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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The esteemed Ramaiah College of Law (formerly, M. S. Ramaiah College of Law), which bears testimony to the sagacity and visionary zeal of our beloved founder Dr. Late Sri.M.S.Ramaiah was established in 1995 with the approval of Bar Council of India. It added one more feather to the cap of M.S.Ramaiah Group of Institutions.

Hon'ble Founder Chairman Dr. M. S. Ramaiah, a visionary, philanthropist, and educationalist who pioneered a galaxy of institutions embracing every discipline of education with the express intention of serving the public, founded the Gokula Education Foundation (GEF) in the year 1962. Today, it manages a number of educational institutions with independent infrastructure, top-notch faculty, and engaging teaching methods.

The Hon'ble Founder Chairman M.S. Ramaiah established a "Centre of Excellence" in the field of legal studies in 1995 with the noble mission of imparting quality legal education using a suitable approach in a positive academic environment. This initiative has greatly shaped the future of students and prepared them to face challenges in the workplace with courage and confidence. The college has also been effective in producing knowledgeable, moral, and ethical lawyers. A number of exceptional graduates have achieved success in their fields and are employed by prestigious law firms and businesses.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Ramaiah College of Law's Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADRC) was founded in 2016 with the goal of promoting education and practice in ADR techniques among students. Since inception, the Centre for ADR has hosted one client counseling and negotiation competition ("SAMYAT") and conducted various workshops and training sessions in order to inculcate the pragmatic skills required in the field of ADR.

The committee believes in the transformative power of experiential learning and the practical application of ADR techniques. The committee focuses on the continuous improvement and innovation of ADR practices. They encourage participants to explore new approaches, techniques, and strategies that can enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of dispute resolution processes. The committee values creativity, adaptability, and a willingness to challenge conventional methods to foster growth and advancement in the field of ADR.

