

# The Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Consultation Competition (National Round)

Organized by:  
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In Association with

Forum of South Asian Clinical Law Teachers

## **About the Competition:**

The Louis M. Brown International Client Counselling Competition was founded in 1985. In May 2010, the competition's name was subtly changed from "client counselling" to "client consultation". It was felt that "consultation" reflects better the activity as opposed to the words interviewing, advising or counselling. The name of the Californian lawyer Forrest S. Mosten was also added to the title of the competition. The Competition is affiliated with the International Bar Association and collaborates closely with law societies and bar associations throughout the world.

The 2014 international competition will be hosted by San Juan, Puerto Rico from 9- 12 April. The Brown-Mosten Competition is an annual competition for the winners of national competitions across the world. The Competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventive law and counselling functions of law practice. It also encourages students to develop 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 35 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 called back in and the judges provide a brief critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods.

Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida is organizing The Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Consultation Competition, National Round in association with Forum of South Asian Clinical Law Teachers. The Winning team at national rounds would represent India in international competition hosted by San Juan, Puerto Rico from 09th to 12th April 2014.

### **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 [1.1], during the current academic year are eligible to participate.

### **Composition of Teams:**

- Each team shall consist of TWO participants.

## **Registration:**

- Pre-arrival
- Teams/Participants are required to duly fill the Registration Form (see annexure I) (endorsed by the Head of the Institution) along with the **Demand Draft of Rs.1500/-** drawn in favour of Lloyd Law College payable at New Delhi, which has to reach the organizers by the 25th January, 2014. The Registered teams are required to confirm their arrival and verify their registration over phone/fax/email.
- The teams/ Participants are required to e-mail the soft copy of the Demand Draft along with duly filled registration form latest by 20th January, 2014.
- All the registered teams are required to be present in person on the 7th of February, 2014 between 5:00pm to 6:00 pm at Lloyd Law College, PlotNo.11, Knowledge Park – II, Greater Noida – 201306, Distt: Gautam Budh Nagar (Uttar Pradesh) for confirmation of their participation.
- 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 7th February, 2014 at 6 pm., Lloyd Law College, Plot No.11, Knowledge Park – II, Greater Noida - 201306 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.

## **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.
- Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

### **COMPETITION ROUNDS:**

- This event shall be conducted in two Rounds namely, Preliminary Round, Semi Final Round.
- Preliminary Rounds will have two rounds.
- Top 6 teams shall go to the semi final round on the basis of the team score of both the preliminary rounds. The Semi finals shall be held simultaneously in different rooms judged by different panel of judges.
- In case of a tie for the 6th place, all the tied teams will be eligible to go to semi finals.
- Top two teams from the semi final rounds shall go to the finals of national rounds on the basis of team scores.
- In case of a tie for the 2nd place, all the tied teams will be eligible for finals.
- **The problems for the competition will be set in the area of Tort Law and Consumer; and Family Law.**
- The organizers will select the clients to play the role as required by the problems.

### **COMPETITION PROCEDURE:**

- The teams will have a maximum of 35 minutes of which 25 minutes will be for client interviewing and counselling. The remaining 10 minutes shall be for discussing among themselves (team) and summarizing as to how they will go about with dealing the case.
- During this period of 35 minutes if necessary, the competing students can consult any books or laptop, which they may bring with them.
- 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. 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. 2.5. There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 35 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 7th February, 2014, latest by 5.00 p.m. Lloyd Law College; Greater Noida is located at the Hindon embankment in the lush green pollution free environment, approximately 40 km from the New Delhi Railway Station and approximately 55 km from the Delhi Airport. Well connected with Delhi Metro, with the nearest metro station being the Botanical Garden Metro Station, approximately 30km from the Lloyd Law College.
- The college is easily accessible by city buses service by paying Rs.25 per person (approximately) from Botanical Garden Metro Station to Pari Chowk and Auto Rickshaw Service from Pari Chowk to Lloyd Law College by paying Rs.15 per person (approximately).

## **Accommodation:**

- The College will provide accommodation for teams for not more than two participants per team from 7th February, 2014 (17:00hours onwards) up to 10th February, 2014 (till 09:00am).
- Accommodation For the participants is arranged in nearby hostel. These hostels are well equipped and have all facilities. However there are separate hostels for Gents and ladies. **Therefore team constituting both males and females are informed that they will not be able to stay in the same campus, during night.**

The arrangements are made at.

- RSD Hostel (for Gents)  
Plot No.26/11 Knowledge park II, Greater Noida Email:  
rsd.hostel@gmail.com Web site: [www.rsdhotel.com](http://www.rsdhotel.com)
- Kaushalaya Residency (For ladies)  
39-B, Knowledge Park-II, Greater Noida  
[Email.info@kaushalyaresidency.com](mailto:Email.info@kaushalyaresidency.com).

## **Local Transport:**

- Since Delhi and Greater Noida are well connected by Metrorail now, the participants coming from any part of India could travel by metro rail to Botanical garden on the metro blue line. **From Botanical garden there will be regular transport arranged by the college on 7th February from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at every 2 hour interval, immediately on arrival if approximate time of arrival is earlier notified.**
- Details of metro line & timings are available on the web at <http://www.delhimetrorail.com/zoom-routemap.aspx>
- From Air port. If by taxi to greater Noida will cost about Rs.1000/.By pauto from IGI air port to Rajiv Chowk on the orange line and at Rajiv chowk change over to Blue line towards Noida and alight at Botanical garden stop.

## **From Hazarat Nizamuddin Station:**

- By taxi will be around Rs.1000 to greater Noida or Rs.500 by Auto Rickshaw.
- By bus .Bus No. 37 ob Route No.7 to Greater Noida and alight at Pari chowk.

- The nearest metro station is Pragati Maidan and from Pragati Maidan takes blue line metro directly to Botanical garden.

**From New Delhi Railway Station:**

- Take metro Yellow line to Rajiv chowk and change over at Rajiv chowk to Blue line towards Noida and alight at Botanical garden.

**From Old Delhi Station:**

- Take metro Yellow line from Chandini Chowk to Rajiv Chowk and change over at Rajiv Chowk to Blue line towards Noida and alight at Botanical garden.

**By Road Transport:**

- If arriving by Bus take metro yellow line from Kashmere Gate to Rajiv Chowk and change over at Rajiv Chowk to Blue line towards Noida and alight at Botanical garden

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