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International Mediation Writing Competition R O M A N I A

Winner Announcement (January 2025)

Ms. <u>Mălina Turtureanu</u>, a law student at the Faculty of Law, "Alexandru-Ioan Cuza" <u>University of Iași</u>, was awarded the top mediation brief prize in the <u>International Mediation</u> <u>Writing Competition</u> organized in Romania by the <u>Weinstein International Foundation</u>

("Foundation") for Romanian law students. The competition, which reached its fourth edition, was organized in 2024 in 10 countries in America,



Europe, and Asia.

Thank you, Mr. Vlad Peligrad, PELIGRAD Law,

the competition partnering law firm in Romania, for all the great support in organizing the competition in Romania, supporting the assessment process of the papers submitted and for matching the 500\$ prize offered to the winner by the Foundation. Thank you also to **Professor Gabriel Olteanu**, Dean of the <u>Craiova Faculty of Law</u>, <u>University of Craiova</u>, the partnering faculty in Romania, for engaging the academic legal community in this project for the outstanding support throughout the competition. A great feeling of appreciation is going to the competition judges, <u>Mrs. Ileana Smeureanu</u> (JONES DAY), <u>Mrs. Alina Leoveanu</u> (EVIDEN INTERNATIONAL) and <u>Mr. Vlad Peligrad</u> (PELIGRAD LAW) for the fantastic support throughout the years.

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Finally, the most important word of appreciation goes to all participating students in Romania and the world for their remarkable effort in preparing, drafting and submitting their mediation briefs on behalf of their clients. Congratulations to all.

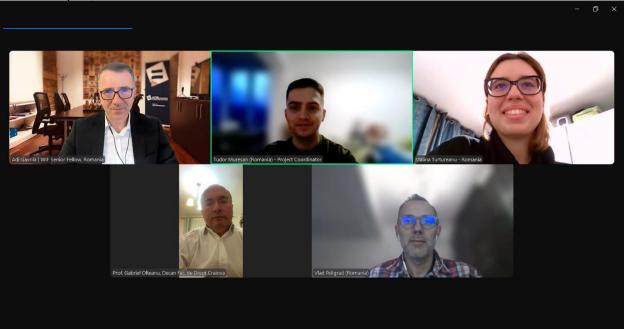
Constantin Adi Gavrilă, Senior Fellow, Weinstein International Foundation with support from Tudor Mureșan, National Project Coordinator.

I hope to welcome you soon to the 2025 edition of the International Mediation Writing Competition.

Constantin-Adi Gavrilă

Senior Fellow, Weinstein International Foundation

Senior Expert, ADR Center



PICTURE 1 Screenshot during the Local Ceremony organized on December 23rd 2024 with with the partnering law school, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova represented by Professor Gabriel Olteanu, Dean of the Craiova Faculty of Law, the winner of the Romanian edition of the competition in 2024, Mälina Turtureanu, our sponsor, Vlad Peligrad, PELIGRAD LAW, Constantin Adi Gavrilă, CEO of ADR Center Romania and Senior Fellow of the Weinstein International Foundation and Tudor Mureşan, the Romanian Competition's Coordinator.