



Weinstein International Foundation
MEDIATING A BETTER FUTURE

International Mediation Writing Competition



The Weinstein International Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to making mediation available and accessible worldwide in the face of increasing global challenges and conflict, organized an exciting project in which law students from select countries around the world were given a unique opportunity to submit a mediation brief on behalf of a client preparing for the mediation of a litigated dispute.

Entries were evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges, including one of the Foundation's Senior Fellows and designated representatives from participating law firms and law schools in selected countries, including **Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Mexico, Pakistan, Republic of Georgia, Romania and Singapore**. Winners of the top award in each country received a \$1,000 prize.

The Weinstein International Foundation congratulates the winners:

- **Altai Ismayilov (Azerbaijan)**
- **Charikleia-Nefeli Gkoutou (Cyprus)**
- **Maria-Camila Moncayo Rovalino (Ecuador)**
- **Mohamed Essam Abdelfattah (Egypt)**
- **Nino Agniashvili (Georgia)**
- **Galo Martin Márquez Ruiz (Mexico)**
- **Alexandra Marinela Popescu (Romania)**
- **Slevin Chua (Singapore)**
- **Aitizaz Asher (Pakistan)**

The Weinstein International Foundation would like to thank the students, the partnering and participating law firms, the co-sponsoring organizations, and the judges who made this competition possible. Their invaluable contributions were instrumental to the success of this event.

The Weinstein International Foundation works through a global network of ADR-trained Senior Fellows from around the world, who have developed the cultural understanding and local knowledge necessary to promote the resolution of conflict through mediation and other dispute resolution practices in their own countries and beyond. The Senior Fellows who led the International Mediation Writing Competition in their respective countries and co-sponsoring organization are listed below.

Azerbaijan



Ruslan Mirzayev is an international mediator, ADR expert and arbitration attorney qualified in the State of New York and Azerbaijan with extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution. He is an active mediator and manages the Mediation Council, the mediation regulatory body in Azerbaijan. He further serves as a mediator on the UN Global Panel and World Bank Group Compliance Advisor Office. Mr. Mirzayev is also the scientific expert on online mediation at the Council of Europe. He has taught ADR since 2008 at universities, training mediators, judicial candidates, government officials and other professionals and is the author of a book on mediation.



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Cyprus



Eleni Charalambidou is a full-time ADR professional, working as a mediator, negotiations advisor and trainer in Cyprus, Greece and internationally. She is the founder of EnConsensus Solutions, specializing in dispute resolution, deal facilitation, and internal dispute system design for startups with international activity. She further serves on the panels of the Cyprus CCI, ADRPoint and ADRCenter Global. Originally a lawyer, she holds a MA in Diplomacy and has been trained by leading institutions in the US, the UK, the Netherlands and Greece. Ms. Charalambidou has trained more than 800 accredited mediators and several law student teams participating in international ADR competitions.

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Ecuador



Ximena Bustamante is an established mediator and founding partner of PACTUM Dispute Resolution Consulting, a firm dedicated exclusively to collaborative law through negotiation, mediation, and neutral third-party assistance.

A full-time mediator, she has successfully conducted highly complex negotiations and mediations in commercial and government disputes. She is a Professor at San Francisco de Quito University and serves as an expert on Mediation at UNCITRAL and is part of the United Nations Global Mediation Panel. She previously acted as the National Director of Mediation at the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Ecuador and as Deputy Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of the Quito Chamber of Commerce.



Egypt



Hon. Dr. Sherif Elnegahy serves as a mediator on the UN Global Mediation Panel, a Chief Judge in the Egyptian judiciary, and as a consultant for mediation and dispute resolution affairs to governments, such as the Saudi Ministry of Justice. He is a visiting professor at law schools, including The British University in Egypt and Strathclyde University, UK. Hon. Dr. Elnegahy has taught and presented on mediation, law and justice in many countries, including the US, UK, Germany, Spain, Italy, Egypt, UAE and Saudi Arabia. He is co-author of one of the first mediation books in the Arabic language and recently published the first Arabic-English dictionary of mediation and negotiation terms.

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Mexico



Fernando Navarro Sánchez is a mediator based in Mexico City, having mediated cases involving parties and counsel from Latin America, the US and Europe. He has significant experience in renewable energy in Mexico and Latin

America, where he has worked as legal consultant for a global solar energy company. Mr. Navarro serves as a panelist at JAMS based in Mexico City. He is certified as a private mediator by the Superior Court of Justice of Mexico City, a fellow with the International Academy of Mediators, and a member of the International Advisory Council at the International Mediation Institute. He is a frequent trainer, speaker and writer in mediation and negotiation topics.

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Pakistan



Dr. Nudrat E. Piracha is a partner at Septentrio Global Consulting (a collaborating firm of Andersen Global in Pakistan). She is the first lawyer from Pakistan to become a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK (FCIArb)

and the first woman in Pakistan to have qualified as an S.J.D. She has extensive experience in international arbitration and recently served as a member of the ICSID Annulment Committee in a case between a British investor and the state of Sri Lanka. She has been appointed to the Prime Minister's eight-member Working Group on International Law, twelve-member Working Group on the Investment Arbitration Regime and is working to establish an International Centre for Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Prevention in Pakistan.



Romania



Constantin-Adi Gavrilă is the CEO of ADR Center Romania and a well-known international mediator with twenty years of extensive experience in the field of mediation. In addition to providing domestic and international mediation services for clients such as IAMs of development banks, Mr. Gavrilă trained mediators and advised governments and other clients from thirty countries in their efforts to promote and implement mediation. He served as Co-Chair of the Independent Standards Commission convened by the International Mediation Institute. Mr. Gavrilă received his Ph.D. from the University of Craiova with emphasis on Mediation and Access to Justice.



Republic of Georgia



Giorgi Tsertsvadze is an Associate Professor at Tbilisi State University Law Faculty, a founder/managing partner of J & T Consulting, a leading law firm in Georgia, and selected mediator of the UN Global Mediation panel. A certified mediator, he is a founder of the EBA Mediation and Arbitration Center, the Georgian Association of Mediators and the National Center for ADR at Tbilisi State University (TSU-NCADR), one of the first centers to develop and implement mediation in Georgia. The author of several books, he has published more than ten scientific research papers in Georgia, Germany, Austria, Japan and the United States and has conducted trainings, public lectures and workshops on regulation of business law for Georgian lawyers, notaries and business representatives.



Singapore



Tat Lim is the managing partner of a boutique law firm based in Singapore and the founding partner of a mediation practice in the Asia-Pacific. For close to three decades, he has appeared as counsel in trials and appeals at all levels of the Singapore courts, in negotiations, neutral evaluations and mediations, and in domestic and international arbitrations. He has extensive experience mediating complex multi-party disputes, in Singapore and regionally. He also delivers dispute resolution trainings for judges, lawyers, business executives and other professionals. He serves on the boards and committees of many distinguished mediation institutions and contributes to publications in his areas of practice.

