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The Alternative Dispute Resolution Board was established in 2022 as an initiative to develop a culture of ADR in HILSR that enables skill development and helps us compete at the national and international levels. We aim to provide a platform for ADR enthusiasts all across the world to interact with the HILSR student body to facilitate knowledge and growth in this emerging field.



ADR ABOUT BOARD



ABOUT



The Legal Aid Clinic and Legal Literacy Club, HILSR, Jamia Hamdard, were established by the Legal Aid Committee in collaboration with the DLSA, South District, to promote legal awareness and ensure access to justice for underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of society. The Clinic on the Ground Floor and the Club on the Second Floor of the Central Library Building were inaugurated on 17 February 2022 in the presence of dignitaries from the DSLSA and DLSA, South District. The initiative aims to spread awareness of legal rights and remedies while advancing the constitutional mandate of Article 39A, which ensures equal justice and free legal aid.

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About PRO BONO CLUB



The Pro Bono Club, HILSR, School of Law, established in 2024, is a student-led initiative operating under the Ministry of Law and Justice's Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) Scheme. It aims to foster a culture of free legal service and access to justice among law students by providing practical exposure to community legal aid, legal literacy, dispute resolution, legal research, and awareness initiatives. Through interaction with beneficiaries, legal professionals, and community stakeholders, the Club enables students to understand real-world legal issues, identify appropriate remedies, and develop essential skills such as empathy, communication, research, and professional responsibility.



ABOUT

2ND INTRA MEDIATION COMPEPTITION

The Second Intra Mediation Competition organised by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board, HILSR, Jamia Hamdard, has been envisioned to cultivate and refine the mediation skills of budding legal professionals. In today's dynamic legal landscape, the ability to facilitate dialogue, encourage collaboration, and resolve disputes amicably has become an essential hallmark of progressive lawyering. This competition goes beyond testing legal knowledge; it is a platform for participants to hone the delicate art of active listening, identifying core interests, and guiding parties towards mutually beneficial resolutions through mediation.

By bridging theory with experiential practice, the competition aims to nurture future mediators who are not only problem solvers but also agents of trust and empathy. As we embark on this journey, we invite participants to embrace the spirit of mediation-collaboration over confrontation, dialogue over discord, and consensus over compulsion.

The Intra Mediation Competition is not just a contest, but a stepping stone towards cultivating a generation of legal professionals who are equipped to lead with patience, creativity, and client-centered understanding. Let the conversations begin, the perspectives merge, and the resolutions emerge, as we celebrate the transformative power of mediation in this pioneering event.



RULES & REGULATIONS

2^{n d} INTRA MEDIATION COMPETITION 2026

The ADR Board hereby lays down the following
Rules& Procedure for the

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled in Jamia Hamdard University, Department of Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies and Research (HILSR), are eligible to participate in the Competition.

1.2 LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition, for all purposes, shall be English. All written and oral submissions shall be made in English.

1.3 DRESS CODE

Boys are required to wear a white shirt, black trousers, black coat, and black shoes.

Girls are required to wear a white shirt, black trousers, black coat, and black shoes, or white and black Indian formals with a black coat.

The prescribed dress code shall also apply to the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremonies.

1.4 PLATFORM

- The Inaugural Ceremony shall be conducted online.
- The Preliminary Round and Quarter-Final Round shall be conducted online on 25 October 2026.
- The Semi-Final Round and Final Round shall be conducted offline on the college premises on 26 October 2026.
- The Valedictory Ceremony shall be conducted offline on 26 October 2026.

1.5 CODE OF CONDUCT

a) The 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.

b) In case of any doubt, the decision of the Competition Administrator shall be final and binding upon all concerned parties.

c) In case of any changes in the Competition, the participants shall be informed through email or other official communication. Participants shall be responsible for taking note of any such changes.

2. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Each team shall consist of three (03) participants, namely:

- One Mediator; and
- One Client-Counsel Pair, consisting of one Client and one Counsel.

The roles of the Mediator and Client-Counsel Pair cannot be interchanged in any round of the Competition.

3. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3.1 Interested teams must register by filling out the enclosed Google Form. Any technical glitches faced by a team while filling out the registration form shall be immediately brought to the notice of the Organising Committee.

Participants can access the registration form at:

3.2 The registration period shall end on 15th October 2026.

3.3 The participating team shall mandatorily fill in all necessary details as contained in the registration form.

3.4 The Organising Committee shall send a confirmation of participation email after verification of the registration process and the details submitted by the participating team.

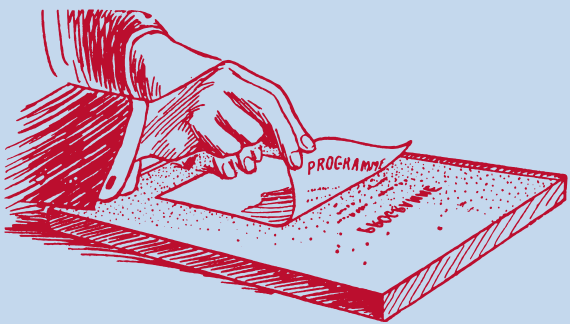
3.5 After the registration deadline, confirmed teams shall receive a unique team code for identification throughout the Competition which shall also be used for any further communication.



4. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

4.1 The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- a) Preliminary Round
- b) Quarter-Final Round
- c) Semi-Final Round
- d) Final Round



4.2 All rounds of the Competition shall be knockout rounds. Teams shall advance to the next round based on their performance and scores in the preceding round.

4.3 The Competition shall be conducted over 25 October 2026 and 26 October 2026, as follows:

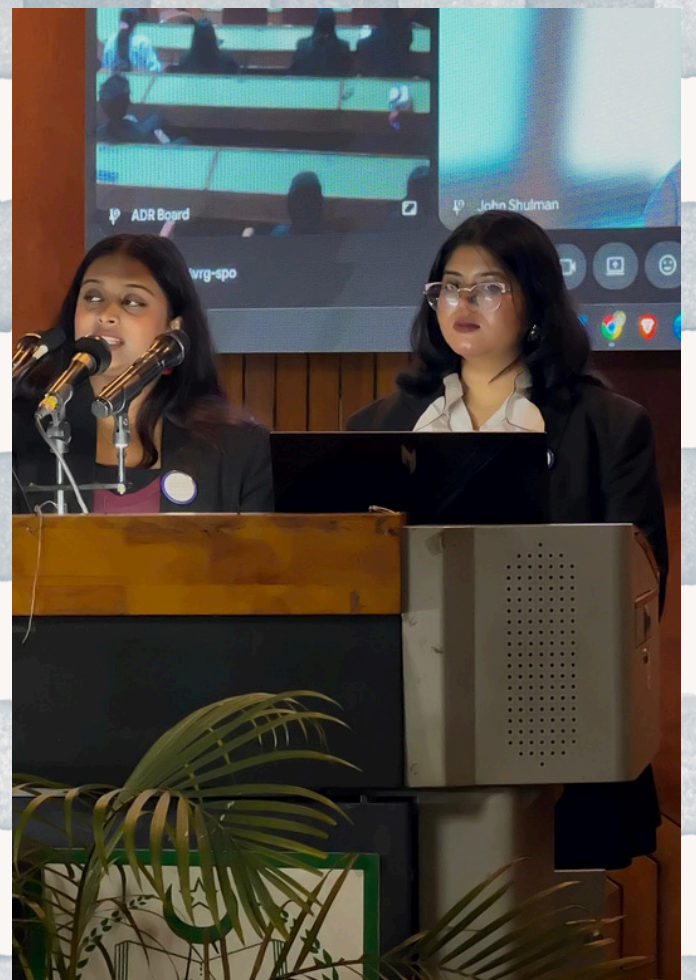


Date	Round/Activity	Mode
25 Oct 2026	Preliminary Round	Online
25 Oct 2026	Quarter-Final Round	Online
26 Oct 2026	Semi-Final Round	Offline
26 Oct 2026	Final Round	Offline
26 Oct 2026	Valedictory Ceremony	Offline

5. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

5.1 PRELIMINARY ROUND

- a) The Preliminary Round shall be a knockout round.
- b) Each mediation session shall consist of 25 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for room setup for the Client, 15 minutes for the mediation session with the Client, and 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- c) During the 5-minute post-session period, the participants shall summarise the interview, analyse the problem, and present the proposed course of action to the Judges. The Client shall not be present during this period.
- d) The roles of the Requesting Party and Responding Party shall be determined by draw of lots.
- e) Teams must adhere to the allotted time. Subject to the discretion of the Judges, if a team exceeds the prescribed time for the Mediation Session, a negative marking of 1 mark for every 2 minutes exceeded shall be imposed.
- f) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on an area relating to: Family/Matrimonial Disputes
- g) Based on the scores obtained, the qualifying teams shall proceed to the Quarter-Final Round.



5.2 QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

- a) The top 6 teams from the Preliminary Round shall proceed to the Quarter-Final Round, which shall be a knockout round.
- b) The team shall represent either the Requesting Party or the Responding Party, as determined by the Draw of Lots.
- c) The Quarter-Final Round shall consist of 35 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for room setup for the Client, 25 minutes for the mediation session with the Client, and 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- d) During the 5-minute post-session period, the participants shall summarise the interview, analyse the problem, and present the proposed course of action to the Judges. The Client shall not be present during this period.
- e) Teams must adhere to the allotted time. Subject to the discretion of the Judges, if a team exceeds the prescribed time for the Mediation Session, a negative marking of 1 mark for every 2 minutes exceeded shall be imposed.
- f) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on an area relating to: Environmental nuisance and dispute resolution
- g) Based on the scores obtained, the top 4 teams shall proceed to the Semi-Final Round.



5.3 SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- a) The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall proceed to the Semi-Final Round, which shall be a knockout round.
- b) The team shall represent either the Requesting Party or the Responding Party, as determined by the Draw of Lots.
- c) The Semi-Final Round shall consist of 35 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for room setup for the Client, 25 minutes for the mediation session with the Client, and 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- d) During the 5-minute post-session period, the participants shall summarise the interview, analyse the problem, and present the proposed course of action to the Judges. The Client shall not be present during this period.
- e) Teams must adhere to the allotted time. Subject to the discretion of the Judges, if a team exceeds the prescribed time for the Mediation Session, a negative marking of 1 mark for every 2 minutes exceeded shall be imposed.
- f) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on an area relating to: Workplace/Employment Disputes or Landlord-Tenant/Housing Society Disputes
- g) Based on the scores obtained, the top 2 teams shall proceed to the Final Round.

5.4 FINAL ROUND

- a) The top 2 teams from the Semi-Final Round shall proceed to the Final Round, which shall be a knockout round.
- b) The Final Round shall consist of 45 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for room setup for the Client, 30 minutes for the mediation session with the Client, and 10 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- c) Teams must adhere to the allotted time. Subject to the discretion of the Judges, if a team exceeds the prescribed time for the Mediation Session, a negative marking of 1 mark for every 2 minutes exceeded shall be imposed.
- d) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on areas relating to Consumer Disputes
- e) The team securing the highest score in the Final Round shall be declared the Winner.

6. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

6.1 Participants shall assemble at the venue or designated online platform specified by the Organising Committee for the release of confidential information at least 30 minutes prior to their allotted time slot.

6.2 Participants shall not disclose the confidential information to any other participant throughout the Competition. Any such disclosure made to another participant before or after their round shall lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition, without any scope for appeal.

7. SCOPE OF INTERPRETATION

Participants shall restrict the interpretation of the problem to reasonable conclusions and shall not be permitted to create or introduce additional facts.

8. AWARDS & PRIZES

8.1 WINNER

The winning Client-Counsel Pair shall be declared the Winner and shall be awarded a Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

8.2 FIRST RUNNER-UP

The Client-Counsel Pair securing the second-highest score in the Final Round shall be declared the 1st Runner-Up and shall be awarded a Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

8.3 SECOND RUNNER-UP

The Client-Counsel Pair securing the third-highest overall position, based on the applicable scores, shall be declared the 2nd Runner-Up and shall be awarded a Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

8.4 BEST MEDIATOR

The Mediator adjudged to have performed the best in the Final Round shall be declared the Best Mediator and shall be awarded a Trophy and Certificate of Merit.

