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**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION CELL**



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INTRODUCTION TO ADRC

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC) at the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal was established in 2007 with the vision of fostering a culture of peaceful conflict resolution. The Cell is the oldest Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell in Asia, reflecting NLIU's long commitment to academic excellence and innovation in the field of law.

ADRC's flagship events include the NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament and the NLIU International Negotiation Competition. The NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament, a prestigious event held annually in collaboration with the InterNational Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR), attracts participants and judges from across the globe. This tournament is recognised for its rigorous standards and its role in nurturing future leaders in mediation. The NLIU International Negotiation Competition, organized in partnership with esteemed law firms such as Khaitan & Co. and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, is the other cornerstone event which has consistently brought together negotiation enthusiasts from premier institutions worldwide, providing a platform for practical learning and skill development in negotiation.

Through these events and many other initiatives, ADRC continues to build a robust framework for alternative dispute resolution, contributing significantly to the legal profession's growth and evolution. The Cell's activities are designed not only to educate but also to inspire students to pursue excellence in ADR practices, making a lasting impact on their professional journeys and the broader legal landscape.



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA AND OTHER DIGNATORIES WITH THE JUDGES AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE XII NLIU-INADR INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION TOURNAMANET, 2024.

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CELL
NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL**

VISION & MISSION

VISION

The ADRC strives to advance the field through research, innovation, and thought leadership. Its vision is to actively engage in scholarly pursuits, explore emerging trends and techniques, and contribute to the development of exemplary practices in alternative dispute resolution. By maintaining a leading position in ADR knowledge, the Cell aims to inspire and shape the future of conflict resolution.

It further envisions nurturing a community of harbingers of change who actively promote and advocate for the use of ADR methods. These individuals, including students, faculty, and staff, are ambassadors of conflict resolution literacy, spreading awareness and knowledge about ADR within their respective spheres of influence.

MISSION

The primary objective of the ADRC is to educate and train legal professionals in diverse facets of alternative dispute resolution. This encompasses conducting workshops, seminars, and training sessions on negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and various other ADR techniques. The aim is to augment their proficiency in effectively and amicably resolving conflicts.

The Cell actively engages in research endeavors to explore novel and innovative approaches to dispute resolution. By maintaining a forefront position in ADR knowledge, the Cell actively promotes literacy and advances the field's development.

WORD FROM OUR FACULTY-IN-CHARGE



MS NEHA SHARMA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

At the outset, I would like to thank our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor sir for his support and guidance for organising all the events that ADRC has done during this academic year. I would also like to take this opportunity to convey my heart felt gratitude to my fellow faculty members who took out time from their busy schedule to help the ADRC throughout the year, especially during the 12th NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament and 4th NLIU-CAM International Negotiation Competition. Furthermore, I would also like to appreciate the work done by Sanyam Gupta and the entire ADRC family who were relentless in their pursuit of making the academic year 2023-24, a successful year with regards to ADR. Lastly, I hope we can build on this year's success in making this Cell a harbinger in ADR in the World.

As we conclude this academic year, we take pride to present the students' achievements and reflect on the positive changes we have made. I hope that ADRC will continue to excel and be the fore runner of ADR in the world.

MEET THE CORE



SANYAM GUPTA
CONVENOR



ASHHAB KHAN
CO-CONVENER



NAMRATA GANDHI
JOINT-TREASURER



ARUSHI BHAGOTRA
SECRETARY



TANISHKA SAXENA
JOINT-TREASURER



MEET THE TEAM

IV YEAR

DEVANSHI SINGH

JAYALAKSHMI
SANKAR

MEGHNA GARG

NIKIL THOMAS

ROHIT TOMAR

SARTHAK WAMNE

III YEAR

ADITI SRIVASTAVA

AMIT KRISHNAN

PRANJAL SINHA

RAGHAV KHERA

RYAN

SWADHA CHANDRA

SWASTIKA
GANGULY

II YEAR

ADITYA PRATAP SINGH

AMAR PREM PRAKASH

ANANYA JAIN

ANIMESH CHATURVEDI

ARIBA KHAN

AVIRAL SINGHAI

AYUSH PANDEY

DIYA KANWAL

ISHARTH KUMAR

KUSHAGRA

KRISHIV NARULA

LAVYA BHASIN

MILAN SHARMA

PRIYA SINGH

PRIYANSHU DANU

RIDHIMA CHAUHAN

ROLLY MISHRA

SARFARAZ ALAM

STANZIN YANGSDON

VIVEK RAJURKAR

**ABHIMAN MOHAPATRA
ANAMIKA SINGH
APRAMEYA SETLUR
AARYA NIGAM
GATI JHAMB
HATIF KHAN
HEMANGINI BHATI
JAHNAVI TIWARI
MEHAK KARNANI
NETRAA RATHEE
NIKHIL SUNIL
SANAT NAND KISHORE
SANA KHAN
YUVRAJ SINGH
YUKTA CHANDA**



