



**HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA**

**CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
& PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

**2ND NATIONAL
MEDIATION
COMPETITION, 2022**

23-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

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 six 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 conduct seminars, conferences, capacity building programmes and competitions.

About the 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 and after witnessing tremendous success in the first edition, the Centre is intending to continue it as a flagship event of HPNLU, Shimla. We firmly believe that such events and competitions not only inculcates a sense of professionalism but also takes participants a step closure to the dynamic thinking requiring them to act in real time.



2ND NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2022

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Second National Mediation Competition is the second edition of the flagship event. After witnessing a great response and appreciation from the participants across 32 premier law colleges and assessors across the globe, this event is yet another step taken by the Centre for ADR and Professional Skills, HPNLU, Shimla towards acting as facilitator in increasing the Mediation 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 real 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.

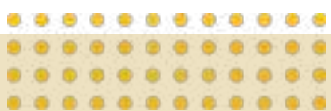
This competition will also provide an opportunity for the participants to develop the requisite lawyering and communication skills through various training sessions conducted by industry professionals. The appealing and ever-growing fields of the law will be selected for this competition to expose the 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 to reach a settlement, showcasing the variety of skills that can be useful in effective of mediation.

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, practicing, 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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

A. ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to every student pursuing a five-year or a three-year course in law from various Schools/Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- For eligibility, it is hereby clarified that all the participants in one team shall belong to one institution only. No cross-institutional composition of teams is allowed.
- The provisional registration is to be done by the respective institutions officially. Each institution can reserve a maximum of two slots in the provisional registration.

B. TEAM COMPOSITION

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

C. FORMAT

- The Mediation Proposition shall be released after the closing of final registration.
- There will be two preliminary rounds.
- Post preliminary rounds, ballots will be scored for each team, and the top 8 client-counsel pair and Mediators will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- Post-quarter-finals, the top 4 client-counsel pairs, and Mediators will qualify for Semi-finals.
- The top two performers from each category of roles (Client X 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 from which thirty-two(32) teams will be selected for the competition.
- Selection will be based on the screening process of each team individually. The institutes must complete the “Provisional Registration” only through the Google Form link annexed below, on or before 18th August 2022.

Link for registration - [CLICK HERE](#)

- The final list of teams (along with the waiting team list) will be released by 20th August 2022.
- The “Final Registration” shall be completed only when the participants pay the registration fees, which shall be done on or before 25th August 2022.
- Final registration details will be released to participants individually via e-mail only after completing the provisional registration process.
- Registration Amount - Rs. 3000/- per team.

E. MODE

The Competition will be virtual/online via Cisco Webex Portal.

F. REWARDS

The rewards for the Competition shall be declared in the due course.



SCHEDULE

30th July, 2022

Opening of Provisional Registration

10th August, 2022

**Closing of Early-Bird Provisional
Registration**

18th August, 2022

Closing of Provisional Registration

25th August, 2022

Closing of Final Registration

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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