MEDIATEGURU PRESENTS

5TH VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

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MEDIATEGURU

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Competition is aimed at promoting greater knowledge and practical skills among student advocates in the preventive law and counselling functions of law practice. It will encourage students in developing interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship in the law office. Interviewing and advising are a significant part of most lawyers' work.

Our Hon'ble Guest(s)

In our past ventures, We had the honour of having with us Industry leaders/ Judicial officers / Tier 1 Partners

- **Justice N. Kotiswar Singh (Judge, Supreme Court of India)**
- **Justice A.K. Sikri (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India)**
- **Justice Hemant Gupta (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India)**
- **Justice Ajay Rastogi (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India)**
- **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India)**
- **Justice Jasmeet Singh (Judge, High Court of Delhi)**
- **Justice Subodh Shah (Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat)**
- **Justice M.L. Mehta (Former Judge, High Court of Delhi)**
- **Dr. Mukul Shastry, General Counsel, Cube Highways**
- ***Ms. Mehak Oberoi - Legal Head (Hydro-APAC), GE Vernova in Asia***
- ***Ms. Ojasvita Srivastava - General Counsel, Securitas (APAC & Middle East)***
- ***Ms. Urvashi Pathak, Senior Vice President and Head Legal, Axis Max Life Insurance***
- ***Mr. Sukumar Pattjoshi (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India & Vice President Supreme Court Bar Association)***
- ***Dr. Aman Hingorani (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India)***
- ***Mr. Aruneshwar Gupta (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India)***
- ***Mr. Pradeep Rai (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India)***
- ***Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India)***
- ***Mr. Nalin Kohli (Senior Advocate at Supreme Court Of India)***
- ***Mr. Praveen Mahajan (Principal Partner, Equi Law Partners)***
- ***Mr. Sanjeev Kapoor (Senior Partner at Khaitan & Co.)***
- ***Mr. Chakrapani Misra (Senior Partner at Khaitan & Co.)***
- ***Mr. Amit Kapur (Joint Managing Partner at JSA)***
- ***Ms. Nandini Gore (Senior Partner at Karanjawala & Co.)***
- ***Ms. Ritu Bhalla (Senior Partner at Luthra and Luthra Law Offices India)***
- ***Ms. Gunita Pahwa (Joint Managing Partner at S&A Law Offices)***
- ***Mr. Hemant Sahai (Founding Partner at HSA Advocates)***
- ***Mr. Joe Tirado, (Senior Partner at Garrigues LLP, Madrid)***
- ***Mr. Sahil Narang, (Partner at Khaitan & Co.)***
- ***Mr. Jeevan Ballav Panda, (Partner at Khaitan & Co.)***
- ***Ms. Nandini Khaitan, (Partner at Khaitan & Co.)***
- ***Ms. Shruti Khanijow, (Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas)***

WHY CLIENT COUNSELLING?

The Client counselling Competition promotes knowledge and interest Among law students in the field of preventive law and counselling functions of law practice. It also happens to encourage students to develop planning, interviewing and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship in the law office.interviewing and advising are a major part of a lawyer's work. All too often, lawyers are assumed to have the listening and questioning skills necessary to conduct an effective interview. Regrettably, not all lawyers have these skills and abilities.

This Competition Provides an excellent opportunity for valuable educational and cultural interchange changes between students and the lawyers

Benefits of Participating in Client Counselling Competition

1. Networking Opportunities
2. Opportunity to learn skills of lifetime.
3. Compete among your peers and obtain invaluable feedback from the judges.
4. Competition is focused on overall growth of participants.
5. Concentrated on development of money making skills of a lawyers

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ABOUT MEDIATEGURU

Disputes are rife in all walks of life. In the era of increasing emerging legal disputes due to high population within which there are different demographics, not all people can afford the high cost of going to court to seek justice or wait for years to get justice. at the constant burden to monetary terms and time. Here we come to assist you. We intend to bridge the gap between the classes in a community and the mediators, and provide a linkage between the same with an aim to provide social awareness. Apart from this, we all organize various landmarks events such as conferences, webinars, competitions including Mediation and Arbitration Competitions.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to sign up, students must be registered as full time or part time law students in the academic year of 2026-2027. Students who graduated in 2026, before the competition but no longer than 6 months prior to the commencement of the competition are still eligible to participate.