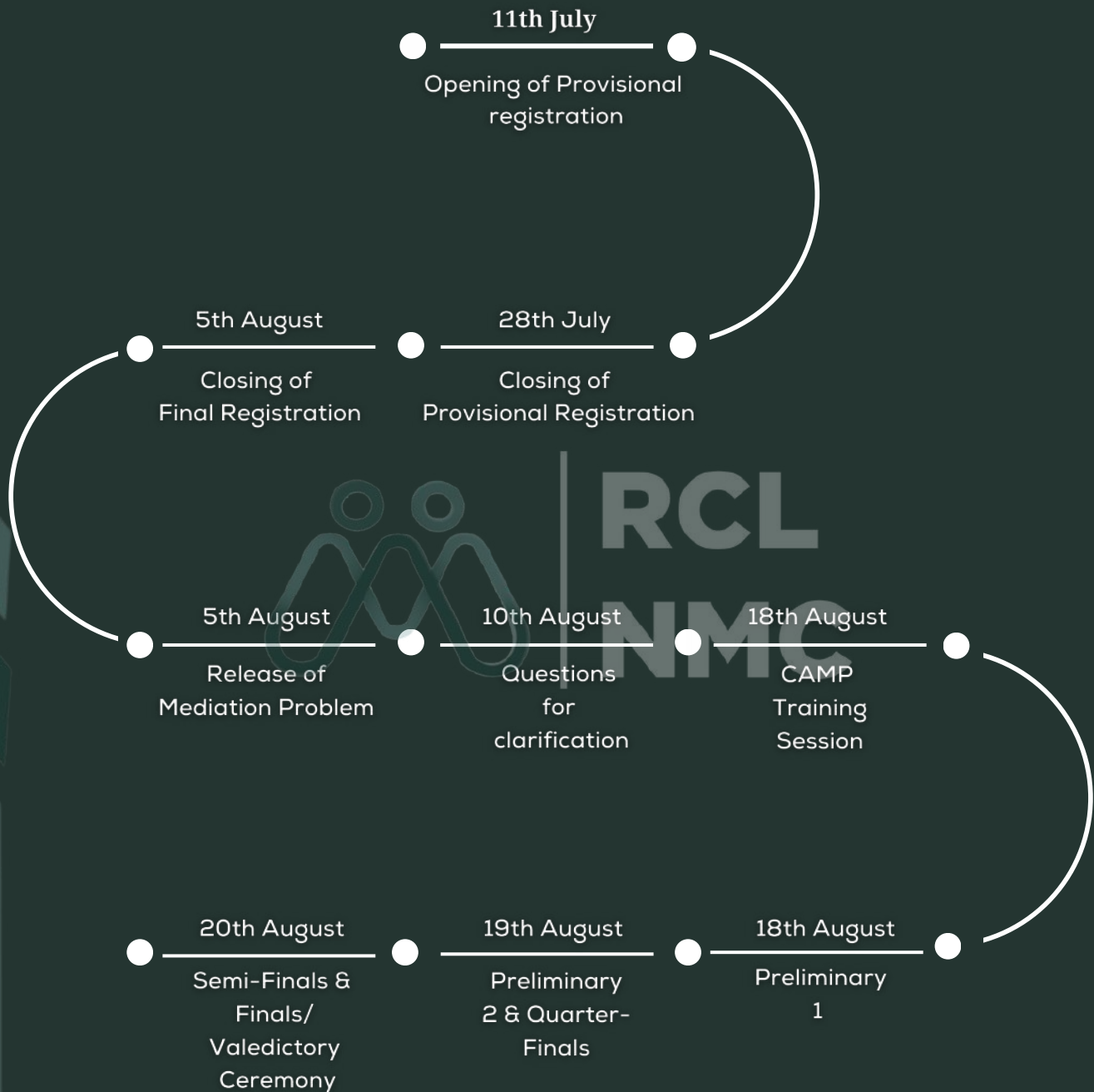


ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Ramaiah College of Law is pleased to host the inaugural edition of RCL NMC (National Mediation Competition) from August 18-20,2023. The competition will host 24 teams from India, chosen based on experience and accomplishments of the universities in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR").

The objective of the competition is to instill the skills of negotiation and mediation in the law students across India and expose them to the pragmatic approach based on real-life simulations. It will include a special training session conducted by 'CAMP' as well as various networking sessions for participants.

IMPORTANT DATES (July & August)



MODE OF CONDUCT

The First Edition of RCL NMC, 2023 organized by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution of Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru will be held offline in the campus of Ramaiah College of Law from 18th August (Friday) – 20th August (Sunday).

FORMAT:

1. Two Preliminary rounds
2. One Quarter-final round
3. One Semi-final round
4. One Final round.

The competition shall consist of:

1. Client-Attorney Segment.

1.1 Each Participating team shall consist of two eligible Students, one playing the role of "Client", and the other playing the role of "Attorney".

1.2 Participating team shall be allowed to change the roles

2. Mediator Segment.

2.1 Each participating team shall consist of one eligible student, playing the role of Mediator.

ROUNDS:

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS 1&2:

1. Each room shall include two Client-Attorney pairs and one Mediator.

1.1 The competition shall comprise of two Preliminary Rounds following which the top 8 teams shall qualify for the Quarter-Final rounds on the basis of their cumulative score from both the rounds.

Time Limit :

1. Confidential information : 30 Minutes
2. Negotiation Round : 45 Minutes

QUARTER- FINAL ROUND:

1. Each room shall include two Client-Attorney pairs and one Mediator.
2. The Competition shall comprise of a Quarter-Final round following which top 4 teams shall qualify for the Semi-Final on the basis of their score.

Time Limit:

1. Confidential information: 30 Minutes.
2. Negotiation Round : 60 Minutes.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND:

1. Each room shall include two Client-Attorney pairs and one Mediator
2. The Competition shall comprise one semifinal round following which top 2 teams shall qualify for the final on the basis of their Score.

Time limit:

1. Confidential information: 30 Minutes
2. Negotiation Round : 60 Minutes

FINAL ROUND:

1. Each room shall include two Client-Attorney pairs and one Mediator.
2. The Competition shall comprise one final round which would determine the winners of the Competition.

Time limit:

1. Confidential information : 45 Minutes
2. Negotiation Round : 90 Minutes

CLIENT ATTORNEY SEGMENT

1. A total of 24 teams will be selected in this segment.
2. Each team shall consist of 2 members.
3. The segment is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students registered in a university. Kindly note that the segment is limited to only law students.
4. The participating Universities will be shortlisted based on the details filled in by them in the Application Form.
5. Each team will take part in two Preliminary rounds where they will face off against two other teams. Random pairings will be used for the first rounds. The top 8 teams moving on to the Quarter-Final rounds after the Preliminary rounds will be those teams.
6. The Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be knock-out rounds, resulting in the top two teams competing in the Finals.

