

RGNUL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CELL
(ADRC)

in association with

THE PEACEKEEPING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
TEAM (PACT)

presents

1ST RGNUL SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

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Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

With Mediation gaining traction in the recent times as a preferred means of dispute resolution, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC) of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, in association with The Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution Team (PACT), is organising a first-of-its-kind Mediation Competition, which allows students to flex their advocacy muscles within the mediation process. The competition aims to provide a platform that reflects the ever-growing expectation of clients to utilise other cost-effective alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to trial. It is an ideal platform to test theory in practice by allowing the participants to represent all parties in the mediation process i.e. the client, the mediation counsel and the mediator. This competition will also provide an opportunity to the participants to develop the requisite lawyering and communication skills through various training sessions conducted by industry professionals.

The appealing and ever-growing field of Sports and Entertainment Law has been selected for this competition to expose the participants to a situation where interests of clients are multifold, often going beyond merely commercial interests. The participants are expected to take a multi-dimensional approach in reaching a settlement, showcasing the variety of fields which can be effectively be dealt with via mediation.

ABOUT RGNUL ADRC

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC) of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab was established in 2018 to promote students' interest in various dispute resolution methods like Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation, and Conciliation. It works towards developing a congenial environment for students to further their interest in ADR. Under the aegis of ADRC, a variety of events such as seminars, workshops, guest lectures, panel discussions and essay competitions have been conducted. The Cell was proud to organize a lecture series with eminent dignitaries such as Sh. Ratan K. Singh and various practising lawyers. It also had the opportunity to organize a national colloquium on Investment Arbitration in collaboration with the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), New Delhi. This year, along with a workshop on Mixed Modes of Dispute Resolution and Negotiation in association with the Negotiation Academy, Netherlands, the Cell also organized its first national essay competition. Since the aims of ADRC and PACT stand in tandem, they have collaborated to organise various workshops and bootcamps in ADR and have also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding. This National Mediation Competition is a step further in this partnership.

ABOUT PACT

The Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution Team (PACT) is a team of like-minded professionals who share the vision of promoting the use of consensual dispute resolution (CDR). As a collective, The PACT aims to catalyse the development of CDR in India and abroad through its innovative initiatives. Conceptualized by law and psychology graduates, The PACT grew up along the shores of Goa, is currently headquartered in New Delhi, and has begun working on projects beyond India. The mission is to cross geographical boundaries and stereotypes, and take Consensual Dispute Resolution to every corner of this globe.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to full-time law students (5-year and 3-year course) registered in any university in India for the academic year 2018-2019.
- Only students studying Law may participate in the competition.
- The competition is not open to LLM students.
- Each University may nominate up to 2 teams to participate in the competition.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Each participating team shall consist of a Client-Mediation Counsel pair (i.e., the Negotiation Team) and one student as the Mediator.
- The registration form requires teams to specify the roles of each individual member. The roles which have been pre-assigned by the team will be carried forward throughout the competition. Change of roles after the registration will not be permitted.
- Teams must complete the provisional registration by submitting the following Google Form latest by March 17, 2019.
<https://goo.gl/forms/NAnF5ImRiR24SHim1>
- Upon selection by the organising committee, teams must complete the payment of registration fee within a period of 48 hours. Details for payment of the registration fee will be notified to the teams upon selection.
- The Registration Fee is Rs.6,000/- per team, which is inclusive of cost of accommodation, food, competition kit and training sessions as arranged for by the organising committee.
- Final registration of the teams is subject to the successful payment of the registration fee within the stipulated time.

SELECTION OF TEAMS

- The teams will be registered on a 'first come first served' basis.
- The registration is restricted to a maximum of 30 teams for this competition.

DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION

- A maximum of 2 teams from the host University (i.e., RGNUL, Punjab) will compete at the competition, thus making the maximum number of participating teams 32 in total.
- The organising committee for this competition has no conflict of interest to declare.

AWARDS

- Winning Negotiation Team; Runners-up Negotiation Team
- Winning Mediator; Runners-up Mediator
- 'Best Negotiation Team' in the Preliminary Rounds
- 'Best Mediator' in the Preliminary Rounds
- 'Best Mediation Plan' in the Preliminary Rounds
- Two Meritorious Negotiation Teams - the Winning Negotiation Team and another, selected by The PACT jury at the competition, will be awarded automatic qualification to represent India in Singapore, at the International Mediation Competition to be hosted by SIMI, in August 2019.
- The Winning Mediator will be awarded an internship opportunity for up to 6 weeks with the Pepperdine School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- Global Academy for Advocacy in Dispute Resolution will also be providing scholarships to the Winners and meritorious participants to attend the GAADR Programme.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Provisional Registration - March 17, 2019
- Release of Competition Problem - March 30, 2019
- Last Date for Seeking Clarifications - April 3, 2019
- Release of Clarifications - April 5, 2019
- Competition Dates - April 12-14, 2019

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