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MESSAGE

With immense pleasure I extend my heartiest good wishes for the successful oragansing of S.K. Misra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition 2.0 from 05 to 07 March 2021.

I congratulate Mr. Sudhir Mishra, BW Legal World and Lloyd Law College for this exceptional and commendable academic endeavour of international and national importance.

It is a matter of national pride and honour for legal fraternity that this legal academic event has received more than 440 registrations from around 100+ Law Schools across the world. I understand that top 100 teams have been invited to compete in this prestigious competition.

I extend my heartiest greetings to all those associated with this event and extend my Best Wishes to all the participants and also to teams from India and across the world.

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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to extend heartiest good wishes and warm support for the successful organising of the fourth edition of the **S.K. Misra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition, 4.0** powered by **BW Legal World**, **Trust Legal** (Advocates & Solicitors) and **Saraf and Partners**. This competition in this fourth edition has received more than 500+ registrations from around 150+ Law Schools across the world. There are over 30+ country teams participating in this competition from all continents of the world. 100+ qualifying teams have been invited to compete in this prestigious competition. It is a matter of national pride and honour of the fraternity and for any institution in India to host such an exemplary simulation event.

Being a part of the Legal Fraternity and visiting law schools very often, I feel proud to see the engagement of such an impressive number of budding lawyers being trained in the nuances of Mediation and Negotiation. I commend the organizers for promoting Mediation and Negotiation (Alternative Dispute Resolution) among law students as the mainstream Dispute Resolution Process in the coming times.

I congratulate Mr. Sudhir Mishra (Trust Legal), Dr. Anurag Batra (BW Legal World) and Mr. Mohit Saraf (Saraf & Partners) and Mr. Manohar Thairani & Dr. Md. Salim (Lloyd Law College) for the exceptional and commendable academic endeavour of global importance.

I extend my heartiest greetings to all those associated with this event and extend my best wishes to participants from India and across the world.

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ABOUT
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Mr. S. K. Misra was a professor of mathematics in Uttar Pradesh and later joined civil services in Bihar. In 1989 he was promoted into Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and was a distinguished Bihar cadre officer. After retiring from IAS he dedicated his life to the Right to Information Act and was the first secretary of the Bihar Information Commission. In the last years of his life, he was mentoring many civil services aspirants who use to take his guidance in Delhi. He left this world in May 2015.



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INDIA TODAY

ALL INDIA 1st — Pvt. Law College Delhi/NCR

ALL INDIA 6th — Pvt. Law College in India

competition success review

ALL INDIA 1st — Ranking of Top Eminent Law Schools

ALL U.P. 1st — Ranking of Top Law Schools by State -Uttar Pradesh

OUTLOOK

ALL INDIA 5th — Personality Development & Exposure

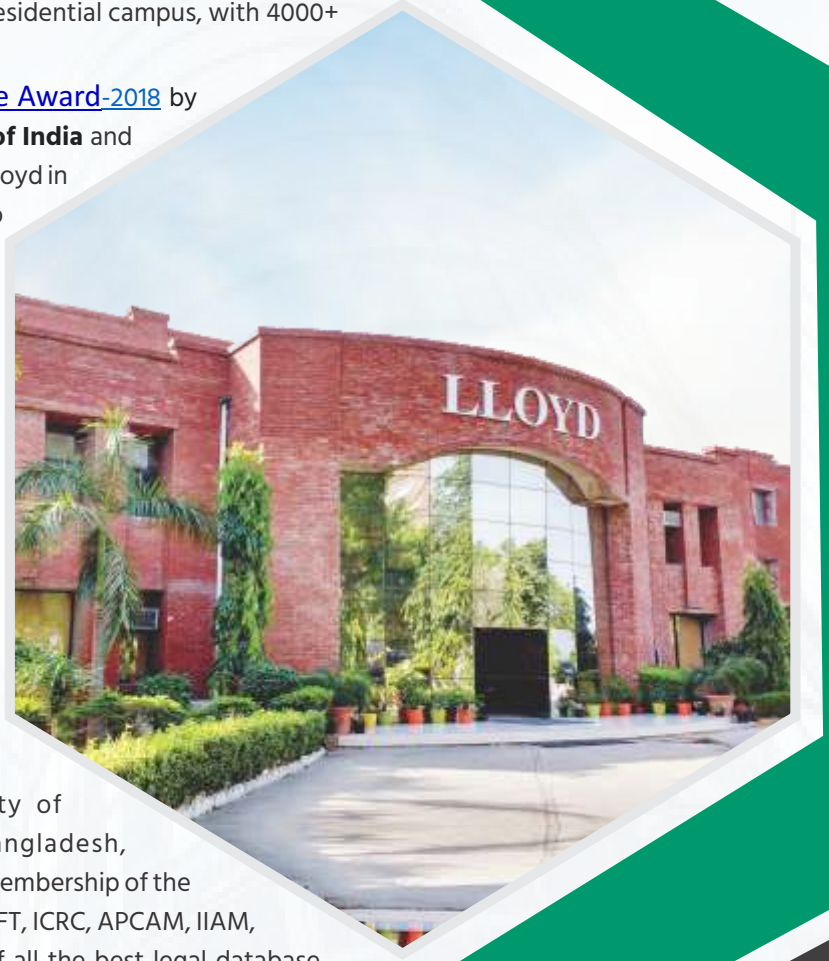
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LLOYD LAW COLLEGE