XII NLIU INADR INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION TOURNAMENT

The 12th edition of the NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament was held in Bhopal from 22nd to 24th March, 2024. Started in 2012, the tournament is the oldest and one of the largest ADR tournaments in Asia. Organized in collaboration with the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR), this year's tournament saw registrations from over 40 universities and participation from more than 50 judges across 4 continents. The event began with enlightening training sessions and proceeded with three competitive rounds, where participants alternated between the roles of client, counsel, and mediator to showcase their comprehensive negotiation skills. The second day concluded with a social dinner, offering a relaxed environment for networking. The final day featured the semi-finals and grand finals, with the top four teams competing for the coveted trophy.

The inaugural ceremony of the tournament was graced by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta**, Former judge of the Supreme Court of India and Chairperson, India International Arbitration Centre.



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA ADDRESSING THE GATHERING DURING THE INAUGRAL CEREMONY



VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR, PROF (DR.) S. SURYAPRAKASH FELICITATING MR. JOHN J. LAG, BOARD MEMBER, INADR

EVENT SUMMARY

BUILDING MEDIATION EXPERTISE: TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

The first training was conducted by Mr. John Lag, a distinguished board member of INADR, on "The Art of Purposeful Dispute Resolution." Mr. Lag, renowned for his legal acumen and diverse experience in civil and criminal trials, jury trials, and administrative law, emphasized the importance of strategic dispute resolution techniques. His session provided participants with invaluable insights into effective mediation strategies and alternative dispute resolution methods.

In the second training session, participants were enriched with valuable insights from two distinguished speakers; Mr. John Lag, and Mr. Yash Dixit, a distinguished graduate of NLIU Bhopal, who complemented the session with his rich experience across various legal domains. The speakers brought practical insights into Contract Law, Criminal Law, Technology Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Regulatory Engagement & Policy Advocacy during mediation sessions.

Training Session III, titled "Legal Fiction: Preparing for Mediation Tournaments," featured Ms. Dakshayani Saxena, an Advocate on Record practicing in the Supreme Court of India. She focused on preparing participants for mediation competitions, covering complex commercial disputes, contractual breaches, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory challenges, providing participants with practical strategies and a comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape.



EVENT SUMMARY

NAVIGATING NEGOTIATIONS: A THREE-ROUND JOURNEY

Throughout the three preliminary rounds of the 12th NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament, participants showcased their exceptional skills in commercial negotiation by alternating roles as client, counsel, and mediator. This dynamic structure highlighted their comprehensive understanding of mediation techniques and their adaptability and strategic thinking in various scenarios and capacities.

Day 2 of the tournament also featured a memorable social dinner, providing a relaxed atmosphere for participants and judges to unwind and engage in informal conversations. This event offered an excellent opportunity for networking, allowing participants to make new connections, strengthen existing ones, and exchange valuable insights and experiences in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

The competition saw intense participation from over 30 teams, each bringing their unique approach and expertise to the table. After rigorous rounds of negotiation and mediation, the winners emerged as follows:



EVENT SUMMARY

TRIUMPHS IN MEDIATION: THE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

WINNERS IN CLIENT-COUNSEL SEGMENT: NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

RUNNERS UP IN CLIENT-COUNSEL SEGMENT: NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

MEDIATOR SEGMENT: JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL (JGLS)

RUNNERS UP IN MEDIATOR SEGMENT: WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

H. CASE ELLIS SPIRIT OF THE TOURNAMENT AWARD: NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE



4TH NLIU-CAM INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The NLIU-CAM International Negotiation Competition, held virtually from 3-5 November 2023, marked a significant expansion for the ADRC into negotiation tournaments, complementing its established focus on mediation. Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, renowned for ADR expertise, collaborated as the title sponsor, elevating the competition's prestige.

The inaugural ceremony of the tournament was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, Member, Law Commission of India as well as Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal. The inaugural ceremony was followed by 3 training sessions conducted by experts in the field of ADR including Mr. Reuben Chacko and Mr. Lomesh Nidumuri, partners at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas as well as Mr. Alok Tiwari, Advocate and Senior Mediator.

