

# CNLU NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION 2023

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# ABOUT CNLU

Chanakya National Law University came into being on 15th July 2006 under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) and included in sections 2(f) & 12(B) of the U.G.C. Act, 1956.

No Educational Institution is complete without adequate facilities for its Students, Faculties & Employees. CNLU provides a wide range of facilities on its campus. In addition to general practice services, CNLU provides a range of specialist clinics and visiting practitioners. Regular careers fairs, training workshops, and one-to-one guidance for students are organized at the University from time to time. Apart from being academically oriented CNLU also provides Counseling Service, which aims to enable students to achieve their academic and personal goals by providing confidential counseling and support for any difficulties encountered while at CNLU. Debating, Mooting, ADR Competitions, and Co-Curricular Activities are part of the normal routine of CNLU students, giving them the opportunity to put their academic knowledge to practical use.

A number of retired Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts, and lower Judiciary as well as Senior Advocates & educationalists have offered to assist the CNLU in its teaching and research programs making education at CNLU a rare and exciting experience for the students. CNLU admired the example of maintaining financial autonomy along with greater accountability. It is equipped with state-of-art infrastructure for the successful imparting of legal education of the highest standards. The faculty at CNLU comprises highly acclaimed and experienced academicians who are proactively involved in grooming the younger generations to take CNLU to greater heights.

# ABOUT CCADR

The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR) has been established at Chanakya National Law University, Patna, in the year 2021, with the objective to promote academic research on themes pertaining to the resolution of disputes. Alternative Dispute Resolution is a new and emerging interdisciplinary field that is concerned with, inter-alia, the following themes: (a) the study of the causative structural factors and the subjective motives of the actors giving rise to disputes; (b) the study of the formal and informal institutions dedicated to the resolution of disputes; and (c) the study of the laws and regulations to produce fair outcomes of disputes.

With the establishment of this research centre, we aim to develop a congenial environment for students and researchers to further their interest in ADR, which enables skill development and helps us compete at the national and international levels. CCADR will strive to promote Lok Adalat as an indigenous means of the dispute resolution process, involve in the policy framework related to ADR, and encourage law students to take up activities in the field of ADR by conducting competitions, workshops, and encouraging research.

We strive to collaborate with governmental authorities as well as both national (NLU) and international universities, colleges, and centres to encourage research and innovation in the field of ADR. In the future, CCADR will conduct certification, online training, diploma/degree programs, and specialized courses in the field of ADR.

# ASSOCIATE PARTNER

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The Firm is committed to delivering bespoke and pragmatic solutions to its clients in a short turnaround time. PSL has advised and represented clients from a wide range of industrial sectors including Aviation, Banking, Automotive, Food, Hospitality, Real Estate, Retail, Defence, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Electricity, Power, Telecom, and Oil & Gas. PSL's practice is unique because the partners' experience spans vast practice areas.

PSL has uniquely positioned itself to adeptly handle a wide spectrum of complex matters in various areas — from domestic to cross-border disputes and advisory, with passion and motivation. Our practice areas have lawyers who have intellectual depth, expertise, and geographic scope to successfully resolve a varied range of legal issues while also retaining the advocacy in-house and not outsourcing it to external counsels. The team at PSL is composed of experienced professionals of high reactivity. Our dedication to understanding the client and the cases along with the importance given to availability and adaptability is consistently appreciated by the clients.

# CHIEF KNOWLEDGE PARTNER

## International Arbitration and Mediation Centre



Aiming to instill confidence within the business and investor community, the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, located in Hyderabad, focuses on assisting in resolving commercial and legal conflicts by providing efficient, cost-effective, and impartial methods of eliminating hurdles at various stages of the life cycle of the conflict. To this end, the Centre provides both Arbitration and Mediation services, by combining first-class client service, cutting-edge technology, top-notch facilities, and highly experienced arbitrators and mediators to provide tailored, in-person, virtual, and hybrid conflict resolution services. The Centre also facilitates the adoption of mediation and arbitration – through the processes of Med-Arb and Arb-Med-Arb, by which parties get the advantages of both arbitration and mediation in finding a resolution to their disputes.

# KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS



## ADR Hoc

ADR Hoc is established under the aegis KnowledgeSteez EduHUB (LLP AAM 8357) in order to propagate research and development in the area. As the name suggested it is an organization formed for the promotion of Alternate Dispute Resolution in India. The organization aims to create awareness regarding the field among people. Facilitate Extensive research and explore possible career options in the field of ADR. The organization would regularly conduct national/international webinars, conferences, and panel discussions with eminent industry experts. Apart from that, it conducts various competitions and invites applications for internships, certificate courses, etc. The Organisation aim to be a one-stop avenue for all the ADR aspirants

## YCM India



YCM India is India's first organization building a network of professionals, students, and mediators who are passionate about peacebuilding and making a career in new age dispute resolution to dispute prevention. YCM is India's first organization building life skills for dispute prevention to dispute resolution for youth and people who deal with youth. YCM enables people with skills to prevent a spark from turning into a raging fire in every domain of your life: professional or personal! You learn skills to prevent minor disagreements, arguments, and deadlocks from turning into full-blown disputes! Conflicts are inevitable so might as well learn skills to deal with them POSITIVELY! YCM FOCUSES on conflict management as "the" process for dispute resolution and dispute prevention. YCM TRAINS you in conflict management skills to navigate routine conflicts to arrive at outcomes acceptable to you. Learn intensive conflict management skills and get certified as a youth conflict manager and a youth mediator. YCM COLLECTIVISES the power of youth to build India's First network of youth conflict managers and youth mediators. Trained youth are setting up Youth-run centers across campuses of educational institutions, organizations, and beyond. It upskills to convert conflicts into growth spaces!

# KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS

## Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration



MCIA is a first-of-its-kind arbitral institution in India, established in a joint initiative between the domestic and international business and legal communities.

The MCIA aims to be India's premier forum for commercial dispute resolution by providing:

- arbitral rules which draw on the latest innovations in international arbitration best practice and are also attuned to the Indian market;
- a dedicated secretariat which facilitates the efficient, flexible, cost-effective and impartial administration of arbitration proceedings.



# SUPPORTING PARTNER

## Indian Dispute Resolution Centre



The Indian Dispute Resolution Centre (hereinafter referred to as the “IDRC”) is a not-for-profit initiative dedicated to providing an institutional environment, both online and offline, for the resolution of all kinds of disputes in an efficient, professional, time-bound, and cost-effective manner. The IDRC has developed its own Domestic Arbitration Rules and Mediation Rules, which are complemented by an in-house developed state-of-the-art Software for eADR, which provides an end-to-end completely digitized paperless functionality for carrying dispute resolution by way of Arbitration, Mediation, and Conciliation of Domestic and International Disputes apart from Early Neutral Evaluation and Expert Determination. The IDRC is registered with NITI Aayog for carrying out Legal Education, Literacy, awareness & Legal Aid, Right to Information & Advocacy, Vocational Training, and the like. The IDRC maintains an in-house panel of esteemed Arbitrators and Mediators which include former judges of the Supreme Court of India, Chief Justices of High Courts, Judges of High Courts and District Courts as also Senior Advocates, Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Architects, Ex-PSUs Heads, Bureaucrats, Corporate Leaders and like.

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# COMPETITION RULES

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

**1.1. Language:** The Official Language of the competition, for all purposes, shall be English. All written and oral submissions shall be made in English.

**1.2. Dress Code:** The Dress Code of the Competition shall be business formal.

**1.3. Platform:** The Preliminary & Quarter-Final rounds of the competition shall be held virtually, through **Zoom**. The Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall take place in physical mode.

**1.4. Code of Conduct:** Competition Administrator reserves the right to disqualify any team for any kind of misconduct on the part of any member of the team, during the Competition.

**1.5.** In case of any doubt, the decision of the Competition Administrator shall be final and binding upon all the interested parties.

**1.6.** In case of any changes in the Competition, such changes shall be available on the website of CCADR ([www.ccadr.cnlu.ac.in/nmc-2023](http://www.ccadr.cnlu.ac.in/nmc-2023)). The participants are liable for not being aware of the changes being made to the competition, if any.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**2.1.** "Caucus" shall refer to a private meeting between the Mediators and a Team. During the Caucus, the overall time of the Mediation Session continues to run.

**2.2.** "Competition" means the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2023.

**2.3.** "Competition Administrator(s)" means Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, CNLU.

**2.4.** "Competition Rules" means the rules and guidelines mentioned herein.

**2.5.** "Confidential Information" means factual information, given exclusively to one Negotiating Team, in accordance with the rules of the competition.

**2.6.** “Cross-Caucus” refers to a separate meeting between the Mediator and both Counsels or a separate meeting between the Mediator and both Clients.

**2.7.** “General Information” is the factual information provided to all the registered participants.

**2.8.** “Judge” means a lawyer or an academician nominated and/or selected by the Competition Administrator who evaluates and scores the performance of the Participating Team during a Mediation Session in accordance with the Competition Rules.

**2.9.** “Negotiating Team” refers to two participants out of a team of three, acting in the capacity of client and counsel for the purposes of the competition.

