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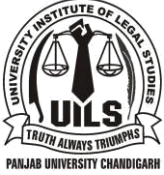
Respected Sir/Madam

It is an honour for the University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University, Chandigarh to organise its fifth *UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016*. We have had an excellent response to our past 4 successful UILS National Client Counseling Competitions; an event which was a pioneer step and the first of its kind in the entire Northern India. This year it will be a part of UILS Law Fest.

We, at UILS are glad to invite your College/Department/University to participate in the UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016 which is being organized as a part of UILS Law Fest to be held from **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**. This initiative of UILS is aimed to hone the lawyering skills of students aspiring to join the legal profession. The Winners of the **UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016** shall be awarded with the '*Dr. Gurdial Singh Dhillon Memorial*' Running Trophy.

Due to the unique format of the competition and requirement of special arrangements, the registration is restricted to **twenty-two (22) teams only** and will be on '*First Come First served*' basis (Priority shall be determined on the basis of e-mail confirmation and receipt of duly filled Registration Forms and Demand Drafts which must reach the organizers before the due date, which is mentioned in the Rules of the Competition).

You are requested to send your confirmation (provisional registration) on or before **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016** by email to [uilslawfest.ccl@gmail.com](mailto:uilslawfest.ccl@gmail.com). A copy of the Registration Form (including the travel details), duly filled and attested by the Head of the Institution and the



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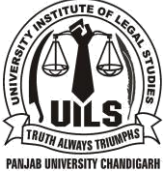
**Registration Fee of Rs. 3000/-** by way of **Demand Draft**, must also be sent by post (to the following address) on or before **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**:

**The Director,  
University Institute of Legal Studies,  
Panjab University, Sector- 14,  
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The Registration Form (including the travel details) along with the copy of the Draft must also be scanned and sent to us at the above mentioned email address on or before **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**.

UILS will provide boarding and lodging to the participating teams which will be only for the duration of the Competition (*i.e. from the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> March till the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016*) in the University campus on a sharing basis. The participants will be expected to adhere to the Rules of the Hostels and maintain high standards of discipline throughout their stay. Misbehavior of any sort by the participants will be dealt very seriously and will lead to disqualification of the team. **Please note that separate accommodation will be arranged for boys and girls.** The teams, in case of any difficulty, can make their own arrangements for accommodation outside the campus. A pick-up and drop-off facility for the Competition and thereafter transportation only within the campus will be provided.

In case, teams would want to arrange for their own Accommodation, then they could use the following Information:



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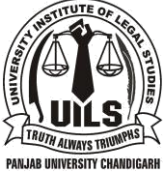
Contact Persons for any clarifications about the Competition-

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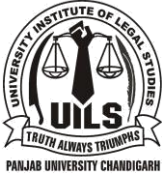
We look forward to having your Institute's participation in the UILS Client  
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Yours truly,

**Prof. Sangita Bhalla**  
**Director**  
**University Institute of Legal Studies**  
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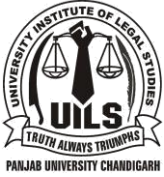
**Note:** The Rules for the Competition and the Registration Forms has been attached along  
with this e-mail.





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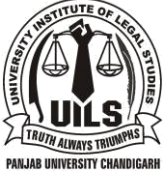
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## **RULE 1: NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION.**

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### **(A) PURPOSE.**

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The UILS National Client Counseling Competition would aim to be a platform for promoting greater knowledge and interest among law students towards anticipating legal solutions and counseling functions of law practice. It aims to inculcate interviewing and planning abilities among the law students. It will further help them to focus on developing analytical skills as a part of the lawyer-client relationship. The Competition will provide an opportunity for a valuable educational and academic interchange between law students, academicians, legal practitioners and jurists.

### **(B) NATURE OF THE COMPETITION.**

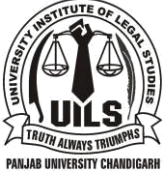
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The Competition simulates a law office consultation in which two law students (participants), acting as lawyers, are presented with a client matter. The subject-matter of the client's problem could include issues ranging from contract law, criminal law and other allied subjects.

The participants will be required to replicate the atmosphere of a legal office wherein they will discuss the case problem presented to them by the client (provided by the Host Institution). Participants are expected to:

1. Elicit the relevant information from the client.
2. Outline the nature of the problem.
3. Explore the different legal avenues available for providing a solution to the problem.