The problems for the competition were drafted by Mr. Aryan Gupta and Mr. Pitamber Yadav. These expertly crafted problem statements represented current global trends. These scenarios provided participants with a platform for international exposure, addressing issues such as record deals in music and developments in international cricket.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh**, Judge, High Court of Kerala along with Mr. Reuben Chacko, Partner at CAM.



**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH
KUMAR SINGH, CHIEF GUEST
AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY**



**THE ADRC TEAM ENGAGED IN
THE CONDUCT OF THE 4TH
NINC**

EVENT SUMMARY

Across diverse scenarios spanning commercial disputes, music, and even sports, participants skillfully maneuvered, fostering a nexus of cross-cultural collaboration. Beyond mere competition, it ignited a fervent spirit of legal diplomacy and negotiation, uniting practitioners globally in pursuit of shared objectives.

DAY 1

- Opening Ceremony and Training Sessions
- Inauguration of the NLIU CAM International Negotiation Competition
- Participants immersed themselves in insightful training sessions led by experts

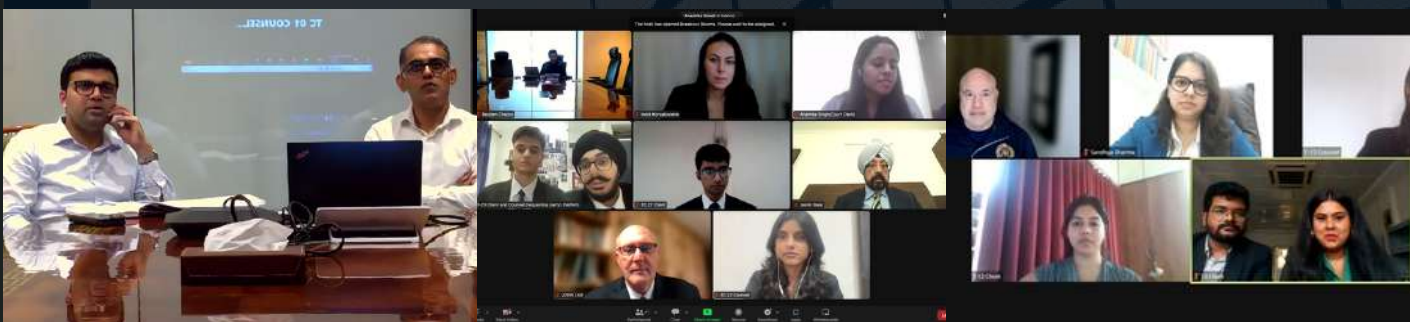
DAY 2

- Preliminary Rounds and Social Night
- Preliminary Rounds, divided into Parts 1 and 2, featured intense negotiations based on a musical Intellectual Property Law based problem.
- Teams, judges, and ADRC members converged online for a vibrant Social Night celebration.

DAY 3

- Semi-Finals, Finals and Valedictory Ceremony
- Semi Finals and Finals: Top finalists competed outstandingly in the ultimate showdown.
- Closing and valedictory ceremony: Rife with suspense, racing pulses, and the poignant feeling of farewells.

RMNLU Lucknow, Christ Bangalore, MNLU Mumbai, and NLU Odisha advanced to the semi-finals. RMNLU Lucknow's Sahajveer Singh and Kushagra Tolambia were the runners-up, while Dhairya Gawde and Ekam Khera emerged as the winners. Awards included prestigious internships at CAM and Ex Curia International, alongside cash prizes totaling Rs. 40,000.



LEX PERITIA KNOWLEDGE SERIES

We are honored to announce the continued success of The Lex Peretia Knowledge Series. Started in 2020, the Series was an umbrella series comprising seminars and interactive training sessions conducted by notable experts in the industry like John Lag, Colin Rule, Kevin Brown and Ajay Mehta. Additionally, under this Knowledge Series, the ADRC had also collaborated with Mediator Academy, which is a recognized course provider for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

1. WEBINAR ON “FROM DISPUTE TO RESOLUTION: DEMYSTIFYING THE MEDIATION ACT, 2023”

The first of its kind webinar on The Mediation Act, 2023 saw industry experts from diverse backgrounds discussing and deliberating on various aspects of the Mediation Act, 2023. Organised on 30th October, 2023, this insightful webinar witnessed participants delving into the nuances of the Act, examining its potential impact on the future of mediation in India. The discussion covered key provisions of the Act, the legislative intent behind its enactment, and its practical implications for mediators. The speakers also addressed the legal intricacies and potential challenges in the Act's implementation, as well as its effects on legal education and future research in the field of mediation. Overall, the webinar highlighted the Act's role in streamlining mediation processes, promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and enhancing access to justice in India.