8.5 CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Every participating team shall receive an E-Certificate of Participation

9. MARKING CRITERIA

9.1 JUDGING CRITERIA FOR CLIENTS AND COUNSELS

The Client-Counsel Pair shall be evaluated on the basis of the prescribed judging criteria and scoresheet circulated by the Organizing Committee.

S. No.	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Marks	Client Score	Counsel Score
1	Opening Statement of the Parties – Clarity, relevance, tone, identification of concerns and presentation of the party’s perspective.	15	/15	/15
2	Identification of Interests & Setting the Agenda – Ability to identify underlying interests and establish clear issues for discussion.	15	/15	/15
3	Teamwork Between Counsel & Client – Effective coordination, communication, consultation and division of roles between counsel and client.	10	/10	/10
4	Dealing with Impasse – Ability to identify, manage and overcome deadlocks through constructive negotiation and problem-solving.	10	/10	/10
5	Strategic Use of Caucus – Appropriate and purposeful use of caucuses to clarify interests, reality-test positions and facilitate settlement.	10	/10	/10
6	Effective Initiation & Response to Offers – Ability to make, evaluate and respond to proposals strategically while remaining solution-oriented.	20	/20	/20
7	Judicious Utilisation of Time – Effective prioritisation and management of issues within the allotted time.	10	/10	/10
8	Closing Statement of the Parties – Clear and appropriate conclusion reflecting the progress made, areas of agreement and/or remaining issues.	10	/10	/10
	TOTAL	100	/100	/100

9. MARKING CRITERIA

9.2 JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MEDIATORS

The Mediators shall be evaluated on the basis of their neutrality, communication, facilitation skills, process management, ability to identify issues and interests, and overall conduct during the mediation session, as per the prescribed scoresheet.

S. No.	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Marks
1	Opening Statement of the Mediator – Clearly explains the mediation process, role of the mediator, confidentiality, ground rules and expectations.	10
2	Identification of Issues – Effectively identifies, clarifies and prioritises the issues requiring resolution.	10
3	Looping & Summarising – Demonstrates active listening by accurately reframing, acknowledging and summarising the parties' concerns and interests.	10
4	Option Generation – Facilitates creative, realistic and mutually acceptable options without imposing solutions on the parties.	10
5	Time Management – Efficiently manages the mediation process and allocates sufficient time to important issues without unnecessarily rushing or delaying proceedings.	10
6	Procedural Ethics & Cultural Sensitivity – Maintains neutrality, impartiality, confidentiality and procedural fairness while remaining sensitive to cultural differences and communication styles.	10
7	Timing, Reasoning & Productivity of Caucus – Uses caucuses at appropriate stages, demonstrates sound reasoning in deciding when to caucus and ensures that caucuses contribute meaningfully to settlement.	10
8	Closing Statement of the Mediator – Effectively concludes the mediation by summarising progress, agreements, unresolved issues and appropriate next steps.	10
TOTAL		80

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Nothing in these Rules & Procedure shall prejudice any right which any Participant would have had before the enactment of these Rules & Procedure.

10.2 The Organising Committee or the Institute shall not be held responsible for any actions of the Participants before or during the Competition which are in violation of the present Rules & Procedure.

10.3 INFRINGEMENT OF RULES

a) Any infringement of the Rules & Procedure may lead to the disqualification of the entire team from the Competition. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, alter, vary, or change, in any manner whatsoever, the rules governing the Competition. Any such changes shall be communicated to the participating teams within a reasonable period.

b) The Organising Committee shall have the sole authority to settle any ambiguities or inconsistencies pertaining to the Rules & Procedure.

c) In cases of disputes, the decision of the Judges and the Organisers shall be deemed final and binding.

REGISTRATION LINK

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