The interview with the client is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the participants, in the absence of the client, analyze the interview and discuss the legal and other work to be undertaken, during which the presiding Judges may ask them questions, if they deem fit. The interview and post-consultation period is for 45 minutes only (ideally, 35 minutes (Interview) +10 minutes (Post-Consultation))



The participants are evaluated by a panel of judges, which would comprise of 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 2: ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION**

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### **(A) COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM.**

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A team, comprising of **two law students [pursuing LL.B. (3years) or B.A.LL.B. (5 years) course]**, is eligible to participate from any law school. Participants conduct a simulated interview in order to provide mutual assistance and support in researching, planning and conducting the interview, and no observer or extra participant will be allowed to sit through the competition at any time.

**NOTE: The team participating in the client counseling competition cannot participate in any other event of ARGUENDO 2016. However, separate teams from the same college can participate in other events of ARGUENDO 2016.**

## **RULE 3: THE CONSULTATION SITUATIONS**

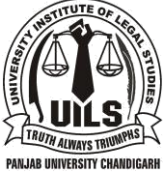
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### **(A) DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMPETITION TOPIC FOR CONSULTATION SITUATIONS.**

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The Consultation Situations for the UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016 will be based on ‘**Contract law, Criminal law 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.**

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There will be four (4) rounds of competition spread over two days. The Preliminary Rounds (up to 22 Teams on 'first come first served' basis) will be conducted as the first round of the competition, followed by the Quarter Finals (for 8 short listed Teams). The next day will begin with the Semi Final round (for 4 short listed Teams) which will be followed by the Final Round (for the Final 2 Teams).

Based on the skills demonstrated in light of the Assessment Criteria, the judges would then rank the teams.

### **(C) FEES.**

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The discussion of fees is an integral part of any first consultation between a lawyer and a client. Students should be judged on how they approach this problem, but not on the monetary amount only.

### **(D) ASSIGNMENT OF TEAM LETTERS.**

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All teams will be pre-assigned with a letter designation (A, B, C, etc.) by the Competition organizer (UILS) on a random basis, upon Registration of the Competition.

### **(E) ATTIRE**

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It is expected that the Participants will dress formally for all the competition rounds and the Awards Ceremony. They could generally wear the attire typical of a lawyer i.e. either Black & White or Dark Gray attires. **But the uniforms comprising neck ties/ cravats of the law colleges/ law schools are not allowed.**

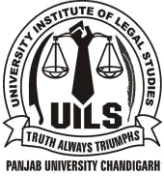
## **RULE 4: THE CONSULTATION AND POST-CONSULTATION**

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### **(A) TIME LIMIT FOR THE SESSION.**

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Each team shall have a maximum of **forty-five (45) minutes** to complete the session. This session must include both a consultation session with the client (ideally, 35 minutes) and a post-consultation (ideally, 10 minutes).



### **(B) THE CONSULTATION WITH THE CLIENT.**

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

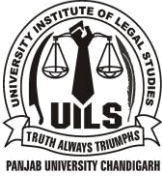
Each team must also conduct a meaningful post-consultation discussion between the participants after the client has left the room. During this post-consultation, the discussion between the participants must be audible to be overheard by the judges. The post-consultation performance may summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. The judges may ask questions to the participants requiring explanations to their actions in the interview and the participants need to answer them duly.

### **(D) DIVISION OF TIME BETWEEN THE CONSULTATION AND POST-CONSULTATION.**

The participants will be provided with Corporate Assistants. They are responsible for keeping track of their time, and will uphold placards marking '15 Minutes Remaining' and then '5 Minutes Remaining' respectively, out of the 45 minutes. Under no circumstance will a team be allowed more than forty-five (45) minutes to complete the session, including both the consultation and the post-consultation. The judges shall ask the participants to stop after forty-five (45) minutes regardless of whether the students are in the consultation or post-consultation process. In determining a team's score, the judges shall consider the way the team allocated its time and, if applicable, the team's failure to include a meaningful post-consultation session.

### **(E) 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-Pods, Cell Phones etc.).**



## **RULE 5: JUDGES' CRITIQUE AND RANKING OF TEAMS OBSERVED**

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### **(A) CONTENT AND TIMING OF THE CRITIQUE.**

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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.**

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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 6: ADVANCING THROUGH THE ROUNDS.**

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### **(A) POINT QUALIFICATION FORMAT.**

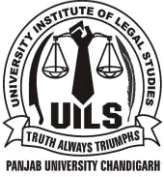
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The Competition uses a Point Qualification Format in which teams accumulating the highest number of points in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the Quarter Finals followed by the Semi-Final Rounds and thereon for the Final (Championship) Rounds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

### **(B) NUMBER AND SEQUENCE OF ROUNDS.**

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The Competition would provide a Preliminary Round in which all teams compete. These rounds may be run simultaneously or consecutively. 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 (Champion)

**(C) TIES AFTER THE ROUNDS.**

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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.

