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2nd
National

Mediation Competition

2021

(Online)

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Organised By:
School of Law
IMS Unison University

IMS UNISON UNIVERSITY

IMS Unison University Dehradun, a constituent of Unison Group has made fast strides in the horizon of education as a premier educational and research University. Nestled amidst beautiful and serene surroundings, it offers an environment that fosters learning and stimulates creativity. Ever since its inception in 1996 as IMS Dehradun, as a non- profit organization led by a group of visionaries, it has dedicated itself for the cause of changing the face of professional education in Uttarakhand. The University today provides a platform for excellence in teaching, learning and research. State- of-the-art information technology is extensively used in the University contributing to the development of well-trained graduates, postgraduates, and doctorate students to fulfil the manpower needs of the corporate world. IMS Unison University aspires to become a renowned center for creation & dissemination of knowledge. It aims to provide a holistic career-oriented education that develops intellectual, moral and physical capabilities of the students, nurturing creativity and innovation. The University is committed for the cause of imparting quality education by providing the required academic infrastructure, developing strong industry interface and providing placement opportunities to its students.

SCHOOL OF LAW

School of Law (SOL) is amongst the fastest growing law schools in northern India. It strives to impart exemplary legal education by making it inter-disciplinary where there is a convergence between the disciplines of law, social science, humanities and management studies. Therefore, our curriculums are designed and developed to be both highly theoretical and intensely practical in nature. The school is a great teaching and research institution with a profound and distinctive commitment to undergraduate and post graduate education. To cater the students' varied interests and educational backgrounds, the school offers a choice of two undergraduate courses - B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.). At the post graduate level too, the students get to pick their choice of specialization from six exceptionally designed LL.M courses. The Ph.D. program offered by the school is designed so as to be instrumental in enhancing legal scholarship. We, at School of Law understand the importance of a sound and wholesome environment for the students to flourish academically, socially, and intellectually. With this belief, we have designed a disciplined curriculum with focus on high standards of legal education, extra-curricular activities, and intellectual wellbeing to transform every student into a valued citizen of the society and an accomplished personality in the legal arena. Ever since its inception, School of Law aspires to inculcate humanistic approach, entrepreneurial skills, innovative outlook, and academic focus in our budding lawyers. Our emphasis on learning, creativity and innovation is based on the belief, that our students can and will achieve prodigious success. Most importantly, the school provides an environment which prepares the students for meaningful lives and careers broaden their outlook and help shape their character.

SIGNIFICANCE OF MEDIATION COMPETITION

With litigation becoming increasingly lengthy and costly, mediation has started to gain traction in the recent times as a preferred mode of conflict resolution, School of Law, IMS Unison University is elated to organize the National Mediation Competition 2021. Mediation is a negotiation strategy which provides a convenient platform to the parties to reach a settlement out of court, that is beneficial to both and ultimately achieve a win-win situation. Mediation enables parties to look beyond the formal confines of a legal dispute by creating arrangements between them that would provide practical solutions which are mutually beneficial. These outcomes stand the greatest chance of successful enforcement because all the parties concerned have perceived them to be in their mutual interest. The essence of mediation is that it (i) focuses upon the parties' own needs and interests, (ii) provides for a full disclosure of competing interests and positions (iii) confers upon the parties a right of self-determination, (v) allows for procedural flexibility (vi) maintains privacy and confidentiality (vii) satisfaction of the interests of both the parties as the process ends in a win-win situation.

During the competition the participants will put to test their theoretical knowledge by competing in teams of three against one another, based on a shared fact pattern and different confidential information provided to each side. The Mediation Competition is a unique opportunity for students to learn and practice mediation and negotiation skills through the role-playing of a mediator, client and counsel on problems drafted by experienced mediators and practitioners. This competition will also provide an opportunity to the participants to develop the requisite lawyering and communication skills.

Mode of the Competition: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Language: English

Eligibility: The Competition is open for students pursuing three/ five-year LL.B. Degree Course from recognized Law College /University in India, subject to fulfillment of the registration formalities.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- Each team shall comprise of three students consisting of one Mediator and two team members acting as the client-counsel pair (referred to as the "Mediating Pair").
- One member of the team will be designated as Mediator, whose role shall remain unchanged throughout the Competition. The other two members of the team will form the Mediating pair, representing a client and his /her Counsel. The respective roles though not interchangeable within a round, are changeable in different rounds.
- The two mediators in one competition session (from different teams) for all purposes will be referred to as Mediator 1 (M1) and Mediator 2 (M2) as designated in the matchups.

