



Alternative Dispute Resolution Board
Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies & Research
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New Delhi
organises

FIRST INTRA MEDIATION COMPETITION 2025

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ABOUT

FIRST INTRA MEDIATION COMPETITION

The First 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

The ADRB here by makes the following rules for the 1st Intra mediation competition.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Eligibility

Students enrolled in Jamia Hamdard university in the department of Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies and Researches.

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.

1.2 Dress Code

Boys are required to wear a White Shirt, Black Pant, Black Coat, and Black shoes. Girls are required to wear a White Shirt, Black Pant, Black Coat, Black shoes, or White and Black Indian Formals with a Black Coat.. This mentioned dress code extends to the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremony as well.

1.3 Platform

Preliminary rounds (i.e. Prelims 1 and 2) and **Quarter finals** will be held online on **26th September 2025**. The **Semi Final** and the **Final round** will be held **offline** on the collage premises on **27th September 2025**.

1.4 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 the interested parties.

- c) In case of any changes in the Competition, the participants will receive email with such changes. However, participants are liable for not being aware of the changes being made to the competition, if any.

2. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

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

3. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3.1 Interested teams must register by filling the enclosed Google Form. Any technical glitches faced by the team while filling out the registration form are to be borne by the team immediately. Participants can access it at: <https://forms.gle/T1TVoJfH1LVrMN3X6>

3.2 Registration dates start from **5th September** and end on **15th September 2025**.

3.3 Participation is limited to the **first 12 teams** on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

3.4 The Participating Team shall mandatorily fill their necessary details as contained in the enclosed link of the form

3.5 The Organizing Committee will send a confirmation of participation email after verifying the entire process as enlisted under the clauses.

3.6 After the registration deadline, confirmed teams will 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 comprise of Qualifying Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

4.2 The Qualifying Rounds shall consist of a Preliminary Round and the Advanced Rounds shall consist of three knock-out rounds viz, Quarter-Final Round, Semi-Final Round, and the Final Round.

4.3 The competition will be held from **September 26, 2025 to September 27, 2025**. The **Preliminary Round, Quarter-Final round** shall be conducted on **September 26, 2025** followed by the **Semi-Final and Final Rounds on September 27, 2025**.

5. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

5.1 Preliminary Round

- a) The preliminary round shall be conducted for 25 minutes followed by, 5 minutes for room setup for Client, 15 minutes for session with client and at last 5 minutes for Judges' feedback, which will be a knock out round.
- b) During the 5-minute post-session with the client period, participants summarize the interview, analyse the problem, and present the course of action to the judge. Clients won't be present.
- c) Each Team shall be once the Responding Party and once the Requesting Party in each session which will be determined by draw of lots.
- d) Teams must adhere to allotted time, subject to the discretion of the judges, if a team exceeds the given time frame for the Mediation Session, there shall be a negative marking of 1 for every 2 minutes exceeded.
- e) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on area relating to - Mediation Act, Code of Civil procedure, Family Law, Contract law, Company Laws, Property Laws, Other Civil Laws.

5.2 Quarter-Final Rounds

- a) The top 6 Teams from the Preliminary knock-out Round will proceed to the Quarter Final Round, which will also be a knock out round.
- b) The Team will be required to only represent the Responding Party or the Requesting Party which will be determined by the Draw of Lots
- c) The Quarter-Final will be of 35 minutes followed by, 5 minutes for room setup for Client, 25 minutes for session with client and at last 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- d) During the 5-minute post-session with the client period, participants summarize the interview, analyse the problem, and present the course of action to the judge. Clients won't be present.
- e) Teams must adhere to allotted time, subject to the discretion of the judges, if a team exceeds the given time frame for the Mediation Session, there shall be a negative marking of 1 for every 2 minutes exceeded.
- f) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on area relating to - Mediation Act, Code of Civil procedure, Family Law, Contract law, Company Laws, Property Laws, Other Civil Laws.

