



Strathmore University

Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre

**THE STRATHMORE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE MEDIATION MOOT COURT
COMPETITION 2024**

Call for Registration

Date: 28th to 30th August 2024

Venue: Strathmore University Law School

Theme: Alternative Dispute Resolution & the Future

About the Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre:

The SDRC is an ADR Centre at the Strathmore Law School focused on facilitating and promoting Mediation and other forms of ADR as a form of settling disputes and conflicts between individuals, within groups and in organizations.

Established in 2012, SDRC's key objective is the promotion of mediation as an efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective dispute resolution mechanism in Kenya and the wider East Africa. In the execution of this mandate SDRC offers several dispute resolution services all geared towards the realization of the Centre's vision of becoming a top tier dispute resolution hub, able to transform society and bring justice closer to the people.

The Centre works to develop the dispute resolution capacity for individuals, groups and organizations by providing world class conflict resolution services and training tailored to meet the local settings. This is achieved through various activities, such as: offering practical, skills-based education and training courses to interested parties; collaborating with different stakeholders such as, students, universities, government agencies, international organizations, professional organizations, and other groups; and, developing, and delivering customized training programs designed to meet the specific needs of various groups, including individuals, businesses, community organizations, and government agencies.

Background:

Over the years, the landscape of dispute resolution has undergone significant transformations due to technological advancements, globalization, evolving societal needs and divergence in legal frameworks the world over. Whereas the different methods of ADR have gained a huge recognition due to their effectiveness in resolving disputes, aside and apart from the mainstream judicial framework, the future of ADR presents both opportunities and challenges that require careful examination and proactive responses. These complex issues require interdisciplinary collaboration, innovative approaches, and forward-thinking strategies to ensure that ADR continues to meet the evolving needs of individuals, businesses, institutions, and communities.

In that regard, the SDRC has organized the **1st Annual Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre ADR Research Colloquium 2024** to take place on **29th and 30th August 2024** at **Strathmore Law School**. The Centre has incorporated the 2nd Edition of its Annual SDRC Mediation Moot to form part of the colloquium.

The moot competition will commence one day prior to the colloquium, on **28th August 2024**, and the final rounds will be held at the main colloquium.

Objectives:

Among the fundamental objectives of SDRC are the furtherance of research, transmission and preservation of knowledge, and the stimulation of the intellectual life of the society. In this regard, it is the integration of a moot court competition into the main research colloquium will expose the students/participants on the day-to-day intrigues of the ADR concerns, specifically mediation, policy, and legal framework. Further, it is an avenue for addressing the challenges that come with the practice of mediation as a form of access to justice in Kenya and at the international space.

Participation:

The organizing committee invites all institutions of higher learning to participate in this competition by nominating one (1) team to the event, comprising of three (3) students. Please note that depending on demand, an institution may be invited to nominate an additional team, but this is at the sole discretion of the organizing committee. In case of such an eventuality, a special call for registration of additional teams shall be issued.

Registration:

Registration is strictly online through this link: <https://forms.gle/76PkpW2L1t9Ls38W7>

The Moot Problem and Rules:

The moot problem and governing rules shall be available on our website (<https://sdrc.strathmore.edu>) in due course.

Contact person:

In case of questions, please contact the convener, Mr. Daniel M. Nzeki through dnzeki@strathmore.edu or +254708871608.