**2.10.** “Mediator” refers to a member of a team of three who shall be acting individually in the capacity of a mediator for the purposes of the competition.

**2.11.** “Mediation Room” refers to the virtual/physical mediation table set-up where the competition shall take place.

**2.12.** “Offline Rounds” refer to the Semifinal and Final Rounds that will be conducted physically at the Chanakya National Law University campus.

**2.13.** “Participating Team” refers to a team whose registration has been approved by the Competition Administrator.

**2.14.** “Qualifying Teams” refers to the teams and mediators qualifying for Semi-final Rounds.

**2.15.** “Requesting Party” stands for the party, in the proposition, at whose behest the option of mediation was exercised.

**2.16.** “Responding Party” stands for the party other than the requesting party in the mediation proceedings.

**2.18.** “Virtual Rounds” refer to the Preliminary and Quarterfinal Rounds that will be conducted virtually on the 21st and 22nd of January 2023.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**3.1.** Only Law Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.

**3.2.** Only *bonafide* students pursuing L.L.B. three/five-year degree programs in the aforementioned institutions (refer to Rule 3.1.), during the current academic year are eligible to participate.

**3.3.** Dates of the Competition are **January 21-22, 2023** for the Virtual Rounds (Preliminary and Quarterfinal) and **February 11, 2023**, for the Offline Rounds (Semi-Final and Final).

## 4. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

**4.1.** Each team shall consist of **three (03)** participants, namely, one mediator and one client-counsel pair (Negotiating Team). However, the roles of the mediator and the client-counsel pair can not be interchanged, in any rounds.

**4.2.** All teams shall be participating in the Preliminary rounds, however only the teams and Mediators that qualify for the Semi Final Rounds shall be invited to the University for the physical rounds.

**4.2.1.** In case any of the top four Negotiating Pairs or Mediators are unable to physically compete for subsequent rounds, they shall stand disqualified and the next best rank holder shall be invited for physical rounds.

## 5. REGISTRATION

**5.1.** The Competition shall be first open for provisional registration for Universities, through which each University can book a maximum of **two slots**. The Provisional Registration link can be accessed here— <https://forms.gle/nZz6bWjLTkidwnTG6>.

**5.1.1** There is a maximum registration capacity of 32 teams, first preference shall be given to the provisionally registered Universities for a specified time, after which the slots shall be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

**5.1.2.** The first round of registration for provisionally registered Universities shall end on 3rd January, 2023. Participants/Universities are requested to adhere to the deadline and mail us in advance if an extension is required owing to the allotment process of their respective universities.

**5.1.3.** The composition of the team shall remain the same as at the time of registration, throughout the competition. In case of any changes, the Competition Administrator must be informed at the earliest, and all decisions made on the same shall be final. Non-compliance with this without prior information shall lead to an automatic disqualification.

**5.2.** Maximum of 2 teams from one University can participate in the competition. Post provisional registration, teams need to complete the process of final registration, within a specified time period. The Final Registration link can be accessed here— <https://forms.gle/WUoQi6mm8d7LNExV7>.

**5.3.** Teams/Participants will be required to participate in a virtual mode on January 21-22, 2023. The teams and mediators who qualify will be required to come to the University for the Semi-Final and Final Rounds scheduled on February 11, 2023.

**5.4.** Teams will be required to transfer the registration fees amounting to **Rs. 4000**, per team for the Online Rounds to the below-mentioned account details. The qualifying teams and mediators travelling to the University for the Offline Rounds, shall be required to pay an additional **Rs. 2000 per Negotiating Team and per Mediator**, proof of which has to reach the organizers via email at [ccadr@cnlu.ac.in](mailto:ccadr@cnlu.ac.in), by 17th January 2023. Account details are:

**Account Name:** Registrar, CNLU

**Bank:** State Bank of India

**Branch:** CNLU, Patna

**Account Number:** 40831092400

**IFSC Code:** SBIN0015996

**UPI ID:** CNLU40831092400@SBI



**5.5.** Team Codes will be allotted post-completion of all final registrations. Allocation of sides for the preliminary rounds will be sent shortly post the allotment of team codes.

**5.6.** The qualifying teams shall be required to report physically to CNLU, Patna campus, for the rounds scheduled on February 11, 2023.

**5.7.** All the participants shall carry their College/University Identity Cards while travelling to the University as well as at all times thereafter, during the Competition. Participants are advised to carry photocopies of the authorization letter from their University, and identity cards that have been submitted to the organizers during registration.

## 6. ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

**6.1.** The orientation program will be held on **January 20th, 2023**, the timing of the same shall be conveyed to the participants via email.

