

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CELL OF SYMBIOSIS LAW  
SCHOOL, NAGPUR ORGANISED**

***"TRAINING SESSION ON MEDIATION, NEGOTIATION, AND CLIENT COUNSELLING  
COMPETITIONS"***

**DAY 01**

In furtherance of fulfilling its objectives and affording due consideration to the upcoming Intra and National Competitions, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (ADRC) of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, under the able guidance of its Director, Prof.(Dr.) Sukhvinder Singh Dari and the Faculty In Charge of the ADRC, Dr. Shilpa Sharma, organised the "*Training Session on Mediation, Negotiation and Client Counselling Competitions*," held on **September 20, 2024 & September 21, 2024**, led by three notable experts, **Mr. Vivek Joshi, Senior Associate, PSL Advocates & Solicitors, New Delhi** along with **Mr. Rohan Gulati, Associate, PSL Advocates & Solicitors, New Delhi** and **Ms. Vatsala Pandey, MCL Candidate (University of Cambridge), ex- Law Clerk cum Research Associate at the Supreme Court of India**.

The Training Session were fractionated into three separate sessions-

- Session 1 covering aspects of *Introduction and Evolution of Mediation*, led by Mr. Vivek Joshi paired with the intricacies of the Mediation Act, 2023, led by Ms. Vatsala Pandey;
- Session 2 being *Introduction to Mediation Competitions and its Nuances*, led by Mr. Rohan Gulati, followed immediately by a *Mock Simulation* formulated and presented by the members of the ADRC, which was addressed by all experts collectively;
- Session 3 was *Introduction to the Concept of Client Counselling*, the opening of which was led by Mr. Rohan Gulati, followed by a *Mock Simulation* on the same;

The **inaugural session** of the Training Session for Mediation, Negotiation and Client Counselling Competitions commenced with a welcome address, delivered by Ms. Anushka Iyer, Member of the ADRC, extending a warm welcome to the Guest Speakers and the Participants present in the Moot Court Hall at SLS, Nagpur. She subsequently opened the floor for the Guest Speakers to address the gathering.



As the Session progressed, the First Guest Speaker for the event, **Mr. Vivek Joshi, Senior Associate at PSL Advocates & Solicitors, New Delhi**, began with elucidating the origins of Mediation in the Country and how its concept was introduced at a Round Table Conference somewhere back in 1976, which now finds itself enumerated as a piece of legislation, known as the Mediation Act, 2023. He further discussed the need for such a law and its significance in the contemporaneous predicament. Different modes, apart from mediation, as provided under the statute, were also discussed. Additionally, several parameters were deliberated upon, which mainly forms the basis of mediation, making it an approachable settlement option, such as, voluntariness of the process, party-centric, confidentiality, involvement of negotiation etc.

In the latter half of the Session, the Second Guest Speaker for the event, **Ms. Vatsala Pandey, MCL Candidate (University of Cambridge), ex- Law Clerk cum Research Associate at the Supreme Court of India**, addressed and enlightened the enthusiastic gathering with the most prominent provisions of the Mediation Act, 2023, by the virtue of which she explained in detail, the objective behind the Act and the way of interpreting the Act through the lens of the objectives that it holds. the role of the Mediators, brownie-pointers for the competition etc.

Lastly, the Third Guest Speaker, **Mr. Rohan Gulati Sir, Associate at PSL**, accorded finality to the Session by setting the agenda and plan-of-action for the following day, i.e., Day 02.

### DAY 02

Day 02 of the Training Session commenced with welcoming the participants and the Guest Speakers, by Ms. Tanisha Tainwala, Student In Charge of the event. The session was led collectively by Mr. Vivek Joshi, Mr. Rohan Gulati, and Ms. Vatsala Pandey, held on **21 September, 2024**, started off with an insightful overview by Mr. Rohan Gulati, who afforded clarity upon the 5 crucial phases of a Mediation Competition, [A] opening statements, [B] agenda setting, [C] joint caucus, [D] private caucus, and [E] the second joint caucus and the closing statements, and the in-depths for the same. Moreover, he resolved the queries posed by the participants regarding various aspects of the competition, pertaining to dealing with the General Information, efficiently cracking the Confidential Information, and using it in the most effective manner for the competition. Furthermore, the peculiarities surrounding the roles of Counsel and Client and the manner in which the articulation proffered by the Mediators should be bifurcation were addressed along with the possible BATNA & WATNA for the same.