**(D) ORDER OF APPEARANCE OF TEAMS IN THE ROUNDS.**

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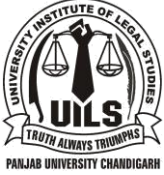
In case of simultaneous sessions of interviews, the order of appearance of the teams shall be determined by random draw based on the team Codes provided to all teams.

**RULE 7: AWARDS**

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Each participant in the Competition will receive a certificate to be awarded at the end of the Competition. The winning team will, in addition, receive a Special Trophy Award.

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>ADJUDGED IN(Rounds)</b>	<b>PRIZE MONEY(In Rupees)</b>
Best Team (Winners)	Final Round	20,000 /-
Second Best Team (Runners Up)	Final Round	12,500 /-
Best Student Counsel	Preliminary Round	10,000/-
Second Best Student Counsel	Preliminary Round	7,500 /-



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## RULE 8: CLIENTS

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### 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.

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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.

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## RULE 9: JUDGES

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### (A) SELECTION OF THE JUDGES.

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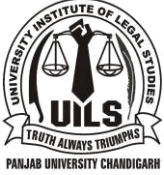
The Host Institution will be responsible for selecting Judges for all the rounds of the Competition. A panel of minimum two Judges will sit for each session of the Preliminary, Quarter Final, Semi Final and the Final Rounds.

### (B) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.

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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**

**Competition – 2016 relating to a team's performance are final; disputes regarding such decisions are not subject to hearing or appeal.**



## **RULE 10: PARTICIPANT EXPENSES**

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### **(A) PARTICIPANT EXPENSES AND ACCEPTANCE OF RISK.**

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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 **morning of 17<sup>th</sup> March up till the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016** only. Details for the same have also been mentioned in the Invitation Letter.

### **(B) DEADLINES AND REGISTRATION FEE.**

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An email confirmation (provisional registration) from the participating institutions is expected on or before **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016** and it is to be sent at [uilslawfest.ccl@gmail.com](mailto:uilslawfest.ccl@gmail.com). Registration Fee of **Rs. 3000/-** has to be sent along with the duly filled 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 **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016** for participation in the UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016.

The Registration Form along with the copy of the Draft must also be scanned and sent to us at the above mentioned email address on or before **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**.

**Please Note: The last date of registration along with the Demand Draft is 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, and in no case the registrations will be accepted after the last date.**

## **RULE 11: CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE COMPETITION**

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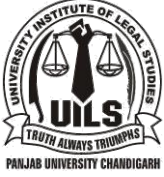
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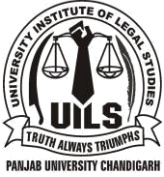
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## REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of the Participant 1. :
2. Name of the Participant 2. :
3. Name and Address of the Institution:
4. E-mail Address:
5. Telephone/Mobile No. (s) :
6. Fax:

**Undertaking:**

We hereby state that our Participation fully complies with the Rules and Regulations of the **UILS National Client Counseling Competition – 2016** and that we shall adhere to the same throughout the Competition proceedings.

Signature of the Participants: 1.

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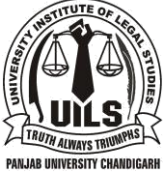
**Seal and Signature of the Head of the Institution:**

Dated:

\*Completed Form must reach the University Institute of Legal Studies as per the Rules latest by *5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016* along with a Demand Draft of Rs. 3000/-.

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## TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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Please fill in this form to let us know about your Travel Details for the UILS National Client Counseling Competition - 2016 to be held on **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**. This form is to be sent along with the Registration Form (above) on or before **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**.

**1. Name of the Institution:**

**2. Name of the Participants:**

**3. Arrival Details:**

a) Mode of Arrival: By Train/ Air/ Bus

b) Train No./ Flight No./ Bus No.:

c) Date & Estimated Time of Arrival:

**4. Departure Details:**

a) Mode of Departure: By Train/ Air/ Bus

b) Train No./ Flight No./ Bus No.

c) Date & Estimated Time of Departure

**5. Whether accommodation required?**

**6. Any other Details:**

**Signatures of the Participants: 1.**

**2.**