Lloyd Law College (Lloyd) since the year 2003 is affiliated to the CCS University, Meerut, U.P. (NAAC-A++ State Gov't. University established in 1965), and approved by the Bar Council of India (patron of professional legal education in India). Lloyd is imparting legal education in B.A.LL.B./B.Com.LL.B./LL.B./LL.M. programs, having 20 Acres residential campus, with 4000+ law students, 150+ teachers, mentors, practitioners & Judges.

Lloyd was awarded SILF-MILAT Institutional Excellence Award-2018 by **the Hon'ble Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India** and **Dr. Lalit Bhasin**, President SILF and Bar Association of India. Lloyd in association with Law Commission of India, had organised two national conferences in the year 2016 at the Lloyd Campus and in 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan. **Shri Ramnath Kovind,** Hon'ble Former President of India delivered the Inaugural Address and **Shri Narendra Modi,** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, delivered the Valedictory Address in the Conference. Lloyd is blessed with the guidance, mentorship and patronage of the father of modern legal education in India our Guru **Padma Bhushan** Late **Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhva Menon**. He was the founder Vice-Chancellor of NLSIU-Bangaluru and WBNUJS-Kolkata, Founder Director of National Judicial Academy-Bhopal.



Lloyd is **ranked among the 05 best law schools in India** by The Week, India Today, CSR and Outlook consistently from 2018 to 2024. Lloyd has MoU with NFSU-G, NLSIU-B, RGNUL-P, ICSI, Penn State Law School-U.S.A., The University of Buckingham-U.K., LJMU-U.K., SILF, MILAT, ELCOP-Bangladesh, SAARCLAW, CLEA & Pranab Mukherji Foundation. We have Membership of the British Council-Delhi, American Council-Delhi, ILSA, ILI, ISIL, IIFT, ICRC, APCAM, IIAM, Trust Legal, FDI. We have institutional WiFi subscriptions of all the best legal database resources like, Scconline, Heinonline, JSTOR, Wolters Kluwer, Jus Mundi, OUP, Cambridge Core, EPW, Taxman Turnitin etc.

Lloyd imparts practice and profession-centric education and training in regular classes, simulations, student practice centres, workshops, and national and global participation in legal skills competitions and internships to all our students. This is done through LTAC / LADRC / MOOTS / YourLordships / SWANG / Internship & Placement / CLPC / CIJER PIL Center / Forensic Science / LASEC / ELC / IEC / CATALYST



LLOYD STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL SIMULATION COMPETITIONS

Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2024, Australia

RUNNER-UP

22nd Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition 2023, India

WINNER

& Qualified for the Red Cross Global Oral Rounds

APCAM International Metaverse Arbitration Moot 2023, India

WINNER

20th Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2023, Hong Kong

Hon'ble Mention, David Hunter Award, Best Memorandum for Claimant & Hon'ble Mention, Fali S. Nariman Award, Best Memorandum for Respondent.

