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# LAILA OLLAPALLY

## **General Biography**

Laila Ollapally is the founder of CAMP Arbitration and Mediation Practice Private Limited (CAMP), a pioneering private mediation initiative set up in 2015 that seeks to promote mediation as a form of alternative dispute resolution in India. She is also the founding co-ordinator of the Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC), where she is a senior mediator and master trainer. Ms. Ollapally was the former Chairperson of the Ethical and Research Committee of St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore.

She has practiced as an advocate for over 3 decades in the Supreme Court of India and the High Court and Consumer Courts of Karnataka. Since 2014, she is a full-time mediator.

Ms. Ollapally is on the panel of Mediators of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) and has been appointed on their User's Council. She also serves on the panel of mediators at the Japan International Mediation Centre, Kyoto and ADR Centre, Italy. She is on the advisory board of FSRI (Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives).

## **Mediation Experience**

Ms. Ollapally was responsible for setting up and overseeing the effective working of the Bangalore Mediation Centre, one of the leading court annexed mediation programs in the country. Along with FSRI, she has audited mediation programs set up by the High Courts in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Punjab and Haryana.

She is nominated to 'The International Who's Who Legal' of Commercial Mediation and was awarded for her International Contribution to Mediation by the University of Connecticut and FSRI, San Francisco, California (2013).

Since 2007 she has mediated several hundred cases with a very high rate of settlement. She has been appointed by the Supreme Court of India and several High Courts to mediate high profile and sensitive disputes.

Her diverse mediation experience extends to cases in:

- Property- real estate, joint development, landlord/tenant, intellectual property
- Contracts – including commercial contracts, sub-contracts, vendor disputes
- Family disputes- including family business disputes, family partition and other settlements
- Matrimonial – Divorce, Child custody
- Commercial – founder disputes, IT disputes, transfer of business, partnership, cross border commercial disputes, consumer disputes
- Company disputes – shareholder issues, oppression & mismanagement, Winding – up, inter and intra dependent disputes
- Sports and other disputes.

### **ADR Training**

Ms. Ollapally has undergone extensive mediation training. Some of these trainings include:

- Karnataka High Court in collaboration with The Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Studies (ISDLS).
- Extensive advanced mediation training at Harvard Law School, JAMS (San Francisco)
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University,
- International Summer School on Business Mediation, Admont, Austria.
- In 2011 she was awarded the Weinstein Fellowship, a prestigious international fellowship for ADR professionals. As a Weinstein Fellow, she spent a semester as a Visiting Scholar at the Gould Institute for Conflict Resolution, Stanford Law School.

### **Publications**

- Member of the Sub-Committee constituted by the Supreme Court of India to prepare the National Mediation Training Manual.
  - Co-authored the Bangalore Mediation Centre Training Manual.
  - Published widely in newspapers, law journals and other publications.
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