5.3 Semi-Final Rounds

- a) The top 4 Teams from the Quarter-Final Round will proceed to the Semi-Final Round, which will also be a knock out round.
- b) The Team will be required to only represent the Responding Party or the Requesting Party which will be determined by the Draw of Lots.
- c) The Semi-Final Round will be of 35 minutes followed by, 5 minutes for room setup for Client, 25 minutes for session with client and at last 5 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- d) During the 5-minute post-session with the client period, participants summarize the interview, analyse the problem, and present the course of action to the judge. Clients won't be present.
- e) Teams must adhere to allotted time, subject to the discretion of the judges, if a team exceeds the given time frame for the Mediation Session, there shall be a negative marking of 1 for every 2 minutes exceeded.
- f) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on area relating to - Mediation Act, Code of Civil procedure, Family Law, Contract law, Company Laws, Property Laws, Other Civil Laws.

5.4 Final Round

- a) The top 2 Teams from the Semi Final Round will proceed to the Final Round.
- b) The Final Rounds will be of 45 minutes followed by, 5 minutes for room setup for Client, 30 minutes for session with client and at last 10 minutes for Judges' feedback.
- c) Teams must adhere to allotted time, subject to the discretion of the judges, if a team exceeds the given time frame for the Mediation Session, there shall be a negative marking of 1 for every 2 minutes exceeded.
- d) The Mediation Competition problem will focus on area relating to - Mediation Act, Code of Civil procedure, Family Law, Contract law, Company Laws, Property Laws, Other Civil Laws.

6. CONFIDENTIAL PROBLEM

6.1 Participants shall assemble at the given venue specified by the Organizing Committee for release of confidential information 30 minutes prior to the allotted time slot.

6.2 Participants shall not disclose the confidential information to any other Participant throughout the Competition. Any such disclosure made to other Participants before or after

their round shall lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition without scope of appeal.

7. SCOPE OF INTERPRETATION

7.1 Participants shall restrict the interpretation of the problem to reasonable conclusions and are not allowed to create additional facts.

8. AWARDS & PRIZES

8.1 The **Negotiating Pair** (Client + Counsel) team that scores the **highest in the Final Round** shall be declared as the **Winners** and shall be **awarded a trophy**, and a **certificate of merit**.

8.2 The Negotiating pair (Client + Counsel) team qualifying for the Final Round but not securing the top spot shall be declared as the **1st Runners-Up** and be **awarded a trophy**, and a **certificate of merit**.

8.3 The negotiating pair (Client + Counsel) team qualifying for the Semi-Final Round with the **third-highest score**, and based on 3rd highest score shall be declared as the **2nd Runners-Up** and be **awarded a certificate of Merit**.

8.4 The **Best Mediator** and the **2nd best Mediator** will be **awarded a Trophy** and a **Certificate of Merit**.

8.5 Every **Participating Team** shall receive a **Certificate of Participation**.

9. MARKING CRITERIA

9.1 JUDGING CRITERIA FOR CLIENTS AND COUNSELS

Serial No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Expression of Concern (Showing how well the client demonstrates genuine interest in understanding their situation and being conscious during the counselling session).	15
2.	Facts describing skills (Evaluating how effectively the client can present relevant facts and identify the legal issues).	10