15th Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2022, Kings College, London

Winner South Asia Rounds, Quarter-Finalists Global Oral Rounds

15th Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot 2023, Frankfurt, Germany

Only College from India Qualified for Global Oral Rounds for 02 consecutive years 2022 and 2023

Asia Cup International Law Moot 2024, Tokyo, Japan

Only team from India Qualified for Global Rounds.

21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition 2023, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland

Qualified to Global Oral Rounds

Nuremberg International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition 2024, Nuremburg, Germany

Only College from India Qualified for Global Oral Rounds for 03 consecutive years 2022, 2023, 2024

IBA-VIAC CDRC 2023, Vienna, Austria

Quarter Finalist Negotiating Team

Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot 2024, Hong Kong

Qualified for Global Oral Rounds & ranked Quarter-Finalist in Global Rounds

Cross Examination International Arbitration Moot 2023, Paris, France

Qualified for Global Rounds in Paris and Ranked Semi Finalist in Global Rounds



Hon'ble Mr. Justice

S. RAVINDRA BHAT

Judge, Supreme Court of India

LIMA

LLOYD INSTITUTE OF MEDIATION & ARBITRATION

Lloyd Law College, recently, has proudly inaugurated the Lloyd Institute of Mediation & Arbitration which aims to enhance knowledge and understanding of the purpose, substance, and scope of ADR and of the potential of ADR as an effective tool to render alternate dispute resolution. It seeks to create awareness of ADR as part of the justice delivery system and equip the students and other professionals with the theory and practice of arbitration, mediation, and other ADR mechanisms to take up an independent career in this field.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote awareness of different branches of ADR among students & the Legal fraternity.
- To provide a platform for discussion & activities related to ADR;
- To encourage interested students in advancing their studies towards this subject;
- To conduct Panel discussions, lectures, & training Workshops on different branches of ADR for the students;
- To stimulate research culture amongst the students and professionals towards the field of Arbitration and ADR.
- To provide ADR services, facility and support to every strata of the society



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WINNERS

BEST NEGOTIATING TEAM

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Chloe Mak Wei Shan



BEST NEGOTIATION PLAN

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Shivam Chopra

BEST CREATIVE SOLUTION AND BEST RELATIONSHIP BUILDING WITH OTHER TEAM

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RUNNER-UP NEGOTIATING TEAM

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BEST OPENING STATEMENT (NEGOTIATOR) AND BEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