TEAM

Each team should consist of 2 members. [one client + one counsellor]
Each institute may enter this competition with a maximum of Four teams.

VENUE

Venue for the competition shall be virtual, on Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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THEME

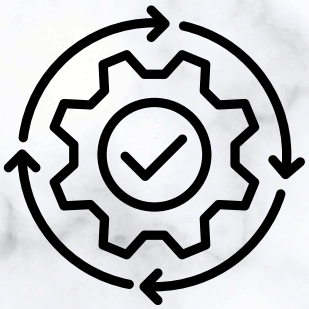
The proposition will be based on Contract Law

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Each team shall register to the competition by filling in their details in the following link. Please note this will be the link for Preliminary Registration - https://forms.gle/GoTeEEsb68obMtRr6
- On receipt of the duly filled Preliminary registration form the organization shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt and mentioning the step to conclude Final Registration. Each team will have 3 days to conclude their Final Registration, after communication of Successful Preliminary Registration.
- After successful Final registration, the OC shall respond to each registered team before few days of the commencement of the competition, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

Scan QR Code to register

REGISTRATION FEE

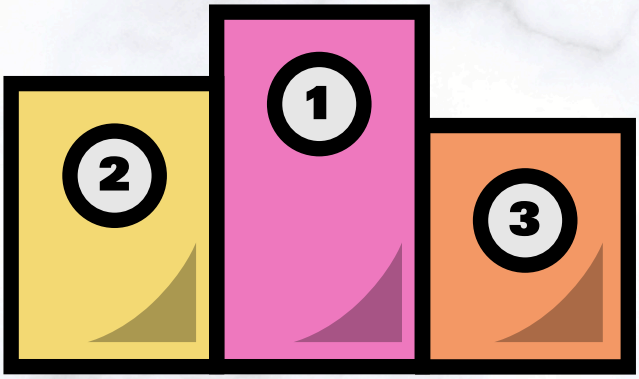


The registration fee for the competition is
Rs. 3000/- per team (For Indian Participants)
£70/- per team (For United Kingdom Participants)
€70/- per team (For European Union Participants)
$70/- per team (for any other foreign team not mentioned above)
The Competition Administrator reserves the right to charge teams a nominal registration fees, payable online or by any other mode of payment.

DRESS CODE

All participants shall be in black and white formal wear (Indian or Western) for the duration of the competition. Use of Advocate's Gowns, Bands and Robes is strictly prohibited.

ROUNDS OF THE COMPETITION



- Preliminary Round
- Quarter Final
- Semi Final
- Final

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- **One teammate will play role of client and other will play role of counsel.**
- **Each team will get one opportunity to represent them in the Preliminary Round**
- **Both the teammates, will be present in different rooms, serving different roles; that is client and counsel.**
- **Each session would have 2 counsel (from different teams) and 2 clients (from different teams).**
- **Clients would get entry into the virtual room, prior to the counsels, to discuss their roles among them.**
- **Counsel and Client will qualify on their individual scores and not on total team score.**

TIME DURATION

Preliminary Round

Each team will get a total of 30 minutes.
Those 30 minutes are to be divided in three parts as follows:

- First twenty minutes are termed the "Client Consultation Period". The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make legal suggestions for its resolution, decide the fees of this case and satisfied the client.
- Next five minutes are termed as "Post Consultation Period", the advocates have to talk about their tactics, what they should do for clients and what documents they need from their client, etc. This is where judges will see the mindset, planning and skill of counselling of advocates. It is at the discretion of the teams to decide who will speak what and about their roles.
- Next five minutes are for judges so that they can ask questions from the teams. [It depends upon judge's discretion to question or not]

TIME DURATION

Quarter Final Round

Each team will get a total of 40 minutes.
Those 40 minutes are to be divided in three parts as follows:

