



CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION 2025-26

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RULEBOOK

VIDHI MANTHAN 2.0

Client Counseling Competition: Rulebook

Introduction

The Client Counseling Competition at Vidhi Manthan 2.0 is designed to fortify the practical competencies of law students by replicating authentic client interview experiences. This competition grants aspiring legal professionals a unique forum to cultivate essential interviewing, advisory, and analytical capabilities vital for distinguished legal practice. Participants will gain invaluable exposure to real-world legal challenges and enhance their understanding of professional responsibilities in law.

Objectives

1. To offer a dynamic platform for law students to refine their client interviewing and counseling proficiencies.
2. To simulate practical legal scenarios, enhancing problem-solving skills.
3. To deepen awareness of the lawyer-client relationship including pertinent ethical dimensions.
4. To promote teamwork and collaborative learning in a professional setting.

Event Details

Date: 8 January 2026

Time: 09:00 am onwards

Venue: Modern Law College, Pune

Eligibility: Open to students enrolled in three-year and five-year law degree programs from recognized law schools and colleges across India

Registration Fee: ₹2,000 (non-refundable)

Competition Structure

Preliminary Round:

1. Each team (two members: Senior Counsel and Junior Counsel) participates in a client interview based on a provided hypothetical scenario.
2. Areas of law: Consumer Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property Law.
3. Problems are released 45 minutes before the commencement.
4. Time: 20 minutes (15-minute client consultation, 5-minute post-consultation with judges).

Final Round:

1. Top four teams will qualify.
2. Area of law: Property Law.
3. Problems are shared 45 minutes before the commencement.
4. Time: 30 minutes (20-minute consultation, 10-minute post-consultation with judges).

Eligibility and Team Composition

1. Teams must consist of two students (Senior and Junior Counsel).
2. Only one team per institution is permitted (first-come, first-served basis; cap set at 20 teams, extendable by the Organizing Committee).
3. Participants must be enrolled in any year of a recognized law program.

Registration Process

1. Registration is to be completed via the designated Google form along with payment proof.
2. Each team will receive a unique Team Code upon successful registration.
3. The Organizing Committee reserves final authority in case of disputes related to registration.
4. Registration Link: - <https://forms.gle/Y6o5yukpWero39nr9>

5. Payment Details: -

Account Name: - PES modern Law College

Bank Name: - Bank of Baroda

A/c No.: - 04470100017487

IFSC Code: - BARB0POOSEN

Competition Procedure

1. Teams represent a simulated law office, receiving client problems shortly before their session.
2. During the consultation, teams must gather relevant client information, clarify desired outcomes, outline legal issues, and propose solutions.
3. Judges will assess based on listening, questioning, analytical planning, and overall professional approach.
4. Both team members must actively interact with the client as a unit.
5. Use of reference materials is allowed during the session.

Stages of the Competition

1. Consultation Period: Teams interview clients and extract pertinent information.
2. Post-Consultation: Teams summarize the session, outline the next legal steps, and respond to judges' questions.
3. Judges' Q&A: Additional queries from judges, timed separately within each round.

Marking Criteria

1. Work atmosphere and professionalism (10 marks)
2. Ability to elicit client's problems (10 marks)
3. Legal knowledge and application (10 marks)
4. Meeting client's goals and needs (10 marks)
5. Provision of viable alternatives (10 marks)
6. Effectiveness in concluding consultation (10 marks)
7. Observing confidentiality (10 marks)
8. Managing ethical/legal client relationships (10 marks)
9. Performance in judges' session (20 marks)

10. Total: 100 marks

Code of Conduct

1. All communication must be conducted in English.
2. Attire: Formal black pants/white shirt for all, or white Kurti/black Salwar for women; gowns, bands and robes are prohibited.
3. Team codes must always be used; identity disclosure to judges or other participants is forbidden.
4. Strict adherence to the timing and decorum; rule violations attract disqualification.
5. Misconduct (including cheating, intimidation, or derogatory speech) results in immediate disqualification.

Disqualification and Withdrawal

1. Disclosure of team identity, seeking prior access to client problems, or attempting to influence outcomes leads to disqualification.
2. Teams withdrawing post-registration are subject to penalties determined by the principal.

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Scouting is strictly prohibited; only authorized individuals are permitted in competition rooms.
2. The Organizing Committee may modify rules with due notice and maintains the final say on all matters.

Awards and Prizes

1. Winner Team: ₹21,000, Trophy & Certificate
2. Runner-Up Team: ₹11,000, Trophy & Certificate
3. Best Client Counselor: ₹5,000, Trophy & Certificate
4. Best Client: ₹2,000 & Certificate

Sponsorship and Organization

Sponsor:

Late K. T. Girme Foundation

Faculty-in-Charge:

Asst. Prof. Kirtimalini Tike

Asst. Prof. Vishwajeet Deshmukh

Student Coordinators:

Rudra Ragate

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Isha Nabaria

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