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Priya Sharma

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WINNERS

BEST TEAM WORK BETWEEN CLIENT AND COUNSEL

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BEST MEDIATION PLAN

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RULE BOOK

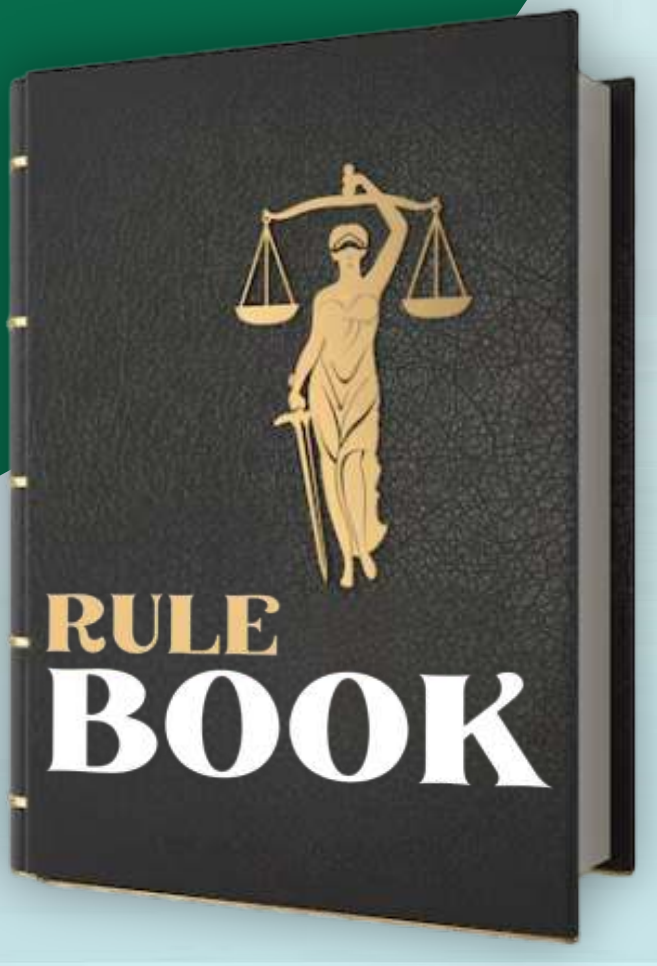


THE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE MEDIATION COMPETITION

The purpose of the competition is to equip you with basic negotiation and mediation skills and help you adjust your ADR skills to an online environment. It gives you the opportunity to adapt your communication skills to an online environment and identify key factors that must be considered by the mediator in an online mediation. It helps you establish key factors that must be considered when communicating with multiple parties, online and gives you the opportunity to mediate and negotiate in a specialized area and help you overcome potential communication barriers during an online mediation. It gives you the opportunity to work as a team and learn to work with someone whom you have not worked with before and learn how to overcome potential challenges that may arise in a team. It assists you in understanding the cross-cultural barriers that can arise and enables you to become more familiar with the use of online video conferencing tools in this rapidly digitalizing world and enable you to meet law and business students from other countries and meet **ADR** specialists from different parts of the world.







DEFINITION CLAUSES

01 **" BATNA "** shall refer to the Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement and refers to the best thing a Party can do, without the consent of the other Party, if the Parties fail to reach an agreement.

02 **"CAUCUS"** shall refer to a separate meeting between the Mediator and a Team. During the Caucus, the overall time of the Mediation Session continues to run.

03 **"CLARIFICATIONS"** shall refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the Organizing Committee.

04 **"CLIENT"** shall refer to a participant from a Negotiating Team who plays the role of the Client in the Mediation Session. shall refer to a participant from a Negotiating Team who plays the role of the Client in the Mediation Session.

05 **"COMPETITION"** shall refer to S. K. Misra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition 6.0

06 **"CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION"** shall refer to the confidential elements to be considered in determining the strategy & tactics of the Negotiator's Teams in a given Mediation Session. The Confidential Information is for the exclusive use of each team and shall not be disclosed to the opposing team.

07 **"COUNSEL"** shall refer to a participant appointed to act as the Legal Counsel in a Mediation Session.

08 **"IST"** shall refer to Indian Standard Time.

09 **"MEDIATION PROBLEMS"** shall refer to the official problems for the Competition released by the Organizing Committee.

10 **"MEDIATION PLAN"** shall refer to the written case analysis as mentioned in Annexure 'A' of the Brochure.

11 **"MEDIATION SESSION"** shall refer to a session during which the Teams will simulate a mediation procedure pursuant to rules.

12 **"ORGANIZING COMMITTEE"** shall refer to the Organizers of the given Mediation and Negotiation Competition.

13 **"PRELIMINARY ROUNDS"** refers to the Oral Rounds in the International Round which will determine which teams shall advance to the Quarter Final Rounds.

14 **"REQUESTING PARTY"** is the party to which the Competition has assigned the role of the party which has requested the negotiation.

15 **"RESPONDING PARTY"** is the party to which the Competition has assigned the role of the party which has to respond to the request for the negotiation.

16 **"RULES"** shall refer to the Official Rules of the Competition and shall be applicable to any supplementary Rules published by the Organizing Committee.

ABOUT
THE COMPETITION

Lloyd Law College is highly overwhelmed to announce the Sixth Edition of **S.K. MISRA MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITION 2025** powered by **Numen Law Offices, MZM Legal LLP, Saraf and Partners, Phoenix Legal, BW Legal World and Trust Legal Advocates & Consultants.** The Previous Editions of this Competition set a benchmark by registering the highest number of Registrations among the world. With the Provisional Registrations reaching up to 450, LLC broke all the records. Lloyd is back again with the spirit of creating another history in terms of spreading the knowledge of Mediation and Negotiation among the maximum number of Law Students. The Objective of this Competition is to promote the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution among the budding lawyers with a mindset equipped to effectively resolve the dispute.