**LEX PERITIA
SERIES 2023**

From Dispute to Resolution:
Demystifying the Mediation
Act, 2023

OCTOBER 31, 2023
5PM - 6PM

ADV. BISHWAJIT DUBEY, ADVOCATE &
FORMER PARTNER AT CYRIL
AMARCHAND MANGADAS

PROF. (DR.) NACHIKETA MITTAL,
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND REGISTRAR,
NLU TRIPURA.

ADV. S. SUSHEELA, DESIGNATED
SENIOR COUNSEL, HIGH COURT OF
KARNATAKA

ADV. PUSHP GUPTA, EXPERT
MEDIATION TRAINER



**ADV. PUSHP GUPTA, EXPERT
MEDIATION TRAINER**



**ADV. BISHWAJIT DUBEY,
ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL OF
CHATTISGARH**

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2. WORKSHOP ON “NEGOTIATION IN HIGH CONFLICT SITUATIONS”

The ADRC hosted an engaging workshop titled "Negotiation in High Conflict Situations" on January 12, 2024. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Pascal Comvalius, an IMI-Certified Mediator and expert in crisis negotiation and suicide prevention. The workshop began with a warm welcome and presentation of mementos by Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor of NLIU, and Mrs. Neha Sharma, Faculty in-charge of ADRC. Mr. Comvalius also gifted the Vice Chancellor a copy of his latest book, "Mediation in Criminal Cases."

Throughout the workshop, Mr. Comvalius taught students essential skills for mediating and negotiating in high-conflict situations. He covered topics such as understanding high-conflict personalities, building effective relationships, strategies for handling difficult individuals, and addressing cross-cultural differences. His charismatic presence captivated the audience as he explored various high-stakes scenarios, including active shooters demanding ransom, individuals threatening self-harm, and terrorists issuing ultimatums. He demonstrated practical approaches for managing each situation, emphasizing the crucial role of trust-building and the strategic importance of simple gestures like self-introduction to extend negotiation timeframes.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Sanyam Gupta, Convenor of ADRC.



**MR. SANYAM GUPTA, CONVENOR
FALICITATING MR. PASCAL
COMVALIUS**



**PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORKSHOP
ALONG WITH MR. PASCAL
COMVALIUS**

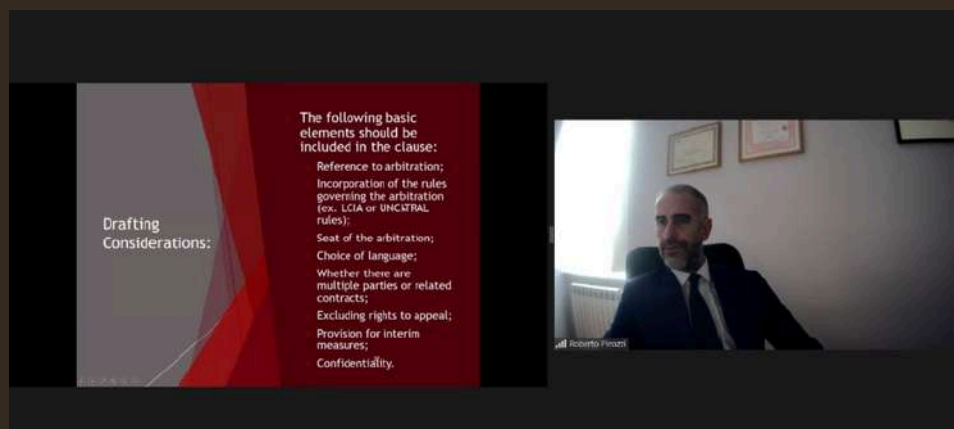
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3. WEBINAR ON “THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPREHENSIVE ARBITRATION CLAUSES IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS”

In this insightful webinar titled "The Importance of Drafting Comprehensive Arbitration Clauses in International Commercial Contracts," participants explored the critical elements of effective arbitration clauses in international agreements. Led by Mr. Roberto Pirozzi, an experienced arbitrator and mediator, the discussion focused on the nuances of drafting and negotiating arbitration clauses to prevent future disputes and ensure enforceability. Topics included the essential components of a well-crafted arbitration clause, such as clear language, choice of law, selection of arbitration institutions, and procedural rules.

Mr. Pirozzi emphasized the importance of anticipating potential issues and addressing them within the clauses to avoid ambiguities and jurisdictional conflicts. The webinar also covered strategies for negotiating arbitration clauses in international contracts, highlighting the need for a balanced approach that considers the interests of all parties involved.

Additionally, Mr. Pirozzi also shared practical insights from his extensive experience in domestic and international litigation, offering real-world examples of how poorly drafted clauses can lead to costly legal battles. He underscored the role of precise language and detailed provisions in minimizing risks and fostering smoother dispute resolution processes. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where attendees had the opportunity to seek advice on specific challenges they faced in drafting arbitration clauses. Overall, the webinar provided valuable guidance on creating robust arbitration agreements that enhance the efficacy and predictability of international commercial contracts.



MR. ROBERTO PIROZZI DURING THE WEBINAR

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4. WEBINAR ON “NAVIGATING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE: WHY NEGOTIATION SKILLS ARE VITAL FOR LAWYERS”

The ADRC hosted an enlightening webinar titled "Navigating The Legal Landscape: Why Negotiation Skills are Vital for Lawyers.". This webinar was conducted by Mr. Roar Thun Wægger, the founder and CEO of Wægger Negotiation Institute, who offered attendees profound insights into various aspects of negotiation dynamics and strategies crucial for legal professionals. He is also an internationally certified mediator and collaborative lawyer.

He began the session by emphasizing the critical role of psychology and communication skills in negotiation. He elucidated the significance of understanding human behavior and effectively communicating across diverse cultural contexts, underscoring the importance of cross-cultural negotiation strategies for achieving successful outcomes in legal disputes.

Throughout the webinar, Roar drew upon his extensive experience to share practical insights into the dynamics of negotiation. He highlighted the importance of creative thinking and addressing deadlocks in negotiation, discussing real-world scenarios to illustrate his points. These scenarios included his co-authored work on post-COVID mediation and negotiation insights from the book "Thirteen Days in September," which demonstrated the strategic use of storytelling and its impact on parties' perceptions of conflict.



MR. ROAR THUN WÆGGER DURING THE WEBINAR

LEX PERITIA KNOWLEDGE SERIES

5. WORKSHOP ON “THE ART OF PURPOSEFUL DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

The ADRC hosted a highly informative workshop titled "The Art of Purposeful Dispute Resolution" on 20th and 21st March, 2024. This workshop, conducted by Mr. John Lag, an esteemed board member of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR), focused on the intricacies of mediation and negotiation.

Throughout the workshop, John delved into the fundamental principles of mediation, discussing international standards governing both mediation and arbitration. Participants explored diverse negotiation techniques and the nuances of dispute resolution, including current practices in enforcement methods. Mr. Lag emphasized the importance of building a career in international mediation and negotiation, sharing his extensive experience and insights from his work in various legal domains. Attendees gained a deep understanding of the skills required for effective dispute resolution, the strategic use of mediation and negotiation, and the global standards that influence these practices. The interactive sessions provided a comprehensive overview of the field, equipping students with the knowledge to navigate and excel in the domain of alternative dispute resolution.

The workshop concluded with a session on practical applications, where Mr. Lag answered questions and offered personalized advice to participants. The event was limited to 60 students, ensuring an intimate and engaging learning environment. Certificates were awarded to participants who attended the workshop, marking their commitment to advancing their expertise in ADR.

**WORKSHOP ON
THE ART OF
PURPOSEFUL
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION**

MARCH 19-21, 2024
NLIU, BHOPAL
3PM - 5PM



MR. JOHN LAG
BOARD MEMBER
INADR




MR. JOHN LAG TRAINING THE STUDENTS DURING THE WORKSHOP

OTHER INITIATIVES

1. MENTORSHIP AND TRAINING ROUNDS

This year, the ADRC formalized its Mentorship Program, a strategic initiative aimed at enhancing the preparation and performance of NLIU teams in national and international mediation/negotiation competitions. The program, designed to provide tailored guidance and support, features a distinguished mentor pool comprising experienced professionals committed to fostering excellence in dispute resolution. Teams were encouraged to request mentorship through ADRC, ensuring they receive personalized assistance aligned with their competition schedules and strategic objectives. This initiative marks a significant step towards enriching learning outcomes and reinforcing ADRC's role in developing adept mediation and negotiation skills among NLIU students. The program featured a distinguished mentor pool comprising:

- Arushi Bhagotra
- Devanshi Singh
- Ishika Srivastava
- Jayalakshmi Sankar
- Namrata Gandhi
- Nikhil Thomas
- Sanyam Gupta
- Sradha Santhanu
- Tanishka Saxena
- Vaishnavi Salimath

We extend our heartfelt thanks to these mentors for their invaluable commitment and guidance throughout the year. Their dedicated support has played a pivotal role in nurturing the dispute resolution skills of NLIU students and preparing them for success in their competitions.

