

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON ARBITRATION AND CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITIONS

On 20th August (Monday), 2018, the ADR Committee hosted a one-hour workshop on Arbitration and Client counselling. The workshop started with Karan Kr Khetani of 5th year introducing to the attendees the main idea of Arbitration and its mechanism. He further explained in detail the technical aspects of Arbitration and threw light upon the process of drafting a memorial. The workshop was carried forward by Ayushi Parashar of 5th year, who gave an insight on the National and International Arbitration competitions and their selection criteria. To give the attendees a better understanding of how the Arbitration process takes place, the students of the university demonstrated a mock Arbitration procedure where Abhay Siddhanth of 5th year and Sarthak Mishra of 3rd year played the role of Counsels and Ayushi Parashar, Payaswini Rai of 2nd year, Priya Venkatesan of 4th year played the role of Arbitrators. The Arbitration orientation ended with Ayushi Parashar and Abhay Siddhanth pointing out the minute details one needs to consider while participating in an Arbitration competition:

- The need for maintenance of eye contact with all the Arbitrators
- Limitation of hand gestures
- The importance of presenting your statements with confidence

The workshop was then carried forward by Indhu Vadhana of 5th year who briefed the audience about Client Counselling and its procedural setting, she was joined by Ayushi Parashar, who gave further briefing on the Client Counselling procedure. Indhu Vadhana elucidated the major details of the Client Counselling competition, she highlighted the following points one needs to keep in mind while counselling a client:

- Working atmosphere
- Confidentiality
- Consultation cost
- Consultation etiquettes
- Consideration of both legal and non-legal aspects (e.g., socio-economic aspects)
- Suggesting the client with the best suited legal procedure (Arbitration, Mediation, Negotiation, Litigation)
- Equal engagement of both the Counsels

The workshop was indeed enlightening and gave major insight on how Arbitration and Client Counselling competitions work practically.