LANGUAGE

The Official Language of this Competition will be English.

LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be held entirely on Zoom, a video conferencing tool. It will enable you to participate from anywhere in the world. You can participate from the comfort of your own home using a laptop, computer, or tablet.

TIME OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will run on Indian Time (IST +05:30 GMT). Please make sure, you prepare for this in advance.

STRUCTURE OF TEAMS

Each Participating team shall comprise 3 members :

a) One Neutral Mediator

b) One Client

c) One Counsel

A maximum of Four Teams per University are allowed to participate. There will be Separate Problems for different rounds with different Confidential Information in each round.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

In each virtual room, there will be:

- **ONE/TWO SESSION SUPERVISOR(S);**
- **JUDGES**
- **TWO MEDIATORS (FROM TWO DIFFERENT TEAMS);**
- **PARTY A AND THE COUNSEL (FROM ONE TEAM);**
- **PARTY B AND THE COUNSEL (FROM ONE TEAM);**
- **COACHES (IF ANY).**

The Competition Committee members and observers (with permission from the Competition Committee) may enter the virtual rooms as well. Anyone entering the room, not listed above, must enter with their video and audio turned off to avoid disturbing the mediation.

Throughout the mediation, everyone should have their camera off, apart from the mediators, counsels, and clients to avoid any disruptions. Everyone should be on mute apart from the person speaking.

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

- Students must be registered as full-time or part-time law students.
- Students who graduated before the Competition but no longer than three months before the start of the Competition are still eligible to participate.

STAGES OF THE COMPETITIONS

This Competition will comprise of total 6 rounds:

i. **Preliminary Rounds (2)**
ii. **Octa-Final Round (1)**
iii. **Quarter-Final Round (1)**
iv. **Semi-Final (1)**
v. **Final Round (1)**

COACHES

Each team may nominate one or a maximum of two Coaches. The Coach(es) of a Team must be a former student full professor, assistant or adjunct professor, qualified lawyer, lecturer in Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR"), qualified mediator, or negotiation trainer from anywhere around the world. A Coach can be nominated for one Team only and can under no circumstances accompany two Teams to the Competition.

TEAM IDENTIFICATION AND ANONYMITY RULE

After Registration, each Participating team will be provided with a Team Code which will serve as the Unique Identification Number (UIN). All Communications must be made in reference to this UIN. None of the Teams are supposed to reveal their Institution Name or any other details to other teams or the judges. All communication must be made in regard to the UIN.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition is Business/ Smart.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Any Interested team across the world can register for this Competition according to the procedure laid down here under:

I. The Team shall complete the Provisional Registration on or before 31st January 2025 through the given link of Google Form https://forms.gle/baGTTyKAZDcpHETC6
II. Upon receiving the confirmation of the vacant slot from the Organizing Committee, the Teams must confirm their Final Registration on or before 05th Feb 2025.
III. Registration Fees for an Indian Team is Rs. 5000/- and for any International Team is USD 70.
IV. The registration fee includes an invitation for all registered Team members to all events of the Competition, including any occurring training, the opening reception, and the award ceremony. Failure to transfer the registration fee on time or in full will result in the loss of the university's spot in the Competition.
V. The transfer must indicate the name of the university for which the transfer has been made.
VI. Kindly Note that once the payment is made, it is Non-refundable In Any Circumstances.

MEDIATION PROBLEM

RELEASE OF MEDIATION PROBLEM

i. Each Mediation Problem will consist of General Information for all the parties.

ii. There shall be a total of 6 Rounds in this Competition. There shall be different problems in each round.

iii. The Mediation problem for all preliminary the rounds will be sent to the teams via WhatsApp Group on or by 16th February 2025.

iv. The Mediation Problem shall be self-contained and teams shall be prohibited from deviating from the facts provided in the problem in any manner possible, including the Background Story, the misrepresentation of facts, or the creation of new facts. However, teams may reasonably interpret the problem in order to reasonable conclusions.