OTHER INITIATIVES

2. ADR GAZETTE

The NLIU ADRC launched the ADR Gazette in September 2022, aiming to enhance its academic initiatives beyond practical training. This monthly newsletter provides a succinct yet comprehensive overview of the latest advancements in alternative dispute resolution, encompassing significant developments in arbitration, mediation, consultation, and negotiation at both national and global levels. The ADR Gazette is designed to be an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the field of ADR, from seasoned professionals to students just beginning their journey.

Since its inception, the ADR Gazette has consistently published monthly editions, available for viewing on our LinkedIn profile. Subscribers also receive these updates via email, ensuring timely dissemination of crucial insights into ADR. The newsletter has quickly become a trusted source of information, offering readers a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical insights. Each edition of the ADR Gazette includes a variety of content such as insightful articles and case studies. These features are carefully curated to provide legal scholars, practitioners, and students with the latest tools and strategies for navigating complex dispute resolution scenarios effectively.

Looking ahead, the ADRC aims to expand the newsletter's scope by featuring additional contributions from esteemed figures in the ADR field. By incorporating a broader range of voices and experiences, the ADRC hopes to enhance the richness and diversity of the content. This initiative will ensure that the ADR Gazette remains at the forefront of ADR discourse, continually providing its readers with valuable insights and knowledge. The commitment to excellence and the pursuit of knowledge continues to drive the ADRC as it looks forward to the future of the ADR Gazette.

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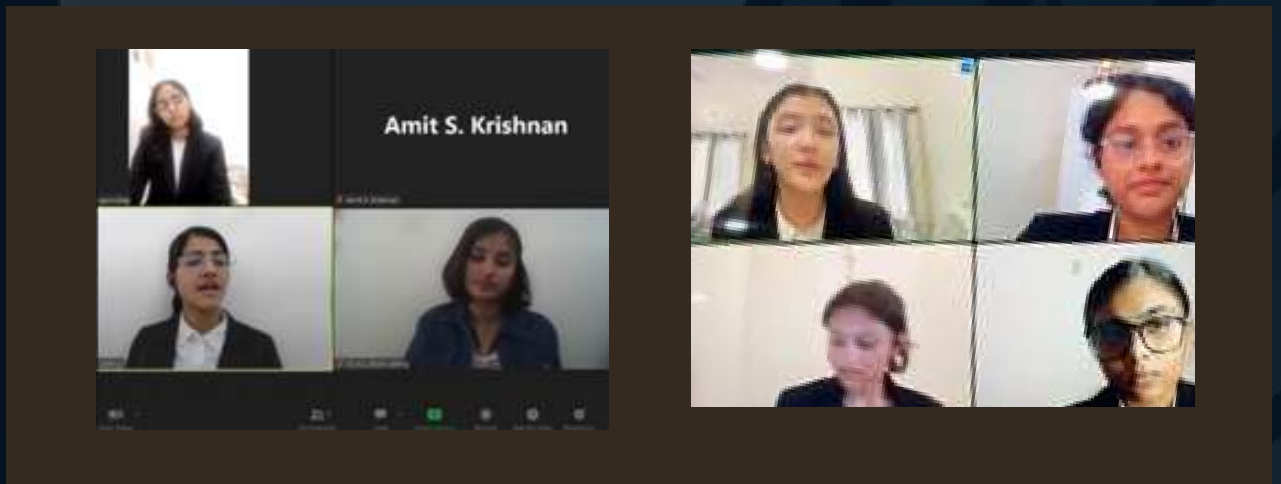


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3. ANNUAL ADR POOL SELECTIONS

The Annual ADR Pool Selections saw an impressive participation of over 150 applicants, making it one of the largest ADR pools organized by any ADR cell in the country. To help students prepare for the selections, the Cell members conducted a demonstration of a mediation session, followed by a session on the Basics of Mediation. These sessions were especially helpful for first-year students, who turned out in large numbers.

The selections were conducted over two days. The first day featured the Preliminary Round, with the top 16 teams advancing to the Ranking Round on the second day. The rounds were judged by our esteemed alumni and experts in the field of mediation in India, including Ms. Tanvi Dubey, Mr. Aryan Gupta, Ms. Anubhuti Chauhan, Mr. Mudit Nigam, Mr. Yash Dixit, Mr. Chirag, Mr. Ashutosh, Ms. Amritya Singh, Mr. Sanyam Agarwal, and Mr. Vipul Shukla.