**6.2.** The orientation shall be followed by **Mediation Training** by our Knowledge Partner - **YCM India**, which shall be mandatory for all participants to attend.

## 7. CODE OF CONDUCT

**7.1.** Each member of the Participating Team shall be dressed in Business Formals (Indian or Western) for the duration of the Competition.

**7.2.** Friendly and healthy interaction among the participating teams and with the students of Host College is encouraged and respected.

**7.3.** Use of Mobile Phones is strictly prohibited during the time of the Competition.

**7.4.** Participants shall not reveal the Identity of their College/University at any point of time during the Competition.

**7.5.** Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited and shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team.

## 8. AWARDS

**8.1.** Trophy for the **Winner** of the Mediation Competition (Negotiating Team) Competition along with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and internship opportunities at PSL Advocates & Solicitors and International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad.

**8.2.** Trophy for the **Runners-up** of the Mediation Competition (Negotiating Team) Competition along with a cash prize of Rs. 12,000 and internship opportunities at Singhanian & Partners LLP and YCM India.

**8.3.** Trophy for the **Winning Mediator** along with a cash prize of Rs. 9,000 and an internship opportunity at PSL Advocates & Solicitors and International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad.

**8.4.** Trophy for the **Runner-up Mediator** along with a cash prize of Rs. 6,500 and an internship opportunity at Singhanian & Partners LLP and YCM India.

**8.5.** Certificate of Merit for the **Best Mediator (Preliminary Rounds)** along with a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and an internship opportunity at the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration.

**8.6.** Certificate of Merit for the **Best Negotiating Team (Preliminary Rounds)** — a cash prize of Rs. 8000 along with an Internship Opportunity at the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration.

## 9. TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMODATION

**9.1.** Chanakya National Law University, Patna is located near Jakkanpur Police Station, Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna-800001, Bihar, India. The University is easily accessible both from the Railway station and the Airport by Auto-Rickshaws or Cabs (Uber/Ola).

**9.2.** The University will provide accommodation for the teams from February 10th, 2023 (12:00 PM onwards) to February 12th, 2023 (till 11:00 AM). Teams are mandatorily required to mention the time at which they will arrive in the travel form, which shall be shared post-quarter-final rounds.

**9.3.** Refreshments and transportation from the place of accommodation for the participants during the days of the Competition will be arranged by the organizers.

## 10. COMPETITION ROUNDS

**10.1.** The event shall be conducted in four rounds, namely — Preliminary Round, Quarter-Final Round, Semi-Final Round, and Final Round.



**10.2.** Preliminary rounds will consist of two rounds. Each round shall be conducted for 40 minutes followed by 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.

**10.3.** The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round based on the cumulative team score of both Preliminary Rounds. The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds. The Semi-Finals shall be held simultaneously in different rooms and judged by a different panel of judges.

**10.4.** The top two teams from the Semi-Final Rounds shall go to the Finals based on the cumulative team scores in the Semi-Final Rounds.

**10.5.** In case of a tie, for a Negotiating Team, the team with the higher marks in the Opening Statement criteria of marking given in Rule 15, shall be given preference. If a tie still persists, then the score under Team Work and Coordination shall be considered. If a tie still persists, then the same shall be resolved by virtue of a lottery system.

**10.6.** In case of a tie for Mediators, the Mediator with the higher marks in the Opening Statement criteria of marking given in Rule 15, shall be given preference. If a tie still persists, then the score under Time Management shall be considered. If a tie still persists, then the same shall be resolved by virtue of a lottery system.

**10.7.** All decisions taken by the Competition Administrator in case of a tie shall be binding and final.

## 11. MEDIATION PROCEDURE

**11.1.** A Mediation Session will consist of two opposing client-counsel pairs who will try to resolve a dispute in the presence of two mediators. Each of the two mediators will be marked individually. The client-counsel pair shall be marked as a Negotiating team.

**11.2.** The mediators or any member of either team may call either a caucus or a cross-caucus.

**11.3.** For each round, there will be one set of common facts ("*Mediation Problem*") and different confidential information for each of the opposing Negotiating Teams which will be given before the start of the round.

**11.4.** The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds will be of **45 minutes** each, and the Semi-Final and Final Rounds will be of **60 minutes each**.

**11.5.** A maximum number of **two (2)** caucuses may be called. However, the cumulative time provided for caucuses is 5 minutes for the Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Final, and Semi-Final Rounds and 10 minutes for the Final Round.



**11.6.** The creation of extraneous facts is not permitted and teams shall be penalized for the same. However, teams may reasonably interpret the problem to draw reasonable conclusions.

