SCHOOL of LAW
1st NATIONAL ADR COMPETITION
2016
Rules and Regulations

1. General

1.1 The School of Law, Christ University will be holding its 1st National ADR Competition 2016 from 11th-13th February, 2016. This is one of the flagship events organized by the SLCU ADR Board.

1.2 The 1st edition of the National ADR Competition shall consist of three separate events namely, Client Counselling Competition, Negotiation Competition and Mediation Competition to be held from 11th-13th February, 2016.

2. Objectives

2.1 The National ADR Competition aims at providing a platform to eligible participants across law institutes to exhibit their skills, adeptness and understanding of law through various legal exercises.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Only bona fide students of law colleges/Universities pursuing a Three Year/Five Year Degree programme are eligible to participate in the competition. Participation is restricted to the first 16 colleges which have registered for the event.

3.2 There will be one team for client counselling and one team for negotiation and a single participant for mediation (as the mediator). However, no college can be represented by more than 5 students in total. The registration for each event per person will be separate. Please note that there will be only one member per team in a mediation round and the others will have two members for the respective events. Every college can participate in 1, 2 or all 3 events however, there must be separate teams for each event.

3.3 Every event will have a maximum cap of 16 teams which will be based on first cum first serve basis. The final discretion will lie with the ADR Board, School Of Law.
4. Code of Conduct

4.1 All participants must present themselves in a dignified manner. Proper dress code (Western Formals) at all times during the competition is a must for all the participants.

Use of any electronic gadgets is not permitted during the rounds.

4.3 Participants must not reveal the identity of their University during the rounds or any time before the judges have finished evaluating the participants. All written or oral communications in front of the judges must be in English.

4.4 Scouting, sharing information or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited and teams will be disqualified for the same.

4.5 The ADR Board, SLCU reserves the right to disqualify any team for misconduct during the competition. In case of doubts, the decision of the members of the Board shall be final.

4.6 All grievances are to be filed to the Convener of the ADR Board.

4.7 Any attempt to obtain the confidential information (negotiation) or any other information of any of the parties which may give the team an unfair advantage in the competition will result in immediate expulsion of the team and blacklisting of that college.

5. Rules and Regulations

5.1 Detailed rules are provided for all competitions in separate documents.

5.2 Non-compliance with any of the rules will result in disqualification of the team.

5.3 Clarifications regarding the rules can be sought from the organizers via email provided below.

5.4 All match-ups will be decided by the Organizers by a draw of lots.

5.5 The evaluation criteria will be released by the ADR Board along with the Rules for each event.

5.6 All awards and certificates will be distributed at the Valedictory function on 13th February, 2016.

5.7 Team codes will be allotted to the respective teams after registering for the Competition and shall remain the same till the completion of Final Rounds.
5.8 Subject-matter of each Round: The area of law which will form the basis for the simulation in each Round is designated and will be disclosed on the first day of the competition.

6. Anti-Scouting Policy

6.1 Scouting in all forms is strictly prohibited. Members or persons affiliated with a Participating Team will not be allowed to observe the Negotiation Sessions of any other team(s).

6.2 The teams are also discouraged from contacting an external source after the disclosure of the problem. The strategy and ideas of the teams must be purely original.

6.3 Scouting, or deemed Scouting shall result in immediate disqualification of a Participating Team and any decision of the in this regard shall be Organizing Committee final and binding upon a Participating Team.

7. Penalties and Disqualifications

7.1 The rules governing the teams will be strictly adhered to and any such deviations thereof can attract penalties which will be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

7.2 Only the team codes should be quoted at the time of communicating with the judges and their and the identity of the members of the team should not be revealed at any point during or after the Simulation.

8. Awards

8.1 Awards including a trophy and a cash prize will be provided to:

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Winners, Client Counselling Competition</td>
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**Overall Championship Trophy**

8.1 The overall Championship Trophy will be awarded to a team scoring maximum points.

8.2 If the team scoring the highest points, does not win in any of the events, that shall not bar the team from being eligible to win the Championship Trophy.

