

## International Conference – 2017

Centre for Trade Laws & Dispute Resolution, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh in association with Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, California organized an international conference on the theme “**Mediation and Negotiation as Emerging Trends of Dispute Resolution Mechanism**” on 12th and 13th November 2017.

This international conference was an outcome of Memorandum of Understanding between Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University and University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University. **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Grover**, (Judge Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chairman of the Mediation Centre) was the Chief Guest in the inaugural session. **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rajan Gupta**, (Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court) was the Guest of Honour in the inaugural session. The theme of the conference was introduced by **Prof. Daljit Singh**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bahara University, Solan. He discussed diverse aspects of mediation in different phases of life at global sphere and he also, shared with the participants the practical intricacies of mediation and negotiation. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by **Prof. Arun Kumar Grover**, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University. **Ms. Anu Chathrath**, Dean Faculty of Laws also shared the dice with all the dignitaries and participants.

The conference was a two day event covering the following sub-themes:

- Mediation and Negotiation in resolving Intellectual Property Rights
- Mediation and Negotiation in resolving Corporate Disputes
- Mediation and Negotiation in resolving Personal Disputes
- Mediation and Negotiation in resolving Employment Disputes
- Mediation and Negotiation in resolving Mass Torts
- Mediation Techniques
- Cross-Cultural Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism

The Conference was divided into 18 technical sessions presided over by legal luminaries, academicians and professional mediators. The conference saw participants from countries like Australia, Iran and including the Indian states of Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Assam, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh etc. with over 160 research paper submissions dealing with the theme of the conference. The process of publication of selected research papers of the conference is under progress.

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