4. ADR BLOG

The ADRC Blog has emerged as an invaluable resource for disseminating knowledge and raising awareness about alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods. This platform features a diverse array of insightful articles, editorials, and thought-provoking content that equip individuals with the essential information needed to embrace ADR approaches. Readers are offered the opportunity to explore contemporary ADR topics, learn from leading experts in the field, and stay abreast of the latest trends and developments. By fostering a deeper understanding of ADR practices, the blog encourages innovative thinking and practical application in effectively resolving conflicts. The ADRC Blog is an indispensable tool for students, practitioners, and ADR enthusiasts, promoting continuous learning and engagement within the ADR community. The blog can be accessed here: [NLIU-ADRC BLOG](#).

ACHIEVEMENTS



During this academic year, we achieved significant milestones in promoting alternative dispute resolution through workshops, seminars, competitions, and practical training. These initiatives have enhanced our students' skills in negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and conciliation, fostering a culture of efficient and amicable conflict resolution. In addition to the same, our mentorship program has also ensured that the students do a number of training/practice rounds before representing the University in the tournaments. Our efforts have not only enriched our academic community but also contributed to the broader legal landscape. As we reflect on this year's achievements, we remain committed to advancing ADR education and practice. The student achievements for the academic year 2023-24 are as follows:



WINNERS IN THE 6TH SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW MEDIATION COMPETITION AT RGNUL

The team comprising of Aditi Srivastava and Jyotsna Sood successfully emerged Winners and won Best Team in Preliminary Rounds Award in the 6th Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition, 2024 held by RGNUL, Patiala



WINNERS, 1ST NLUO NATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The team comprising of Harsha Yadav & Jyotsna Sood were adjudged as Winners of the 1st NLUO National Negotiation Competition.

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WINNERS IN 1ST LAW COLLEGE, DEHRADUN NATIONAL MEDIATION TOURNAMENT

The team comprising of Kushagra Mahajan, Ronit Rampuriya, & Samrudhi Meman emerged winners in this. Additionally, they also won the Best Mediator and Best Negotiating Pair awards.



RUNNERS UP IN MEDIATION- ARBITRATION FORMAT, CONCORDAT 3.0, 3RD NATIONAL ADR COMPETITION

The team comprising of Shambhavi Anand, Yashottma Singh, Yohann Titus Mathew were adjudged the Runners Up in the 3rd National ADR Competition.



RUNNERS UP IN THE 1ST VGU R.K. RASTOGI MEMORIAL NATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION AT RGNUL

The team of Deeksha Rampal and Radhika Baderia emerged Runners-Up in the 1st VGU R.K. Rastogi Memorial National Negotiation Competition.

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RUNNERS UP IN THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION COMPETITION

The team of Animisha Dwivedi & Priya Singh were adjudged Runners Up in the 1st International Negotiation and Mediation Competition, 2023



SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE JGLS-KHAITAN NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The team of Jyotsna Sood and Harsha Yadav emerged Semi-Finalists in the JGLS-Khaitan Negotiation Competition, 2024.



SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE 6TH AMITY NATIONAL ADR TOURNAMENT

The team comprising of Ashita Mathur and Zain Khan emerged Semi-Finalists in the 6th Amity National ADR Tournament 2023.

ACHIEVEMENTS



SEMI FINALIST, 3RD INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

Team comprising of Ida Bhatnagar, Sakshi Verma, Ronit Rampuriya were adjudged as Semi-Finalists and Best Mediator (Ronit Rampuriya) in the 3rd International Mediation Competition organised by Newcastle University, United Kingdom & Lex Erudites.



SEMI FINALIST IN THE 1ST NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

The team comprising of Nitya Telang, Priyanshu Gupta and Vanshita Azad were adjudged as Semi Finalist (client -counsel pair) and Octa-Finalist (mediator) took part in the 1st National Mediation competition, organised by Law College, Uttaranchal University Dehradun.



QUARTER-FINALISTS IN THE 2ND MNLU NAGPUR NATIONAL COMMERCIAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2024

The team comprising of Shubham More, Poorva Pandey and Divya Shree GN emerged Quarter-Finalists in the 2nd MNLU Nagpur National Commercial Mediation Competition, 2024.

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QUARTER-FINALISTS AND BEST MEDIATOR (PRELIMS) AWARD IN THE NMIMS INMC

The team comprising of Ryan, Milind Menon & Pranjal Sinha emerged as Quarter Finalists and the Award for Best Mediator in Prelims was won by Pranjal Sinha in the NMIMS INMC 2023.



