

Ila Addanki using ODR Bowl to Negotiate an International Future

Ila Addanki, William & Mary Negotiation Team Member and ABA Section of Dispute Resolution College Coordinator Intern, entered law school knowing her future would be as international as her past. With family and friends living all over the world, she knows her legal practice won't be confined to those sitting around the same table. So she set out to hone her skills for remote negotiation while in law school, and is now a Founding Board Member for the ODR Bowl (www.odrbowl.org).

The ODR Bowl is an online dispute resolution (ODR) competition where teams of two compete online with schools from all over the world. After four online competitions between October and March, the top four teams from the season are invited for a semi-finals and awards ceremony at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Conference in Washington, DC, in April 2019. Each competition follows a format very familiar from other ABA competitions. A general fact pattern is sent to both sides, each side gets its own confidential facts, and the two teams negotiate an outcome in 90 minutes in front of a judge - with everything taking place online using the Trokt (www.trokt.org) platform and videoconferencing.

"Our world is moving online," says Ms. Addanki. "We must graduate with skills and experience using the legal industry's latest online tools if we hope to compete." With the first round of the ODR Bowl happening in October, the recruiting of teams and judges is in full swing. "For law students, the ODR Bowl is a way to demonstrate to future Partners that there is more than social media online. Online negotiation is a unique skill set, and having the ability to demonstrate your legal skills in this new environment, in front of Judges who are looking for this talent, is invaluable."

The ODR Bowl has a \$150 registration fee, with a limited number of scholarships available. Teams that are selected to the semi-finals in Washington, DC, must be prepared and able to pay for the cost of transportation and housing to attend. Law firms who wish to sponsor the competition or specific teams, professionals or students who wish to serve as a Director on the Advisory Board, or potential Judges or Teams are encouraged to contact Ms. Addanki for details.