REGISTRATION:

The registration fee shall be Rs. 200/- for each team. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-

transferable.

- The last date for registration is 20th September 2021.
- Teams can register by filing up the google form, which is given below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqt3PggOuQKJRUlaa6REcbStO2wz6eq6fVg50r8puxw7 WFcg/viewform

- Only 14 teams will be allowed to register in the competition on first come-first serve basis.
- Once a team registers by completing the formalities given, a Code (hereinafter "Team Code") shall be assigned to the team.
- Teams can register for the competition either through official channel of their institute or as independent participation.

PAYMENT METHOD:

Beneficiary Name: IMS Unison University

Account No: 15262191003778

Bank: Punjab National Bank, Makkawala Branch, Dehradun

IFSC Code: PUNB0152610

DRESS CODE

The Dress Code shall be Formals as below.

Female(s): White Shirt, Black Trouser and Black Tie along with Black Blazer and

Black Shoes.

Male(s): White Shirt and Black Trouser along with Black Tie, Black Blazer and Black Shoes. Non-adherence to dress code shall attract penalty.

SUBJECTS ENCOMPASSED

All the Problems shall be based on either of the subjects, solely or in combination therewith:

- **★** Contract Law
- **★** Family Law
- **★** Law of Torts
- **★** Civil Law
- **★** Commercial Law

The participants are expected to have knowledge of other ancillary laws and procedures.

ROUNDS:

There shall be three online rounds of this competition. All the rounds will be conducted on Microsoft Teams.

Preliminary Round (30 Mins + 5 Mins)

- The competition will have one preliminary round for a period of 35 minutes.
- This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus.

- Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session.
- A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.
- According to the scores, the top 4 teams will move to the semi-final rounds.

Semi Final (40 Mins + 5 Mins)

- Top 4 teams which qualifies the preliminary round shall compete against each other and out of which 2 teams shall be carried forward to the final round.
- The Time limit of the Semi-Finals will be 45 minutes.
- The time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus.
- Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session.
- A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.

Final Round (50 Mins + 5 Mins)

- Top 2 teams from Semi-Final Round shall compete against each other and the winner and the runners up shall be declared from them.
- The time limit for final round will be 55 minutes.
- This time is inclusive of the entire mediation process and the private caucus.
- Each mediating pair is permitted to call for one private caucus with either of the mediators where the participants involved in the caucus are shifted to a private session.
- A caucus may last for a maximum period of 5 minutes.

JUDGING STANDARDS

Sr. No.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Mediation Advocacy	10
2	Teamwork Between Counsel and Client	10
3	Communication Skills	10
4	Knowledge of law	10
5	Generating and Selecting Creative Options	20
6	Client's satisfaction	20
7	Effective conclusion	20

GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION-

- Misconduct, whether behavioral or otherwise.
- Any discussion with Judges before competition.
- Intimidation in any form.

GENERAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or nonfunctional Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
- Selection will be on first come first basis as there will be limited seats.
- The Organizing Committee shall reserve the right to interpret the rules as it may deem fit in the interests of the participants and the organizers to maintain fairness and equality in the Competition.
- The Organizers reserve the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all participating teams.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final regarding the outcome of the Rounds.
- The Organizers reserve the right to take any action against unethical, wrongful or unprofessional conduct.
- No additional documentation or screen sharing will be allowed.
- Scouting is not allowed under any circumstances and may lead to disqualification. You are requested to exit the call after your session is over.
- The participants are always required to comply with the rules formulated by the Organizing Committee
 during the competition. In case of any noncompliance with the rules of the competition, penalty may be
 imposed by deduction of marks and the teams may also be disqualified after they have been warned
 once.
- All certificates shall be in digital form & digitally signed and will be sent on the e-mail id provided in the google form
- In the case of a tie, the higher rank would be determined on the basis of least time taken by the applicant.

PRIZES

- 1st Position (Best Team) Cash Prize of INR 6,000/- (Six Thousand Only) & Certificate of Merit
- 2nd Position (Runner up) Cash Prize of INR 4,000/- (Four Thousand Only) & Certificate of Merit
- Best Mediator INR 2,000/- (Two Thousand Only) & Certificate of Merit

* All registered participants will receive E-Certificate of Participation.

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