QUARTER-FINALISTS IN THE 4TH EDITION OF MEDIATION BOMBAY

The team comprising of Shirin Suri, Lavya Bhasin and Priyanshu Danu emerged Quarter Finalists in the 4th Edition of Mediation Bombay.



QUARTER-FINALISTS IN THE 7TH SYAR NATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION, 2023

The team comprising of Divyanshi Shukla & Swadha Chandra emerged as Quarter Finalists in the 7th SYAR National Negotiation Competition 2023.

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QUARTER FINALISTS IN THE 3RD ANNUAL APIIT LAW SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The team comprising of Kushagra Mahajan, Ronit Rampuriya, Ruchika Rathore & Samrudhi Meman emerged Quarter Finalists in the 3rd Annual APIIT Law School International Negotiation Competition, Sri Lanka.



OCTA-FINALIST IN THE 5TH S.K. MISRA MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITION, 2024

The team comprising of Sakshi Verma, Krishiv Narula and Amar Prem Prakash were adjudged as Octa-Finalists Mediator (Sakshi Verma) in the 5th S K Misra Mediation and Negotiation Competition, 2024.



OCTA-FINALISTS IN THE 5TH S K MISRA MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITION, 2024

The team comprising of Swadha Chandra, Ishita Warghat and Ronit Rampuriya were Octa-Finalists in both Mediation and Negotiation segments in the 5th S K Misra Mediation and Negotiation Competition, 2024.

ACHIEVEMENTS



BEST OPENING STATEMENT FOR NEGOTIATING TEAM, CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

The team comprising of Neil Patwardhan, Vivek Rajurkar and Aryan Pundir won the Best Opening Statement for Negotiating Team in the Calcutta University International Mediation Competition.



RUNNERS UP BEST NEGOTIATING PAIR AWARD IN THE 2ND A&O NLUJ DEAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The team of Priya Singh and Udhav Mittal emerged Runners Up Best Negotiating Pair Award in the 2nd A&O NLUJ Deal Negotiation Competition.



RUNNERS UP (MEDIATOR) IN ICFAI NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

The team comprising of Anshuman Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Atul Raj emerged Runners Up (Mediator) in the ICFAI Virtual National Mediation Competition.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADRC

As the academic year comes to a close, we, the Core Committee of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC), extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of our journey. This year has been filled with remarkable activities and initiatives that have strengthened our understanding of alternative dispute resolution and fostered a vibrant, collaborative community within our organization.

We have achieved great milestones this year and look forward to seeing the Cell achieving even greater ones in future. During this year, we have received unwavering support and guidance of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as well as the founding-faculty of our Cell, Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash. His continuing endeavour to promote ADR and strive to keep the Cell as a global trailblazer in the field of ADR has motivated us throughout the year.

We would also like to thank our beloved Faculty In-Charge, Ms. Neha Sharma, who has always been a pillar of strength for us. She has been the backbone of all our endeavours, constantly encouraged us throughout our initiatives and stood with us during every problem we faced. She has helped us beyond her call of duty, ensured that we walk the right path and we are forever grateful to her for all her help and support.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of NLIU family including esteemed members of faculty who were always there to help us at any point of time, specially Prof. (Dr.) Raka Arya, Ms. Ridhima Dikshit and Ms. Saubhagya Bhadkaria.

This year we are proud of the significant milestones we've achieved, including the successful 4th NLIU-CAM International Negotiation Competition and the 12th NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament. These events showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our participants and provided invaluable learning experiences for all involved.

Our ADR Gazette and blog initiatives have continued to serve as important resources, offering insights and updates in the field of ADR. We are particularly excited about the formalization of the ADRC Mentorship Program, aimed at guiding and nurturing our members as they prepare for various competitions. The revival of the Lex Peretia series has seen appreciation from ADR enthusiasts from across the globe. The series has re-established itself as a testament of our continued endeavour of promoting ADR knowledge and skill in the world.



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To our dedicated members, your enthusiasm and commitment have been instrumental in creating an inclusive and dynamic community. Your dedication has been the cornerstone of our success, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and contributions.

As we reflect on the past year, we acknowledge that there is always room for growth and improvement. As a Cell, we are committed to learning from our experiences, both successes and challenges, and incorporating valuable feedback to enhance our future endeavors. Let us continue to champion the principles of alternative dispute resolution, fostering a culture of understanding, cooperation, and peaceful conflict resolution. Together, we can make a significant difference in promoting effective and amicable dispute resolution methods.

We look forward to seeing another year of growth, learning, and success. Thank you for being an integral part of the ADR Cell and for your continued support and dedication.

Sincerely,
Core Committee,
ADRC 2023-24.

