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2023 INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION WRITING COMPETITION



The Weinstein International Foundation is proud to announce its third iteration of the International Mediation Writing Competition. Law students from nine select countries around the world are invited to write a mediation memorandum on behalf of a client who is preparing to participate in the mediation of a litigated dispute.

Entries will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges, including Senior Fellows and designated representatives from participating law firms and law schools in the following countries:

Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt, Mexico, Pakistan, Georgia, Romania and Singapore.

The top paper will be awarded a maximum cash prize of **\$1,000 (USD)**.

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 are leading the International Mediation Writing Competition in their respective countries are listed below.

Brazil



Mariana Freitas de Souza is a lawyer and mediator in Brazil and serves as the director of the Brazilian Center of Mediation and Arbitration (CBMA). She has been a lawyer and law professor for over 15 years and has extensive experience in the corporate world both as outside and in-house counsel. Ms. Freitas de Souza teaches ADR at Escola de Magistratura do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, FGV, and Universidade Candido Mendes and she also provides numerous commercial mediation trainings, including at CBMA. She serves on the panel of neutrals for a number of dispute resolution organizations and is also a member of the Global Mediation Panel with the United Nations. She has been appointed by the Leaders League publication as one of the best mediators in Brazil.



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.

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.

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.



Mexico



Dr. Nuria Gonzalez-Martin is a family, civil and commercial mediator as well as a professor and senior researcher at the Law Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). As part of her ongoing comparative research in cross-border child abduction and protection issues, she is working to expand the use of ADR, as well as Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), in international family law cases. She leads efforts for the creation of a bi-national mediation program between Mexico and the United States for cases involving international parental child abduction and has organized and held conferences related to this topic, which have included the participation of central authorities from Mexico and the US.

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.

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.