CLARIFICATION OF THE MEDIATION PROBLEM

i. Each team may submit a maximum of three written questions for clarification or interpretation of the General Information per problem to the Organizing Committee.

ii. All the Questions for Clarification is to be submitted via the Google Form that shall be provided by the Organizing Committee on 20th February 2025.

iii. All Clarifications will be released on or before 28th February 2025.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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ii. The Teams are prohibited from disclosing the Confidential Information to their Mediator or other parties during or before the competition.

iii. The Mediators shall have no access to the Confidential Information of any of the parties before or during the competition.





MEDIATION SESSION PROCEDURES

GENERAL PROCEDURES

TIMING

• The Timing of the Rounds is designated in the following manner:

Sl. No.	Rounds	Session Time	Caucus Time	Feedback Time	Total Time
1.	**Preliminary Rounds (I & II)**	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	**75 minutes (1 Hour 15 Minutes)**
2.	**Octa Final Rounds**	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	**75 minutes (1 Hour 15 Minutes)**
3.	**Quarter Final Rounds**	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	**75 minutes (1 Hour 15 Minutes)**
4.	**Semi Final Rounds**	60 Minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	**90 minutes (1 Hour 30 Minutes)**
5.	**Final Rounds**	75 Minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	**105 minutes (1 Hour 45 Minutes)**

• The Participants are supposed to strictly adhere to the timings, mentioned above.

• During the competition, if the party is in need of more time than allotted, they may ask from the judges for same. It's up to the discretion of the judges.

• However, the Feedback Timing may increase as per the judges.





I. PREPARATION TIME

a. The participants shall enter the room 15 minutes beforehand to fully benefit from your preparation time. They shall then move into your designated "breakout room" in order for you to have your preparation time (please refer to the Zoom Manual which explains "breakout rooms").

b. The two mediators will be placed into one breakout room, client and counsel from Team A will be in another breakout room and client and counsel from Team B will be in another breakout room.

c. Coaches may enter the preparation room with their negotiating pair only.

d. The mediators will get 10 minutes prior to the rounds to have a discussion with each other. Hence, they are suggested to be on time for each session. After 10 minutes, the participants shall be called into their allocated mediation room (these will have specific names) where the judges will be waiting for you.

e. The session supervisor will give you the go-ahead to start the mediation when everyone is ready.

II. BREAKS

- The Team can ask for a break during the Mediation Session of or not more than 2 minutes.
- The Objective of the Break should be to have a team discussion where the Team shall be sent to the Break Out Room for the same. However, the time shall not exceed as given above in any circumstances.

III. CAUCUS

a. During each Mediation Session, the Mediator as well as the parties are allowed to call for caucus.

b. The Competing Team should call for caucus when they believe that they need input from the Mediators or there is some Confidential Information that they are not comfortable in sharing during the Joint Session.

c. A reasonable use of caucus from the parties will be evaluated. A Caucus must not be used for any clarification related to the Preliminary Rounds.

d. Each team will be allotted 7.5 minutes for a caucus in each round. Thus, the whole caucus for both the parties will last for not more than 15 minutes.

e. There is no provision for Cross-caucus.

IV. APPROPRIATE USE OF CAUCUSES

Caucuses can be a useful tool in mediation under specific circumstances. Competing Teams should call for a Caucus when they consider that they need input from the Mediator during a Caucus to progress the Mediation. Students however are strongly encouraged to spend the majority of the Mediation in joint session in order to be able to communicate directly with the other Party. A Competing Team's reasonable use and non-use of Caucuses will be evaluated by Judges according to the Score Sheet. Often, the decision not to call for a Caucus might be more sensible within the circumstances of the specific Mediation than to call for a Caucus. A Caucus should not be used to seek clarification of the Competition Rules or any procedural matter.

Examples of the appropriate use of a Caucus are when a Competing Team:

• Wishes to clarify an issue or issues within the Problem or otherwise seek advice or guidance from the Mediator;

• Wishes to share with the Mediator facts, concerns, interests, or information that are or might be relevant to the progress of the Mediation to determine how and when it might be best to present such facts or information to the other Competing Team.

• Wants to explore or make an offer/ proposal and/or explore with the Mediator how best to present the offer/proposal within the Mediation.

