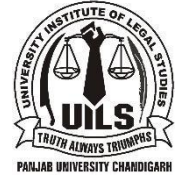




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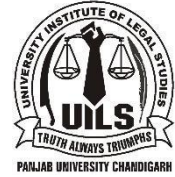


RULES AND REGISTRATION FORM
CLIENT COUNSELLING
COMPETITION ARGUENDO 2018
(3rd-4TH FEBRUARY, 2018)



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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION.

The Client Counselling Competition aims to put to test, the most radical skills of an able attorney, and subject them to sophisticated scrutiny. A Competitor's ability to interview and identify a client's concern, and their propensity to champion the Client's cause are the gamechangers for this competition.

Competitors will be expected to interview a host student impersonating the concerned client. The issue may be based on one or more categories from among a wide range of Indian Laws and Statutes.

Participants are expected to:

1. Elicit the relevant information from the client.
2. Explore with the client his or her preferred outcome.
3. Outline the nature of the problem, and
4. Present the client with a means (or range of alternatives) for resolving the problem.

The interview with the client is followed by a post-consultation period.

The participants are evaluated by a panel of judges, comprising a lawyer, a judicial officer or even a counselor (e.g. social or welfare worker, psychologist, clergy, or another person with extensive experience in counseling). The inclusion of a non-lawyer counselor on the judging panel is designed to broaden the interdisciplinary perspectives of the panel both in terms of skills and possible solutions to a problem.

The students are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of skills such as listening, questioning, planning, and analytically deducing the problem in a lawyer-client interview.

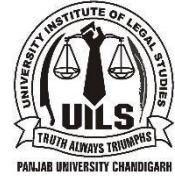
RULE 1: ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION

A team, comprising of two law students [pursuing the 3 year or 5 year integrated course], is eligible to participate. Participants will be conducting a simulated interview and mutually



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research, plan and conduct the interview, and no observer or extra participant will be allowed to sit through the competition at any time.

NOTE: A team participating in the client counseling competition cannot participate in any other event of ARGUENDO 2018. However, separate teams from the same college can participate in other events of ARGUENDO 2018.

RULE 2: THE CONSULTATION SITUATIONS

(a) Distribution of the Competition Topic for Consultation Situations.

The Consultation Situations for the UILS National Client Counselling Competition – 2018 will be based on ‘**Family Law, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, Companies Law, IPC and Allied Subjects**’. The Consultation Situations for all Rounds will be based on the given topics only; however each round will involve a different client and a different situation. The Consultation Situation for each round will not be revealed before the Round commences.

(b) Rounds.

There will be Four rounds of competition (refer to the Competition Schedule), Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals (For 8 short listed Teams), Semi Final Round and the Final Round.

(c) Dress.

The participants are expected to wear Business Formals for all the rounds of the Competition and the Award Ceremony. **Uniforms comprising neck ties/ cravats of the law colleges/ law schools are not allowed.**

RULE 3: THE CONSULTATION AND POST-CONSULTATION

(a) Maximum Time Limit for the Session.

Each team shall have a maximum of **forty-five minutes** to complete the session. This session must include both a consultation session with the client (limited to 35 minutes) and a post-consultation (limited to 10 minutes).

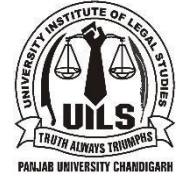
(b) The Consultation with the Client.

Each team must conduct a consultation with the client within 35 minutes, during which the students are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, and propose options



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for resolving the problem. Team members are entirely free to decide on how they will divide their work, but both participants must consult with the client as a team and their plan as a whole will be subject to judging.

(c) The Post-Consultation.

Each team must also conduct a meaningful post-consultation discussion between the participants after the client has left the room, which shall not extend beyond 10 minutes. During this post-consultation, the students may either talk to each other loudly enough to be overheard by the judges or may even dictate a file memorandum on the interview or both. The students may wish during their post-consultation presentation to explain why they worked together in the way that they did, subject to the requirements of the panel of Judges. The post-consultation performance may summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. Explanation of the position or attitude taken by the students may be useful. The judges, at this point may ask questions to the participants requiring explanations to their actions in the interview and the participants need to answer them duly.

(d) Use of Materials and Props.

During the consultation and post-consultation, the team may use books, notes, and other materials. The team may also use office props to setup an Office structure, however none of them will be provided by the Host Institution and the participants must bear in mind that **NO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION CAN BE USED OR ACCESSED DURING THE COMPETITION (This includes all electronic items like Laptops, Mini Computers, E-Tablets, I-Pads, Cell Phones etc.).**

RULE 4: JUDGES' CRITIQUE AND RANKING OF TEAMS OBSERVED

(a) Content and Timing of the Critique.

Except in the Final Round, immediately following each team's post-consultation presentation, the judges may provide the team with a critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods. This critique should focus on the Assessment Criteria only. The critique should last no more than 2-5 minutes.

(b) Client Not to Be Present.

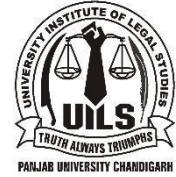
Clients should not be present during the post-consultation period or during the critique.

(c) Judges' Discussion of Each Team's Performance and the Awarding of Points.



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After each team’s performance, the judges as they have observed, shall discuss each team's performance amongst themselves and rank them accordingly. They will judge each participant of all the teams independently. Judging independently, each judge must give points (out of a scale of 5, 10 and 20 respectively) to the participants for each judging criterion.

RULE 5: ADVANCING THROUGH THE ROUNDS.

(a) Point Qualification Format.

