

KERALA LAW ACADEMY MOOT COURT SOCIETY
14TH NATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTING COMPETITION 2013

RULES

1. Each law school/College may enter one team consisting of two students.
2. Only students doing LL.B/BL degree courses are entitled to participate. Students undergoing Master courses in law or postgraduate research in law are not entitled to participate.
3. Each team, in both the preliminary rounds and the final, will have 35 minute session. The first 25 minutes are to be devoted to the interview with the client (consultation), during which time the team is expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem and make suggestions for its resolution.
4. During the 10 minute post interview period (post consultation), the team should discuss the interview, within the hearing of the judges, using the opportunity to assess the interview and discuss future strategies for dealing with the client's problems. It is up to each team to decide how they will share the work. The work plan is subject to judging, however, and the team may wish to use part of this post interview reflection to explain their work plan. The judges may question the team at the end of this period and may use anything learned in this period to assist them in their judging.
5. After all the teams have finished their sessions, the judges in each group shall privately consult in order to evaluate the teams. The client may at this time be invited to participate in the consultation, but his/her opinion should not be determinative.
6. Each team will receive a copy of the Judging Criteria.
- 7.(a) In order to preserve anonymity each team will be identified to the judges only by a number or letter which will be given to each team at registration.
 - (b) Teams that have conducted their interviews in a particular group will be segregated from those who have not yet participated.
 - (c) Observer may watch any interview but may not return to the area where teams that have not competed are waiting or in any other way communicate with a team that has not yet participated in that round.
 - (d) Team members may not observe any interview until after they have conducted their own interview.
 - (f) All entrants agree to their interviews being videotaped and used in tapes produced by the Client interviewing Competition.
8. Subject of the problem may be based on the Law of torts and contract.
9. Each group will be judged by a panel of three judges. Each panel of judges may be from among the following categories. Practising Lawyers, Judges, Counsellors, Psychologists. In each panel, at least one judge will be a practising lawyer.
10. The Judges will receive a copy of the judging criteria before the competition and will be briefed by the organisers before the round, in which they are to judge.

11. The Judges and the teams will agree the starting time for the interview. The team will be responsible for its own time keeping during the interview. The organisers will arrange their own time keepers.
12. The teams will pick lots and accordingly get the team alphabet and the rooms where they will be judged. The preliminary rounds will take place in at least four rooms simultaneously.
13. The clients in the four rooms will have the same problems. Each team will have a total of 35 minutes out of which a maximum 25 minutes will be spent with the client and the remaining ten minute among themselves (Student Advocates) assessing how the interview went about and the additional information they may have to collect and the cause of action that will be pursued. This is called the Post interview conferencing.
14. Once the Preliminary rounds start, 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 a misconduct and the teams so interacting may be disqualified. Each judge will evaluate for a maximum of 100 marks independently. The score of all the judges for each team will be added up and then listed according to their scoring (best team scoring highest points) depending on the number of participating teams. In the order of merit, the top four or six teams will go to semi-finals. If there is a tie for the 4th or 6th position, one of the teams scoring the same marks for the 4th or 6th position will be eligible to go to the semi-finals by picking of lots.
15. The list of teams going to the semi-finals will be notified as soon as possible after the preliminary rounds are over.
16. The winner will be awarded the Justice P. Govinda Menon Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy and other prizes. The Runners-up will also be awarded a trophy and other prizes.
17. Each institution participating in the competition can send a team consisting of two students. Their travelling expenses shall be met by the respective sponsoring institution. Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the organisers from 09th evening to 11th morning. The girls should take compulsory accommodation in the College Ladies Hostel.
18. Provisional Registration of the teams for the competition shall be done by sending email to kla@asianetindia.com/keralalawacademy@gmail.com. Upon receipt of email confirmation from us, please send duly filled Proforma for Registration along with a **DD for Rs. 3,000/-**, drawn in favour of “**Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society**” payable at Thiruvananthapuram, as registration fee **on or before 20th October 2013**.
19. Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the organisers from 07th evening to 10th morning. **The girls should take compulsory accommodation in the College Ladies Hostel.** The participants have to reach and report at the Kerala Law Academy Office, Peroorkada (Telephone: 0471-2433166) on or before 2.00 P.M. on 07-11-2013. The participants will be received at Trivandrum on prior information. For additional information and clarification please contact R. Shaiju, General Secretary, Moot Court Society (09744963155) or Sreehari. I, Student Convener (09995217473).
20. The organisers are entitled to change the format of the competition, without prior intimation.

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General Secretary