ADMITTED MATERIAL DURING THE MEDIATION SESSION

For the Mediation Session each Competing Team may bring and use its own prepared notes for its own use and may, if need be, make its own notes during the Mediation Session. All notes must be written on paper. Each Competing Team may also bring and use a calculator and a watch (or equivalent: stopwatch, timer, etc.) if it wishes to do so. Use of any other electronic devices, such as mobile phones of any type or any other electronic devices, such as tablets, laptops, etc. and in particular any artifact capable of recording information is not permitted in the room where the Mediation Session takes place. Photography during the Mediation Session is also forbidden. This applies to Teams, Coaches, Professionals, Observers and Visitors. Only Judges and the Mediator with an active role in the session and the Organizing Committee constitute an exception to this Rule, to the extent that is necessary for performing their duties for the Competition.

ASSISTANCE TO THE TEAM- PERMITTED | PROHIBITED

PERMISSIBLE ASSISTANCE

The Coach(es) may advise and assist their Team in its planning and preparation for the Competition, including in advance of the Final Rounds.

PROHIBITED ASSISTANCE

• No person associated with a Competing Team, including the Coach(es), may give advice, assistance or instructions to, or communicate or attempt to communicate with any of the participants, and in particular with the two students forming a Competing Team, in any way, during the Mediation.

• Violation of this Rule, regardless of the substance thereof, and regardless of whether initiated by a participant or by any other person, may result in disqualification from the Competition of the whole Team with which the person is associated, as stated in Rule 8.0.Harmless error will not be a defense to a

SCORING & EVALUATION

i .The Score Sheet and Judging Criteria for the Mediation and Negotiation Plan as well as Oral Rounds shall be mentioned in the Subsidiary Rules that shall be released later.

ii .The Judges would be duly briefed with the Judging Criteria prior to the Competition.

iii.The Scoring of the Mediator and the Negotiators (Client-Counsel) will be done separately.

iv.The Final Decision will always be in the hands of Respective Judges and the Organizing Committee.

FEEDBACK SESSION

• The Feedback Session shall last for not more than the timing mentioned for each round. However, it may extend as per the Judge's discretion.

• The Feedback shall be provided to the Teams prior to the Scoring.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARTIES

The Competition is an educational event that seeks to encourage the open exchange of ideas, experience and know-how between students and Professionals from different countries, cultures, generations and backgrounds. Accordingly, exchange and dialogue between Judges and Mediators with Teams outside the Mediation Session is permitted and indeed encouraged (including regarding the Mediation Plans), subject to the principles of independence, impartiality and neutrality. Professionals are invited to share their insights with students about a particular Mediation Session or their practice in general. Nevertheless, Professionals are under a duty of confidentiality and must not reveal to any Team its or any other Teams' scores for a particular Mediation Session or the content of any Confidential Information, Teams are also under a duty of confidentiality and must not reveal the Confidential Information outside the Mediation. During the Mediation, only the two Competing Teams, the Mediator, the Mediation Session Supervisor and a member of the Organising Committee (if any) are allowed to speak, whereas anybody else present in the room must observe silence.

RULES FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE FURTHER ROUNDS

i. During the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall compete in both the preliminary rounds.

ii. Top 8 teams shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds.

iii. For the Semi-Finals as well as for Finals, the teams need to knock-out the other team in Quarter-Final Round and Semi-Final Round respectively.

iv. The Quarter-Final Match-up will be determined using the following systems:

- 1st Ranked Team v. **5th** Ranked Team
- 2nd Ranked Team v. **6th** Ranked Team
- 3rd Ranked Team v. **7th** Ranked Team
- 4th Ranked Team v. **8th** Ranked Team

v. The Semi-Finals Match-up will be determined using the following system:

- 1st Ranked Team v. **3rd** Ranked Team
- 2nd Ranked Team v. **4th** Ranked Team

vi. The Final Match-up will be determined using the following system:

- 1st Ranked Team v. **2nd** Ranked Team





MEDIATION PLAN & NEGOTIATION SIMULATION

Format of Mediation Plan

The Mediation Plan is to be prepared by the Mediators in the format mentioned below. Kindly Note that the Mediators are supposed to submit one Mediation Plan per Problem.

