

Real Experience: UPNVJ Students Participate in IKABI Internal Conflict Mediation at the East Jakarta District Court

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UPNVJ Public Relations - Students of the Faculty of Law, Veteran National Development University Jakarta (UPNVJ) participated in the mediation agenda for the unlawful acts dispute (PMH) of the Indonesian Surgeons Association (IKABI) at the East Jakarta District Court on December 11, 2025.

This activity is part of the Independent Learning Independent Campus (MBKM) Program through work experience at FIT Law Firm & Partners, where students are accompanied by senior advocates to understand the dynamics of civil dispute resolution directly.

This experience strengthens students' litigation competencies with real-life exposure to the mandatory mediation process prior to the main case hearing, involving plaintiffs, defendants, and co-defendants regarding internal conflicts within medical professional organizations.

In a mediation hearing, the mediator judge opens with an explanation of the objectives, procedures, and the need for good faith from all parties to reach a peaceful resolution.

Each party presented its legal position, including a chronology of the dispute rooted in the history of Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) development in Indonesia since the 1990s. Students gained in-depth insight into IKABI's role in collaboration with the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the establishment of the IKABI Trauma Commission, and the implementation of the first ATLS in 1995, initiated by Dr. Aryono D. Puspongoro. This historical information, rarely found in academic literature, demonstrates the implications of organizational history for the legal structure and governance of professional institutions.

Internal conflicts are discussed in detail, including control of assets and facilities, differences in perceptions of the legality of ATLS registration, claims of license ownership by parties such as KONTRASIA, and issues of administrative authority between the IKABI Trauma Commission and the IKABI

Trauma Commission Foundation.

The mediator judge clarified the position of co-defendants I and II as foundation advisors without executive authority, helped students understand the institutional structure of IKABI, the differences in the functions of advisors, administrators, and implementers, and the relevance of the legal standing in the PMH lawsuit.

Students listen to senior advocates' strategies in developing communication, responding to opposing arguments ethically, selecting relevant information for mediators, and building constructive negotiations.

This experience emphasizes the advocate's role in mediation, not just technically but strategically, psychologically, and communicatively. Direct involvement provides benefits such as understanding the stages of civil mediation, analyzing the complexity of organizational conflicts, identifying the relationship between facts and legal constructions, and observing professional practice in the courtroom.

The UPNVJ Faculty of Law encourages MBKM internships like this to broaden students' horizons regarding law enforcement and professional dispute resolution in the judiciary. Prof. Dr. Anter Venus, MA, Comm, UPNVJ Rector, stated, "This activity reflects UPNVJ's vision as a National Defense Campus that supports government policies in practice-based education. We are committed to building student character through real-life litigation experiences, thereby strengthening the nation's resilience to challenges of law and justice.

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