

**ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad**  
**Rules and Regulations for Client Counselling Competition**

**Objective**

The object of the client counselling competition is to provide a means for law students to practice and improve their advocacy skills and provide solutions to the client problems.

**Number of Participants: Two/ team**

(Only one team representing the college can take part in the event and they play the role of Advocates/Counsels).

**Prize:**

**First Prize: 20000/-**

**Runner Up: 10000/-**

**Rules and Regulations:**

**1. Eligibility**

Only bonafide students of law colleges/institutions pursuing a three year /five years degree in law are eligible to participate in the competition. Participation allotments shall be made on a first come first serve basis.

**2. Registration**

- (i)** The participating teams are required to complete the process of registration along with the payment on or before **10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Spot registrations will not be entertained.
- (ii)** The teams that shall complete the process of provisional registration shall be allotted participant slots in the competition on the first come first serve basis.
- (iii)** Provisional registration of the teams for the competition shall be done by sending email to [fol.lawfest@ifheindia.org](mailto:fol.lawfest@ifheindia.org). Upon the receipt of email confirmation from us, please send duly filled proforma for registration along with a DD of **Rs. 3,000/-** Drawn in favour of , **“The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education”**, payable at Hyderabad as registration fee on or before 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- (iv)** A confirmation mail shall be sent to the college/institution who successfully complete the process of provisional registration, in furtherance of which the teams shall have to send their registration form and demand draft in soft copy and hard copy to the host university.
- (v)** Registration forms should be sent to:  
Faculty Coordinator (s)  
The ICFAI Law School,  
The Icfai Federation for Higher Education  
Dontanpalli, Shankerpally Road  
Hyderabad -501 203  
Telangana State.

### **3. Team codes**

In order to preserve anonymity of participants each team will be identified by a code which will be provided to the teams during the registration process and shall remain the same till the completion of final rounds.

### **4. Time Limit**

Each team will participate in a **30 minutes** session which will be inclusive of the consultation with the client (20 minutes) followed by post-reflexive session (5 minutes) and a question answer session by the judges (5 minutes). Total time period of each round will be maximum of 30 minutes.

### **5. Memoranda**

The participants are given a brief written memorandum that identifies the general nature of the subject matter of the client's problem 10 days before the preliminary rounds are held. The memoranda contain only a brief outline of the situations. The participants will receive a copy of the written memoranda via email and the participating team should confirm the acceptance of the memoranda to the faculty coordinator(s) via email within two days of the communication of memoranda.

### **6. Number of Rounds**

- (i) There will be four rounds namely two preliminary rounds, semi-final and final-round.
- (ii) Each group will be judged by a panel of two judges in the preliminary rounds and a panel of three judges in semi-final and final-rounds.
- (iii) From both the preliminary rounds, six teams or 8 teams with the highest scores will be qualified to participate in the semi-finals.
- (iv) Each panel of judges may be from among the following categories - Practicing lawyers, judges, counsellors, and academicians.
- (v) The judges will receive a copy of judging criteria/memoranda before the competition and will be briefed by the organizers before the round, in which they are to be judges.
- (vi) The identity of the team must not be disclosed to the judges. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification.
- (vii) Once the preliminary round starts the competing teams should not be interacting till the preliminary round gets over as this may unduly benefit certain teams. Such an interaction will be misconducts and the teams so interacting may be disqualified.

The list of teams going to the semi-finals and finals will be notified as soon as possible after the respective rounds are over.

### **7. Dress Code**

The dress code for the competition is formal. Men are required to wear a black suit with a white shirt and a black tie, formal shoes for a male counsel. Women are required to wear a white shirt, black trousers/skirt and black blazer or a salwar kameez with black blazer and formal women footwear for female counsel. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the participants in the competition.

### **8. Competition Procedure:**

- (i) The competition shall consist of two stages: consultation and critique session

The teams will have a maximum of 30 minutes. During this period of 30 minutes if necessary the competing participant can consult any books, laptop which they bring with them.

- (ii) In both the interviewing and counselling stage (consultation session) as well as critique session, one member of the team should take the lead role and the other should take supplementary role.
- (iii) There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 30 minutes period.

#### **9. Scoring criteria**

The teams shall qualify from the two preliminary rounds to the semi-finals. The marking method shall combine a team's final points along with relative rank to arrive at a final point. The teams with the top eight final points shall qualify to the semi- finals.

#### **10. Travelling expenses**

The travelling expenses of the participants shall be fully met by their respective college/institution.

11. **Food and Accommodation** for all the participants will be provided by the host college/university from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

#### **12. Scouting**

No member of any participant team will be permitted to hear the session in any other chamber. The organizers shall take strict action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

#### **13. Penalty and disqualification**

The organizers reserve the right to penalize the participating team on the following grounds:

- (i) Extending the time limits beyond 30 minutes.

The organizers reserves the right to disqualify the participating team on the following grounds:

- (i) Skipping or missing client counselling session allotted
- (ii) Scouting
- (iii) Reveal of identity (non- compliance with anonymity)

#### **14. Appeal Committee**

The organisers are entitled to change the format of the competition, without intimation. In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the appeal committee that is constituted by the host university and the decision of the appeal committee shall be final.

**The teams would be responsible for any damage at the place of stay and would have to compensate for the same. The organizers will not be responsible for the same.**