8.3 The criteria for the same shall be the overall performance and score in the competition and not necessarily winning any event/events.

**9. Registration**

9.1 Registration should be done by all teams through the website :-

www.adrslcu.weebly.com

9.2 The participating team is required to duly fill the Provisional Online Registration Form by **6th January, 2016, till 11:59 PM** Spot registrations will not be entertained.

9.3 The registration fees will be Rs.1,000/- per person per event and a separate **Rs. 1,000/- per participant** for those who wish to take accommodation.

9.4 The list of the top 16 teams selected will be released by **7th January, 2016, till 06:00 PM**. These selected teams will receive further details regarding payment, accommodation, team codes etc.

**10. Food and Accommodation**

10.1 The college will provide accommodation for not more than 5 students per college from 11th morning to 13th afternoon. Further details will be sent to the selected teams after 12th January, 2016.

10.2 All the meals will be provided by the institute during the dates of the competition to all the participants.
11. Clarifications

11.1 Any clarifications regarding the competition, events, rules etc. shall be addressed to the ADR Board, SLCU at adrboard@law.christuniversity.in

Negotiation

1. Nature and Composition of Team

1.1 Each participating team shall consist of two students from the same college/university who have been confirmed for participation in the competition by the Competition Organizers.

2. Objective

2.1 The object of the Negotiation Competition are to: (1) promote greater interest among law students in legal negotiation; (2) provide a means for law students to practice and improve their negotiating skills in cross-border transactions and disputes; (3) enable law students to receive a critique of their performance from experienced legal negotiators; and (4) help law students become aware of and experience the special aspects of legal negotiations.

3. Marking Criteria

3.1 The Participating Teams will be evaluated by the judges based on the following criteria:

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<td>Opening Statement</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Knowledge of Law</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Identifying Key issues of Dispute</td>
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### 4. Time Limits

4.1 Each participating team will participate in a 35-minute negotiation session inclusive of Opening Statements and Deliberations by each team. The deliberations will be followed by a 5-minute (per team) period of Post-Negotiation Analysis and a question-answer session by the judges for each team. Hence, each round that shall continue for a maximum of 45 minutes (35 + 5 + 5).

### 5. Confidential Information

5.1 Confidential Information shall be released to the respective teams 5 minutes before the commencement of the negotiation session. This Information should not be disclosed to any other participant for the remainder of the Rounds.

### 6. Strategy Paper

6.1 Each team will be required to submit a strategy paper on the preliminary round problem. The papers would be provided to the judges at the time of rounds, and may be used by them to aid in their marking or for questioning the teams during self-analysis. The soft copy of the strategy paper must be submitted by 25th January, 2016 as mentioned in 6.3 and a print of hard copy (both the sides) should be brought by the teams at the day of arrival of the competition.
The strategy paper shall include the following components

I.  Brief Facts

II. Issues Involved

III. Laws Applicable

IV. Interests of First Party

V. Conflicting Interests of Second Party

VI. BATNA (Best Alternative To Negotiated Agreement)

VII. Arguments

*Note: Teams have the option to include additional components, if necessary, however they cannot edit or exclude any of the components listed above. An additional marks of 20 is reserved for the strategy paper for the prelims. The strategy papers should be in the following format: Font- Times New Roman, Size- 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

Further, two copies from each side one in Microsoft word and one in pdf format should be sent. The team codes have to be written on the right top most corner of the first page of the paper. The name of the university or participant should not be disclosed in the paper, failing which it will attract penalty.

6.2 Each strategy paper must not exceed 5 sides. (Inclusive of all contents)

6.3 The soft copies of the strategy paper should be emailed to: 
adrboard@law.christuniversity.in. The subject of the mail should be - “Strategy Paper : *team code*”. The hard copies of the strategy paper should be submitted at the time of arrival for the competition.
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GOOD LUCK!!