3.	Relations with Counsel (Building a professional relationship and maintaining a respectful and cooperative demeanour with respective Counsels).	10
4.	Answering the Counsel's queries (Evaluating the client's responsiveness to questions and queries posed by the counsels, ensuring clear and relevant answers and effective handling of challenges from the counsel)	10
5.	Professional Approach (Assessing the overall professionalism displayed by the client during the counselling session, including factors such as punctuality, attire, demeanour, and maintaining a professional and respectful tone).	10
6.	Capabilities of understanding legal procedures (Evaluating the depth of their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, assessing the clients' grasp of legal concepts, and their ability to apply legal knowledge to address raised issues).	10
7.	Capabilities of understanding the legal advice from Counsel (Evaluating the clients' ability to comprehend and analyse legal advice and strategy presented by the opposing counsel, assessing whether they can critically evaluate the legal advice received and respond appropriately).	10
8.	Capabilities of handling unforeseen situations (Demonstrating how well the participants adapt to unexpected developments or challenges that may arise during the counselling session, showing their ability to think on their feet and navigate unforeseen legal issues effectively).	10
9.	Client Satisfaction (Measuring the overall satisfaction of the client with the counselling session, considering the client's feedback and impression of the participants' performance and whether the client feels confident and content with the advice and support provided).	15

Total = 100

9.2 JUDGING CRITERIA FOR COUNSEL

Serial No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach (Creating a welcoming and respectful environment for the client, demonstrating professionalism, and using appropriate communication).	10
2.	Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in so doing (Skilfully identifying and understanding the client's issue through insightful questioning and appropriate counselling techniques).	10
3.	Clients' goals, expectations, and needs (Demonstrating an understanding of what the client aims to achieve)	10
4.	Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision (Analysing the client's issue accurately and ensuring a precise Understanding).	10
5.	Suggesting Alternative Solutions (Offering a variety of thoughtful and viable solutions to the client's Problem).	10
6.	Allowing the client to informed choice (Empowering the client with the necessary information and options to make an informed decision).	10
7.	Effective conclusion of the counselling session (Summarizing the discussion effectively, ensuring the client	10

	comprehends the suggested solutions and any necessary followup actions).	
8.	Team Work (Demonstrating effective collaboration and coordination)	10
9.	Management of ethical and professional relation with the client-dealing with the emotional and legal needs of the client (Maintaining professionalism, and addressing the client's emotional and legal needs while ensuring confidentiality and trust).	10
10.	Post-interview session interaction with the judges/among themselves (Efficiently summarizing the interview with proper analysis of the problem and pressing a suggested course of action).	10
Total = 100		

9.3 JUDGING CRITERIA FOR MEDIATOR

Serial No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Opening Statement (Conveying the importance of the process, Tactics adopted to calm parties, Effective explanation of the process with special reference to his/her role)	15
2.	Closing Statement (Summarising the mediation session, Effective ending to the session)	15
3.	Creating an Appropriate Environment (Laying down ground rules, nature of the approach, Making the parties comfortable, establishing 'negotiation' environment, Building trust with parties)	10

4.	Control Over the Session (Laying down of effective agenda, Adherence to ground rules, assisting parties to move forward in the session, Timely intervention).	10
5.	Ability to Work as a Team (Teamwork and Cooperation with co-mediator).	10
6.	Eliciting Information from Mediating Pair (Framing of questions, Manner of asking uncomfortable questions, collecting information while maintaining an unbiased image, Optimum use of time by asking only relevant questions).	10
7.	Conduct and Demeanour (Body language, listening skills, Professionalism, display of patience).	10
8.	Facilitating Option Generation (Approach adopted in assisting option generation, Steps taken to keep options realistic, Encouraging the parties to generate win-win option).	10
9.	Time Management (Ensuring judicious use of time in conference and caucus, Adherence to the time divisions stipulated in the Rules).	10
		Total = 100

10. MISCELLANEOUS

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

10.2 The Organizing Committee or the Institute shall not be held responsible for any actions of the Participants before or during the Competition, which are violative under the present Rules & Procedure

10.3 Subject to the organizers' discretion, the panel of judges will be changed based on the condition of maintaining the anonymity of the competition.

10.4 Infringement of Rules

- a) Any infringement of regulations will lead to disqualifying 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 which would be communicated to the teams within reasonable period.
- b) The Organising committee has the sole authority to settle the ambiguities or inconsistencies pertaining to the Rules, if any.
- c) In cases of disputes, the decision of the Judges and the Organizers shall be deemed final.

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

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