual understanding of negotiation and mediation, this program is about learning. The main focus is on doing, practising and experimenting with Negotiation and Mediation. In this program, one will learn how to be a complete mediator. The training program is only for the participants of this competition.

DETAILS ABOUT THE COMPETITION

A. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to every student pursuing either five years or three-year course in law from various Schools/ Colleges/ Universities recognised by the Bar Council of India.

For the purpose of eligible students, it is hereby clarified that all the students in one team shall belong to one institution only.

B. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall comprise 3 students- one mediator, one client and one counsel.
- The roles of the students shall remain the same throughout the rounds.

C. FORMAT

- There will be two preliminary rounds.
- Post preliminary rounds, ballots will be scored for each team and the top 16 client-counsel pair and Mediators will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- Post quarter-finals, top 8 client-counsel pair and Mediators will qualify for Semi-finals.
- The top two performers from each category of roles (Client-counsel pair and Mediator) played by the participants will qualify for the final round.

D. REGISTRATION

- Provisional registration will be opened for all eligible institutes. Out of which thirty-two (32) teams will be selected for the competition. Selection will be based on the screening process of each team individually.
- The participants/institutes are required to complete the “Provisional Registration” only through the Google Form link annexed below which shall be done on or before September 5th, 2021.
- The final list of teams (along with the waiting team list) will be released by September 7th, 2021.
- The “Final Registration” shall be considered to be completed only after the participants make the payment of the registration fees which shall be done on or before September 10th, 2020.
- Final registration details will be released to participants individually via e-mail, only after the provisional registration process is completed.
- Registration Amount - Rs. 2500/- per team.

Link for the Provisional Registration

"CLICK HERE"

E. MODE

The Competition will be Virtual/ Online via Cisco Webex Portal.

F. AWARDS

- The winning Mediating Pair of the final round will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- along with two (2) one-year access cards to SCC Online Web Edition (Academic) worth Rs. 24,000 each.
- The runner-up Mediating Pair of the final round will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7000/- along with two (2) one Year access cards to EBC Learning worth Rs.14,500 each.
- The best mediator from the final round will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- along with one (1) one-year access cards to SCC Online Web Edition (Academic) worth Rs. 24,000.
- The runner-up mediator from the final round will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- along with one (1) one-year access cards to EBC Learning worth worth Rs. 14,500.
- An e-certificate of participation will be provided to all the participants.

G. TIMELINE

5TH AUGUST

STARTING OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

1ST SEPTEMBER

LAST DATE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATIONS

5TH SEPTEMBER

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHORT LISTED TEAMS
AND WAITING LIST**

10TH SEPTEMBER

FINAL REGISTRATION OF SHORT LISTED TEAMS

15TH SEPTEMBER

RELEASE OF MEDIATION PROBLEMS

18TH SEPTEMBER

LAST DATE TO SUBMIT CLARIFICATIONS

21ST SEPTEMBER

RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS

22ND SEPTEMBER

DATE OF TRAINING PROGRAM/ WORKSHOP

25TH SEPTEMBER

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

26TH SEPTEMBER

**QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS, FINAL ROUND
AND VALEDICTORY CEREMONY**

Note: The dates, schedules and details pertaining to the competition are tentative in nature and subject to change. In case of any change, the details shall be communicated by the organising committee at the earliest.

Please follow us on social media for timely updates.

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