The Competition uses a Point Qualification Format in which teams accumulating the highest number of points in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter finals followed by the Semi-Final Rounds and thereon for the Final Rounds respectively.

(b) Number and Sequence of Rounds.

The Competition would provide a Preliminary Round in which all teams compete. The top-ranking 8 teams out of them will proceed to the Quarter-Finals. 4 teams out of them will proceed to the Semi-Finals and the top-ranking 2 teams out of the semi-finals will compete in the Final (Championship) Rounds.

(c) Ties after the Rounds.

In case of ties, the following procedure will be followed:

If two or more teams otherwise qualified to advance after the Preliminary Rounds are tied due to the reason of having the same score, then both or all will be allowed to proceed to the next round. In case of a tie in the Finals, the total score of the teams tied, i.e. the score of the Preliminary round, Quarter-finals, Semi Finals and the Final Round will be taken into account.

RULE 6: AWARDS

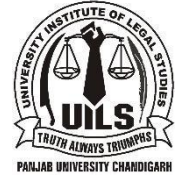
Each participant in the Competition will receive a certificate to be awarded at the end of the Competition.

Awards	Adjudged in (Rounds)
Best Team (Winners)	Final Rounds
Second Best Team (Runners Up)	Final Rounds



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Best Student Counsel	Final Rounds
Second Best Student Counsel	Final Rounds
Best Student Counsel of the Preliminaries	Preliminary Rounds
Second Best Student Counsel of the Preliminaries	Preliminary Rounds

RULE 7: CLIENTS

(a) Selection of Clients.

The Host Institution is responsible for selecting persons to play the role of the clients for each of the sessions and rounds of the Competition. All Clients will be given absolute and uniform information about the Consultation Situations.

(b) Orientation and Briefing for Clients.

Hosts would be conducting an orientation on basic information and Competition Rules for the clients in advance of the date of Competition. But, each client will be supplied with a packet containing the consultation situation and a detailed confidential memorandum concerning the client's background and concerns, only on the date of the Competition. There will be no direct consultation between the Judges and the Clients at any point of time

RULE 8: JUDGES

(a) Selection of the Judges.

The Host Institution will be responsible for selecting Judges for all the rounds of the Competition. A panel of minimum two Judges will sit for each session of the Preliminary, Quarter, Semi Final and the Final Rounds.

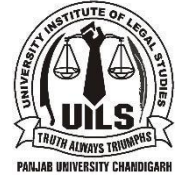
(b) Assessment Criteria.

All judges will be supplied with a copy of the Consultation Situation for the Round they will be judging, a copy or summary of the Rules, and a detailed confidential memorandum about the client's background and concerns and these are to be used as guidelines in scoring the Competition. **All decisions of the judges in the UILS National Client Counseling**



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Competition – 2018 relating to the quality of a team's performance are final; disputes regarding such decisions are not subject to hearing or appeal.

RULE 9: PARTICIPANT EXPENSES

(a) Participant Expenses and Acceptance of Risk.

Travel and incidental costs incurred by participants in conjunction with the Competition will not be reimbursed by the UILS National Client Counseling Competition or the University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) in any way, and will be the responsibility of the participants themselves.

Accommodation for the participants shall be provided by the Host Institution from the evening of 2nd February up till the morning of 5th February, 2018 only. Details for the same have also been mentioned in the Invitation Letter.

(b) Deadlines and Registration Fee.

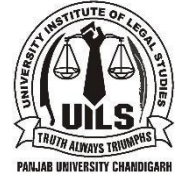
An email confirmation from the participating institutions and soft copies of their Registration Form and Demand Draft is expected before the **23rd January, 2018** to be sent at **uilslawfest.ccl@gmail.com**. Registration Fee of **Rs. 4000/-** has to be sent along with the Registration Form in the form of a **Demand Draft in the name of 'Director, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh'** on or before **26th January, 2018** for participation in the UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2018.

Please Note: The last date of registration along with the Demand Draft is 26th January, 2018, and in no case the registrations will be accepted after the last date.



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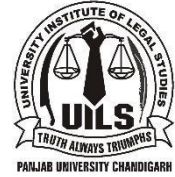
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**REGISTRATION FORM
(TO BE FILLED IN BLOCK LETTERS)**

INSTITUTION DETAILS:	
Name of the Institution/ University:	
Address:	
Contact No:	
E-Mail:	
Contact Person:	
Designation:	
Contact No:	
E-Mail:	

REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS

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(Please mention the name of the participants and the institution on the reverse side of the original demand draft)

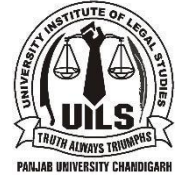
WHETHER ACCOMMODATION IS REQUIRED?

(Yes / No)



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PARTICIPANT DETAILS

PARTICIPANT - I		
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DETAILS OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

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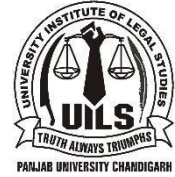
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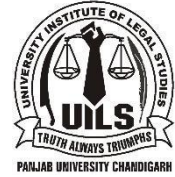
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(In case of any change in travel plans, please inform us via email or phone)



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DECLARATION FORM

1. We declare that the institution and its team members participating in the Competition will abide by all the rules of the Competition set out as and notified to us from time to time through the period of the competition.
2. We also declare and confirm that all the information provided in the registration form is true and accurate.
3. In case of any disputes arising during the Competition, the decision of the committee appointed by the organizing University shall be final and binding and will not be subject to any further deliberations.

Signature of Participant I:

Signature of Participant II:

Seal and Signature of the
Head of the Institution