## 12. MEDIATION PROBLEM AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

**12.1.** During the Preliminary Rounds, the party that a team shall represent during a round will be informed to them beforehand.

**12.2.** The confidential information for a round shall be released **30 minutes** before the round.

**12.3.** The confidential information for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be released **45 minutes** before the round, whereas, the confidential information for the Final Rounds shall be released **60 minutes** before the commencement of the round.

**12.4.** The teams shall not disclose their confidential information to any other participant throughout the competition. Disclosure of confidential information by any team before or after their round shall be grounds for immediate disqualification from the competition.

## 13. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

**13.1.** An Equity Committee of 5 CCADR Members shall be established to address the grievances arising during the course of the Competition. All decisions taken by the Committee shall be final and binding.

## 14. MARKING CRITERIA

### 14.1. Negotiating Team

S. No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	<b>Opening Statement</b> (Expressing confidence in the process, skillful articulation of facts to put forth the case, persuasive comments to influence the other party)	10

S. No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
2.	<b>Constructive Approach</b> (Willingness to collaborate, taking initiative to build a problem-solving approach, strategically sacrificing interests to build a relationship)	10
3.	<b>Advocating Interests</b> (Assessment of one's own strengths and weaknesses, identifying and developing client's real needs and interests, identifying common and conflicting interests)	10
4.	<b>Team Work and Coordination</b> (Effectiveness of collaboration, reliance and faith on each other's ability, working together as a team, communicating with each other, sharing of responsibility, providing mutual support)	10
5.	<b>Use of Services of Mediator</b> (Timely use of mediators, Beneficial use of mediators, Listening to the mediators)	10
6.	<b>Effective Use of Confidential Information</b> (Decision on disclosure of confidential information, Timely and appropriate disclosure of confidential information, Incorporating confidential information in Negotiation Strategy)	10
7.	<b>Body Language</b> (Display of appropriate emotions by the client, Display of professionalism, Listening skills, Demeanour)	10
8.	<b>Mutually Generating Creative Options</b> (Generating options to satisfy one's needs and interests, efforts made to satisfy other's interests, non-judgmental approach, objective evaluation of options generated by other party)	10
9.	<b>Negotiation Strategy</b> (Overall strategy developed to deal with the dispute, time spent on relation building, information gathering, and slowly moving into negotiation; change of approach, adaptability)	10
10.	<b>Time Management</b> (Ensuring judicious use of time in conference, adherence to the time divisions stipulated in the Rules)	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**14.2. Mediator**

S. No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	<b>Opening Statement</b> (Conveying the importance of the process, Tactics adopted to calm parties, Effective explanation of the process with special reference to his/her role)	15
2.	<b>Creating an Appropriate Environment</b> (Laying down ground rules, nature of the approach, Making the parties comfortable, establishing 'negotiation' environment, Building trust with parties)	10
3.	<b>Control Over the Session</b> (Laying down of effective agenda, Adherence to ground rules, assisting parties to move forward in the session, Timely intervention)	10
4.	<b>Ability to Work as a Team</b> (Teamwork and Cooperation with co-mediator)	10
5.	<b>Eliciting Information from Mediating Pair</b> (Framing of questions, Manner of asking uncomfortable questions, collecting information while maintaining an unbiased image, Optimum use of time by asking only relevant questions)	10
6.	<b>Conduct and Demeanour</b> (Body language, listening skills, Professionalism, display of patience)	10
7.	<b>Facilitating Option Generation</b> (Approach adopted in assisting option generation, Steps taken to keep options realistic, Encouraging the parties to generate win-win options)	10
8.	<b>Closing Statement</b> (Summarising the mediation session, Effective ending to the session)	10
9.	<b>Time Management</b> (Ensuring judicial use of time in conference and caucus, Adherence to the time divisions stipulated in the Rules)	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

• **05.12.2022**

Commencement of Provisional Registration

• **14.12.2022**

Conclusion of Provisional Registration

• **16.12.2022**

Commencement of Final Registration

• **20.12.2022**

Release of General Information for Preliminary, Quarter-Final & Semi-Final Rounds

• **21.12.2022**

Clarifications Open

• **31.12.2022**

Clarifications Close

• **06.01.2023**

Release of Clarifications

• **16.01.2023**

Conclusion of Final Registration

• **20.01.2023**

Orientation & Mediation Training by YCM India

• **21.01.2023**

Inaugural Ceremony & Preliminary Round 1

• **22.01.2023**

Preliminary Round 2 & Quarter-Final Rounds

• **10.02.2023**

Qualifying Teams to reach CNLU Campus

• **11.02.2023**

Semi-Final Rounds, Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony



# Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

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