1. Mediation Strategy.
2. Goal of the Mediation.
3. Alternative Means to achieve the Goal.
4. Need and Interest of the Requesting Party.
5. Need and Interest of the Responding Party.
6. Best Alternative to the Negotiated Agreement (BATNA).
7. Worst Alternative to the Negotiated Agreements (WATNA)

FORMAT OF NEGOTIATION PLAN

The Negotiation Plan is to be submitted by the Negotiating Parties from both sides per problem i.e, both from the side of Requesting Party and the Responding Party. The Format is mentioned below :

1. Negotiating Strategy.
2. Division of Roles and Responsibilities between the Client and Counsel.
3. Underlying Need Interests of the Competing Party.
4. Probable Underlying Need & Interests of the Other Party.
5. Identifying Obstacles and means to overcome the Obstacles.
6. Best Alternative to the Negotiated Agreement (BATNA).
7. Worst Alternative to the Negotiated Agreement (WATNA).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

• Both the Mediation Plan (MP) and the Negotiation Plan (NP) need to follow the given format.

Font: Bookman Old Style| Font Size : 12| Spacing : 1.5

• Maximum Page Limit for both Mediation Plan & Negotiation Plan is Two Pages each.

• The Documents shall be renamed as follows:

'TEAM CODE- MEDIATION PLAN' or 'TEAM CODE-NEGOTIATION PLAN'

• The Mediation Plan & Negotiation Plan is to be submitted only for the Preliminary Rounds.

• A Total of Two Mediation Plan and Four Negotiation Plan is to be submitted by the Teams.





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AWARDS

S.No.	CATEGORY	CASH AWARDS
1.	Best Negotiating Team	**TOTAL Rs. 1,50,000/-*** (One Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
2.	Runner Up Negotiating Team	
3.	Best Mediator	
4.	Runner Up Mediator	
5.	Best Mediation Plan	**Rs. 10,000/-**
6.	Best Negotiation Plan	**Rs. 20,000/-**
7.	Best Opening Statement (Mediator)	**Rs. 10,000/-**
8.	Best Opening Statement (Negotiator)	**Rs. 20,000/-**
9.	Best Team Work between Client and Counsel	**Rs. 20,000/-**
10.	Best Relationship building with other team	**Rs. 15,000/-**
11.	Best Creative Solution	**Rs. 10,000/-**
12.	Best Acknowledgment of Cultural Differences	**Rs. 10,000/-**
13.	Best Performance - First Time Participating Team**	**Rs. 15,000/-**

* The above-mentioned cash prize shall be shared within the above mentioned four categories commensurate to their Final Score. Eg: Final Score of these 4 categories is 80/100; 75/100; 72/100 & 65/100, the total prize money shall be shared within the ratio of 80:75:72:65.

** *First Time Participating Team in SKMMIMNC*

All winners will be given an Internship at the following Law Firms/offices

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TIMELINE

S.No	Event	Date
1.	Registration - Opening	24 December 2024
2.	Provisional Registration - Closing	31 January 2025
3.	Final Registration - Closing	05 February 2025
4.	Mediation Problem - Release	16 February 2025
5.	Questions for Clarification - Closing	20 February 2025
6.	SKMMIMNC 6.0 - Workshop	01 March 2025
7.	Submission of the Mediation Plan - Closing	12 March 2025
8.	Preliminary Rounds	21 March 2025
9.	Octa Final & Quarter Final Round	22 March 2025
10.	Semi Final & Final Round / Valedictory Ceremony	23 March 2025

Kindly Note : *Any change in the above– mentioned date is subject to the decision of the Organizing Committee. Any change made shall be informed immediately.*

MISCELLANEOUS

i. Any request or query related to the organization and administration of the competition will be directed to the Organizing Committee at **skmmimnc@lloydlawcollege.edu.in.**

ii. No team shall approach any of the judges or panelists directly.

iii. All the registered team is bound to abide by the Rules.

iv. Any Decision of the Organizing Committee in the organization, execution, competition and administration of the competition is final and not subject to appeal.

v. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to add detailed regulations at any time if they are deemed necessary.

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