

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 a founding coordinator of the Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC), Court Annexed Mediation Program of the High Court of Karnataka, one of the leading court annexed mediation programs in the country. She is a senior mediator and master trainer at BMC.

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 serves on the panel of Mediators of several national and international organisations.

Mediation Experience

Since 2007 she has mediated several hundred cases with a very high rate of settlement.

Her diverse mediation experience extends to cases in:

- Commercial Disputes - Breach of contract, sub-contract, vendor, founder, IT, transfer of business, partnership, cross border, consumer, intellectual property
- Company disputes - shareholder issues, oppression and mismanagement, winding - up, inter and intra company disputes
- Property - real estate, joint development, landlord/tenant
- Matrimonial - divorce, child custody
- Family disputes - family business, partition, and other settlements
- Sports
- Other civil disputes.

She has co mediated sensitive cases with former Judges of the Supreme Court of India.

She was nominated to 'The International Who's Who Legal' of Commercial Mediation 2019 and was awarded for her International Contribution to Mediation by the University of Connecticut and (Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives) FSRI, San Francisco, California.

She is on the Advisory Board of Global Mediation Panel, UNDP and FSRI. Along with FSRI, she audited mediation programs set up by the High Courts in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Kolkata, Punjab and Haryana.

She was a member of the committee constituted by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India to work on a draft of the legislation for Mediation in India.

She trains extensively in Mediation and Negotiation and conducts prestigious internships at CAMP and at BMC.

ADR Training

Ms Ollapally has undergone extensive mediation training. These include:

- Karnataka High Court Training in collaboration with The Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Studies (ISDLS).
- Advanced mediation training at:
Harvard Law School
JAMS (San Francisco)
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University, California
International Summer School on Business Mediation, 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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