This was followed by the mock mediation session on contractual breach with the aim of reaching a consensus on the same. This session was interjected phase-wise by the Guest Speakers together, to give a better insight on the dos and don'ts of the competition. It served as the ultimate guide for navigating the upcoming competitions, and the session was executed flawlessly.

The gathering assembled again after the lunch, and Session 3 for the event was set about. It was started off with an introduction to the concept of Client Counselling and the essentials for the same, led by Ms. Vatsala Pandey. Subsequently, the session was proceeded with a Mock Simulation on Client Counselling, the proposition for which was given on the spot by the Guest Speakers, closely mirroring the arrangement of the actual competition. It was elaboratively discussed and feedback was given on all the possible changes and line- of- questioning that could have been an alternative, working for the benefit of the persons participating in the competition.

The Training Session winded up with a Surprise Quiz that was prepared and taken up by the esteemed Guest Speakers who divided the participants present into 3 Groups, engaging in a few rounds of quiz, covering the deliberations of each session.

Towards the end of the Training Session, the ADRC of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, showcased a short video clip in honour of Mr. Vivek Joshi, Ms. Vatsala Pandey and Mr. Rohan Gulati and their long-standing relationship with Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. The presentation was followed by a heart-felt expression of gratitude from the Members of the ADRC. The presentation was followed by a formal Vote of Thanks, delivered by Ms. Manasi Malviya, Student In-charge of the event, extending gratitude and appreciation to the distinguished speakers, the Director and Faculty In Charge of the ADRC, Teaching and Administrative Staff, the Members of the ADRC and the zealous participants who made the event a resounding success.



**IMAGES FROM THE EVENT**

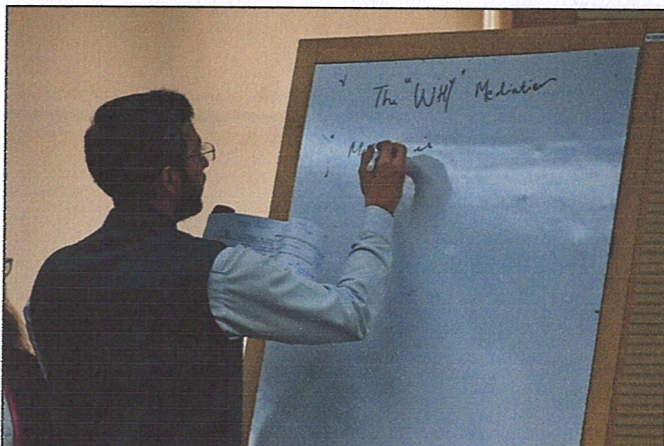
**DAY 01**



*Day 01, Session 01- Arrival of our Esteemed Guest Speakers*



*Welcome address as by  
Ms. Anushka Iyer*



*Introduction and Evolution of Mediation, led by Mr. Vivek Joshi, Senior Associate, PSL  
Advocates & Solicitors, New Delhi*





*Mediation Act, 2023 led by Ms. Vatsala Pandey, MCL Candidate (University of Cambridge), ex- Law Clerk cum Research Associate at the Supreme Court of India*

**DAY 02**



*Welcome address by  
Ms. Tanisha Tainwala  
(Student In Charge for the Event)*



*Introduction to Mediation Competitions and its Nuances, led by Mr. Rohan Gulati, Associate, PSL  
Advocates & Solicitors, New Delhi*





*The Mock Mediation & Client Counselling Team*



*Vote of Thanks by  
Ms. Manasi Malviya  
(Student In Charge of the Event)*





*Guest with our Director, Prof.(Dr.)  
Sukhvinder Singh Dari*

*Burpa*



*Sukhvinder Singh Dari*  
Director  
Symbiosis Law School,  
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