

National Client Consultation Competition

Organized by:



THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY,
SCHOOL OF LAW
(Formerly ITM University, Gurgaon)

About the Competition:

This Competition is a work of NCU, School of Law. The vision of School of Law is to be ranked amongst some of the best law schools of India and the most preferred private university destination for law aspirants. School of Law at The NorthCap University provides the highest quality professional legal education to equip the students for a transnational practice and to face the challenges posed by the internationalization of legal profession. The School has continually strived to achieve excellence in legal education through interactive teaching-learning process, clinical opportunities, exposures to the legal profession through internships and externships, industry ready curricula and innumerable opportunities to interact with the stalwarts in the legal profession.

The stage is set for the **Second Edition of The Client Consultation competition organised by The NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY on 21st October 2016**. The Competition is aimed at promoting greater knowledge and interest among law students 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. The Competition provides an opportunity for a valuable educational interchange between students, law teachers, and legal practitioners. The Competition simulates a law office consultation in which two law students, acting as lawyers (attorneys/solicitors/legal practitioners), are presented with a client matter. The students conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client.

Students are expected to elicit the relevant information from the client, explore with the client his or her preferred outcome, outline the nature of the problem, and present the client with a means (or range of alternatives, if appropriate) for resolving the problem. The interview with the client is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the students, in the absence of the client,

analyze the interview and discuss the legal and other work to be undertaken. The interview and post consultation period last a total of 25 minutes. The students are evaluated by a panel of judges. The students are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview. Once the judges have completed their evaluation of the interview, the students are to be called back in and the judges will provide a brief critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods.

The Winning team will be provided with a cash amount of 10,000 Rupees and a winning Trophy along with the certificates. Also a cash of 5,000 Rupees and a Trophy will be given to the runners up and along with the certificates. Also, Participating Certificate will be given to all the participants.

Eligibility:

- Only Law Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.
- Only bonafide students pursuing LL.B. Three Year/Five Year Degree programmes in aforementioned institutions, during the current academic year are eligible to participate.
- There can be a maximum **3 Teams from one university/college.**

Composition of Teams:

- Each team shall consist of only **TWO** participants.

Registration:

- Pre-arrival
- Teams/Participants are required to duly fill the Registration Form (attached at the end) (endorsed by the Head of the Institution) along with the **Demand Draft of Rs. 2000/-** drawn in favour of NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY payable at Gurgaon, which has to reach the organizers by the **15th October, 2016.** The Registered teams are required to confirm their arrival and verify their registration over phone/ email.
- Teams from the same college/university can send a **common draft** for the whole amount.
- Accommodation will be provided with an extra cost of **Rs. 1000 per member for a day.**
- The teams/ Participants are required to e-mail the soft copy of the Demand Draft along with duly filled registration form latest by **10th October, 2016** on **clientconsultation2016.ncu@gmail.com**
- All the participants shall carry their College/University Identity Cards at the time of registration as well as at all times thereafter, during the competition. Participants are advised to carry photocopies of all duly filled forms that have been submitted to the organizers.

Orientation Programme:

- The orientation will be held on 21st October, 2016 at 9:30 am., North Cap University, Gurgaon, Sector 23A, Haryana 122017.
- Participants will be briefed about the details of the event, wherein they are welcome to seek clarifications.
- Draw of lots for allocation of team codes will be carried out during this session and the competition will commence on the same day i.e. **21st October, 2016.**

Code of Conduct:

- All the participants must be dressed in a dignified manner befitting the legal profession for the competition
- Friendly and healthy interaction among the participating teams and with the students of the host college is encouraged and expected.
- Use of Mobile phones is strictly prohibited during the competition.
- Participants shall not reveal the identity of his/her college/university at any point of time during the competition.
- Participants shall not interact with the clients before the allotted time.
- Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited.

Rules and Regulations:

COMPETITION ROUNDS:

- This event will be conducted in three Rounds namely, Preliminary Round, Semi Final Round and Final Round.
- Preliminary Round will be conducted in two slots; each team will get only once chance to appear in the round.

- Top 4 teams will go to the semi final round on the basis of the team score of the preliminary rounds. The Semi finals will be held simultaneously in different rooms judged by different panel of judges.
- In case of a tie for the 4th place, all the tied teams will be eligible to go to semi finals.
- Top two teams from the semi final rounds will go to the final round on the basis of team scores.
- The problems for the competition will be set in the area of **Tort Law and Consumer Law; Criminal Law; Administrative Law; Family Law and Current Legal Issues.**
- The organizers will select the clients to play the role as required by the problems.

COMPETITION PROCEDURE:

- The teams will have a maximum of 25 minutes of which 15 minutes will be for client interviewing and counselling. The remaining 10 minutes shall be for discussion between the participants and the judge.
- During the post interview period of 10 minutes when the client will not be there, the students will have to summarize the interview, analyze the problem and indicate the course of action to be undertaken to the judge.
- During this period of 25 minutes if necessary, the competing students can consult any books or laptop, which they may bring with them.
- If the team exceeds the time allocated there will be negative marking. During this time the judges may also seek clarifications from the teams regarding their approach and analysis of the issues.
- In the interviewing and Counselling stage as well as post interviewing and counselling stage, one member of the team will take the lead role and the other a supplementary role.
- There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 25 minutes period.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The competition shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach.
- Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in so doing.
- Clients' goals, expectation and needs.
- Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision.
- Suggesting alternatives.
- Allowing the client to informed choice.
- Effective conclusion of the counselling session.
- Team work.
- Management of ethical and professional relation with the client – dealing with emotional and legal need of the client.
- Post interview session interaction with the judges/among themselves.

Transport:

- The participants should arrive on 21st October, 2016, latest by 9:00 a.m. at TheNorthcap University. The teams can come either by metro (Nearest Metro Station M.G. Road/IFFCO Chowk) or by road transport or by any other means.

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Annexure 1

The Northcap University National Client Consultation Competition

THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY,

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21st October 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE

POSTAL ADDRESS

PHONE:

NAME (of contact person):

DESIGNATION:

E-MAIL:

NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANT 1. _____ (M/F)

PARTICIPANT 2. _____ (M/F)

MOBILE: _____

**NOTE: FILL THE FORM CAREFULLY. THE SAME NAMES WILL BE USED
IN CERTIFICATES.**

DETAILS OF REGISTRATION FEE: RS. 2,000/- DRAFT OR 1000 (PER
MEMBER) EXTRA IN CASE YOU REQUIRE ACCOMMODATION

NO: _____ BANK : _____

(DRAFT SHOULD BE DRAWN IN FAVOUR OF NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY
PAYABLE AT GURGAON)

SIGNATURE & SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION.