



**THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ADR (ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION)
MOOTING COMPETITION
28th July - 3rd August 2013
HONG KONG**

City University of Hong Kong, in association with the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the School of Law, Columbia University and UNCITRAL-Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, is pleased to invite your law school to compete in the Fourth International ADR Mooting Competition. This is an opportunity for your university to participate in and win this innovative and exciting competition.

The Honorary Patrons of the Competition include: Professor George Bermann of Columbia Law School, The Hon'ble Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, HKSAR, Professor Michael Reisman of Yale University, and Justice Wan Exiang, Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Twelfth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

This Competition is also supported by a number of Universities and Organizations as Member Institutions and as participating universities in the last three years, including Tsinghua University, Korea University, China University of Political Science and Law, Hunan Normal University, Murdoch University, Columbia University, New York University, Macquarie University, Paneuropean University, Edith Cowan University, University of Vienna, Masaryk University, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), National Law University, Jodhpur, Hidayatullah National Law University, Gujarat National Law University, Kathmandu School of Law, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, East China University of Political Science and Law, Zhejiang University through the West Australian Institute of Dispute Management and the Mediation Centre of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

The International ADR Mooting competition is open to teams with a minimum of three students and a maximum of six students. It is designed to combine both arbitration and mediation and will provide students with an opportunity to act as a mediator/arbitrator, attorney and client. Teams, depending upon the number of teams attending, will compete in 2 to 4 general rounds. Each general round will consist of a Med-Arb, that is, both arbitral proceedings followed by mediation. After the General Rounds, Knockout rounds will follow, leading up to a Final between the two qualifying teams.

A timeline for the competition has been prepared and will be posted on the competition website along with the Rules of the Competition and information on the structure of the competition.

There will be two new prizes for the Competition this year. They are “Best Representation Plan” and the “Best Individual in the Client’s Role”. The latter prize will be decided through votes casted by other team members.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Runner-up Team - Memoranda

Best Memoranda

*Best Representation Plan (*New award)*

Highest Ranked Team in General Rounds

*Best Individual in the Client’s Role (*New award)*

Best Oralist (Arbitration proceedings) in General Rounds

Best Mediator in General Rounds

Best Team in Mediation

Encouragement Award

Spirit of the Moot Award

Best Oralist (Arbitration proceedings) in Final

Runner-up Team in Final

Winning Team in Final

Runner-up for Best Mediator

Best Mediator

The International ADR Mooting Competition is open to any law student (either undergraduate or postgraduate) who has not been admitted to practice.

Details of the competition, together with the registration form for 2013, can be found at:

<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/slw/eng/index/>.

We have set a dedicate email for this competition. For any enquiries and information about the Moot, submission of memorandum and representational plan, etc., please email to admoot@cityu.edu.hk.

Moot videos of the last three years are also uploaded for you to view the proceedings of the semi-finals and final.

Enquiries about registration should be forwarded to the Director of the Moot, Dr Rajesh Sharma, admoot@cityu.edu.hk.

I hope that your Law School will consider competing in this innovative new competition that combines arbitration and mediation skills in the one package. I very much look forward to welcoming your team for the Fourth International ADR Mooting Competition in 28 July – 3 August 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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