- First thirty minutes are termed the "Client Consultation Period". The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make legal suggestions for its resolution, decide the fees of this case and satisfied the client.
- Next five minutes are termed as "Post Consultation Period", the advocates have to talk about their tactics, what they should do for clients and what documents they need from their client, etc. This is where judges will see the mindset, planning and skill of counselling of advocates. It is at the discretion of the teams to decide who will speak what and about their roles.
- Next five minutes are for judges so that they can ask questions from the teams. [It depends upon judge's discretion to question or not]

Semi Final Round

Each team will get a total of 45 minutes.
Those 45 minutes are to be divided in three parts as follows:

- First thirty five minutes are termed the "Client Consultation Period". The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make legal suggestions for its resolution, decide the fees of this case and satisfied the client.
- Next five minutes are termed as "Post Consultation Period", the advocates have to talk about their tactics, what they should do for clients and what documents they need from their client, etc. This is where judges will see the mindset, planning and skill of counselling of advocates. It is at the discretion of the teams to decide who will speak what and about their roles.
- Next five minutes are for judges so that they can ask questions from the teams. [It depends upon judge's discretion to question or not]

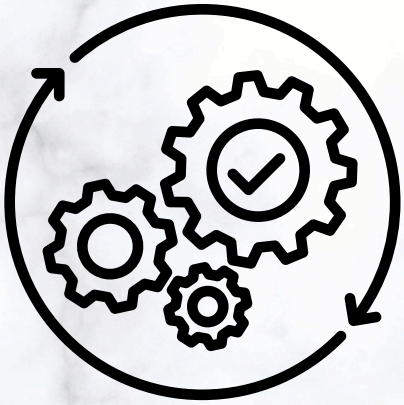
Final Round

Each team will get a total of 60 minutes.
Those 60 minutes are to be divided in three parts as follows:

- First forty-five minutes are termed the "Client Consultation Period". The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make legal suggestions for its resolution, decide the fees of this case and satisfied the client.
- Next ten minutes are termed as "Post Consultation Period", the advocates have to talk about their tactics, what they should do for clients and what documents they need from their client, etc. This is where judges will see the mindset, planning and skill of counselling of advocates. It is at the discretion of the teams to decide who will speak what and about their roles.
- Next five minutes are for judges so that they can ask questions from the teams. [It depends upon judge's discretion to question or not]

GENERAL RULES

- **Counsel 1, Counsel 2 & Client 1 and Client 2 will be the name of advocates during the sessions. Disclosing the name of the participating college to the judges will result in disqualification.**
- **Advocates are required to elicit all relevant information from the client by interviewing or questioning the client and then counsel the client.**
- **In every round there will be a new problem of proposition.**
- **The highest scoring Client(s) and counsel(s) will be qualified into further rounds**
- **During the consultation and post-consultation, the team may use books, notes and other materials.**



Each participant shall be marked out with a maximum of 100 marks and every participant shall be judged for his/her performance(s)

AWARDS & PRIZES

The Competition will involve the following awards and merit certificate categories:

- Best Counsel
- Best Client
- Runner Up Counsel
- Runner Up Client
- Best Team (in Prelim Round)

NOTE:

- E-Certificates for participation will be sent through email within 1 month of the declaration of result
- Separate E- Certificates will be provided to the Semi-Finalists, Runners-up and Winners.

MISCELLANEOUS

- If any one of the members of a Participating Team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it will be deemed that the said Participating Team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- Any reference to time in the Competition Rules will be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.
- The Competition Administrator may, at its discretion, blacklist a team and/or the University of a team from participation in future editions of the Competition if that team or the University of that team unjustifiably withdraw from the Competition after having committed to participate.The organizers may take such other measures as are required for the orderly and fair conduct of the Competition.
- The organizers' interpretation as to the implementation of the Competition Rules is final and conclusive.
- This competition follows a novel set of rules and guidelines, by registering to participate in this competition , the organiser would assume that the teams have went through the rules and guidelines and understand the same.

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