MEDIATOR SEGMENT

1. A total of 12 Mediators will be selected for this segment.
2. The segment is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students registered in a University. Kindly note that the segment is limited to only law students.
3. The participating Universities will be shortlisted on the basis of the details filled in by them in the Application Form.
4. All rounds will have only one Mediator.
5. The participating teams will be randomly matched against other Mediating teams for the Preliminary rounds. However, no Mediator will mediate a round with a Client-Attorney team from the same university.
6. The top 4 Mediators with the highest scores from the Preliminary rounds will mediate the Quarter-Finals rounds of the Mediation segment.
7. The winning Mediator team will mediate the Final round of the Mediation segment.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Confidential information ("CI") shall be provided to requesting and responding parties separately :

30 minutes before the Preliminary rounds

30 minutes before the Quarter-Final round

30 minutes before the Semi-Final round

45 minutes before the Final round.

2. Participants are strictly prohibited from sharing the CI to any other participant.

3. Clicking photographs of the CI is prohibited.

4. Sharing the CI to any participant (Client-attorney pair /Mediator) shall lead to disqualification.

GENERAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- a. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule shall result in disqualification after an immediate inquiry.
- b. Participants shall not attend any of the sessions of other teams or individuals during the competition, or receive information from any person who has attended any previous rounds.
- c. In cases of any such activities, The Centre for ADR reserves the right to disqualify the team(s) after an immediate enquiry.
- d. Participants shall not reveal their identity to the panel of arbitrators/mediators or Judges, engaging in such acts may lead to disqualification.
- e. If any team fails to be present for the oral rounds/mediation sessions, for more than 10 minutes even after the commencement of the session, they shall be not allowed to appear for that particular round and shall be liable for disqualification.

f. The Centre for ADR shall serve as the final authority for the implementation and interpretation of these Rules and of any Supplementary Rules or clarification.

g. All forms of sexual harassment are prohibited and shall be dealt with strictly as per the laws of Karnataka and The Republic of India on Sexual Harassment. ALL ACTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND WILL BE REPORTED TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

h. Participants are instructed to maintain mutual respect and decorum while contacting other participants or any members of the organizing committee. Please refrain from using derogatory, disrespectful or sexist language and remarks. Doing so may lead to disqualification.

i. The Centre for ADR, RCL may take such other measures as are required for the orderly and fair conduct of the Competition. The Centre for ADR's interpretation as to the implementation of the Rules shall be final.

j. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, The Centre for ADR's decision on the same shall be final and binding.

k. Dress Code:

All participants are expected to be dressed in formals for the duration of the competition.

Use of props:

Participants are not permitted to use any props as a part of the problem during any of the rounds.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to bona fide students of any stream who are:

1.1 Enrolled in any undergraduate 5-year/ 3-year law course at institutions located in India and recognised by the Bar Council of India AND

1.2 Are registered in their respective institutions for the Current Academic Year.

PARTICIPATING TEAM MEMBERS

2.1 Every institution may register a maximum of two teams.

2.2 Members of a team must be students of the same institution and shall represent their respective institution; Cross institutional teams are NOT permitted.

2.3 Participating teams may be accompanied by 1 coach, coaches are liable to pay registration fee.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Participants registering for the Mediating team are required to register as a team of two (from the same institute), one as Client and one as Counsel.

Participants registering for the Mediator segment are required to register independently.

REGISTRATION

1. The registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, up to a maximum of 24 Mediating teams and 12 Mediators. Every Institute may register a maximum of two teams.
2. Participating teams have to pay a registration fee of ₹7,500 per person.
3. Fee for coaches is ₹7,500.
4. Registration form:
<https://forms.gle/wirJbB5WDzwRhuss9>

PRIZE POOL

1. Cash Rewards:

Stand a chance to win substantial cash prizes exceeding 1 lakh for your exemplary mediation skills.

2. Exclusive Internship Opportunities:

Unlock the potential for professional growth with exclusive internship placements offered by our esteemed partners.*

3. Prestigious Trophies:

Be honoured with meticulously crafted trophies, recognizing your exceptional performance in the competition.

4. Certificates of Achievement:

Receive official certificates highlighting your accomplishments in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

*Prize Pool is subject to last minute changes by the ADRC.

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