

**3RD NATIONAL CLIENT
CONSULTATION COMPETITION**

2017

Organized by:



SCHOOL OF LAW

THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY

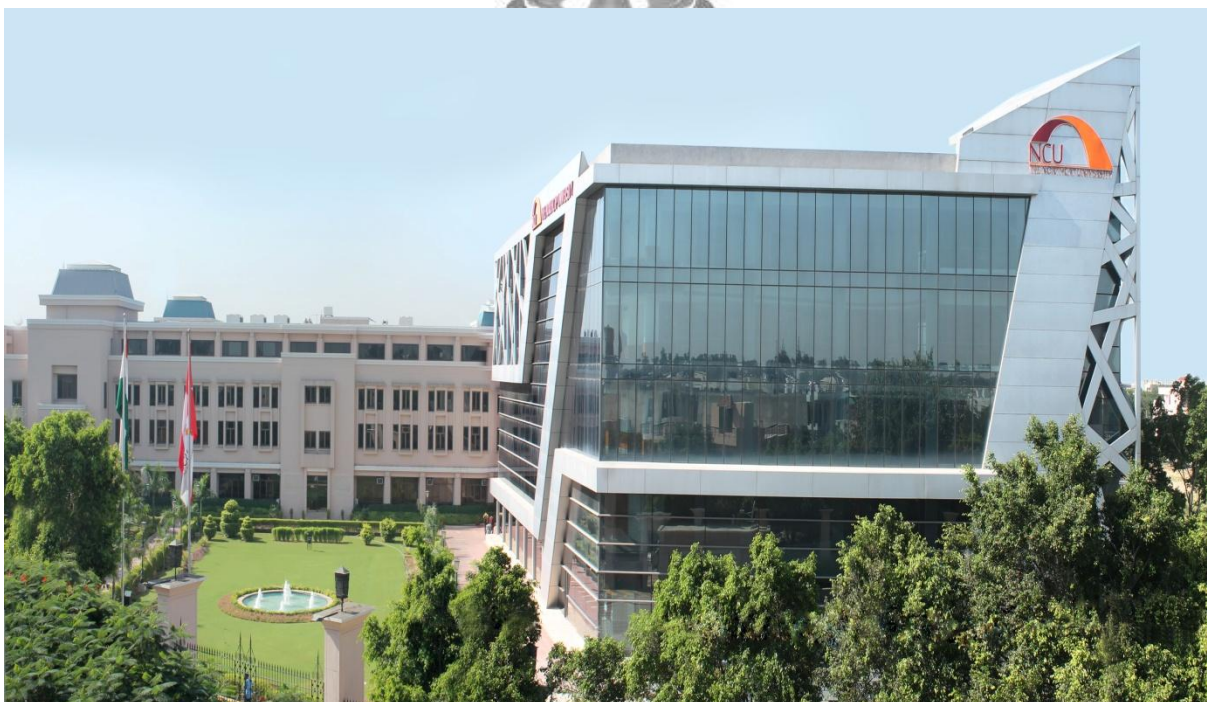
(FORMERLY ITM UNIVERSITY, GURGAON)

About School of Law, The NorthCap University:

The vision of School of Law is to be ranked amongst the best law schools of India and the most preferred private university destination for law aspirants. School of Law at The NorthCap University provides the highest quality professional legal education to equip the students for a transnational practice and to face the challenges posed by the internationalization of legal profession. The School has continually strived to achieve excellence in legal education through interactive teaching-learning process, clinical opportunities, exposures to the legal profession through internships and externships, industry ready curricula and innumerable opportunities to interact with the stalwarts in the legal profession.

About the Competition:

This 3rd Edition of Competition is being organized under aegis of The NorthCap University, School of Law.



The stage is set for the **3rd Edition of The National Client Consultation Competition that is going to be organised by The NorthCap University on 9th September 2017 (register before 30th August).** The Competition is aimed at promoting greater knowledge and practical skills among student advocates in the preventive law and counselling functions of law practice.

It will encourage students in developing 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 30 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 to be called back in and the judges will provide a brief critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods.

The Winning team will be provided with a cash prize of 10,000 Rupees, a winning Trophy along with the certificates. Also a cash prize of 5,000 Rupees and a Trophy will be given to the runners up and along with the certificates. Besides this, participation Trophy will be given to a team along with certificates to all the participants.

About the Previous Editions:



With the success of the 1st NCU National Client Consultation Competition, it climbed another ladder by organizing the 2nd edition of its National Client Consultation Competition on 21st October, 2016. The Second Edition of NCU Law School National Client Consultation Competition, 2016 received tremendous response from law colleges and Universities throughout the Country. 28 teams from various law schools across the country participated in the competition like National Law Institute University, Bhopal; Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar; Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur; Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Christ University, Bangalore; National Institute of Law, Indore;

Amity Law School Delhi; University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) - Panjab University. FIMT, GGSIPU; Delhi Metropolitan Education, GGSIPU.

In a short span of two years, NCU Law School has carved a niche for itself in the area of Client Consultation and tries enrich law students interviewing, planning, and analytical skills. The final round of 2nd National Client Consultation Competition, 2016 was judged by a bench comprising of legal luminaries including Mr. Sandeep Jindal (Advocate on Record, Supreme Court), Dr. Maheshwar Singh (Assistant Professor, National Law University, Delhi), Dr. Pushpesh Pant (Padam Shri Awardee in 2016). The Chief Guest for the occasion was Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate Mr. Abhishek Phutela (Secretary, District Legal Service Authority).



Eligibility:

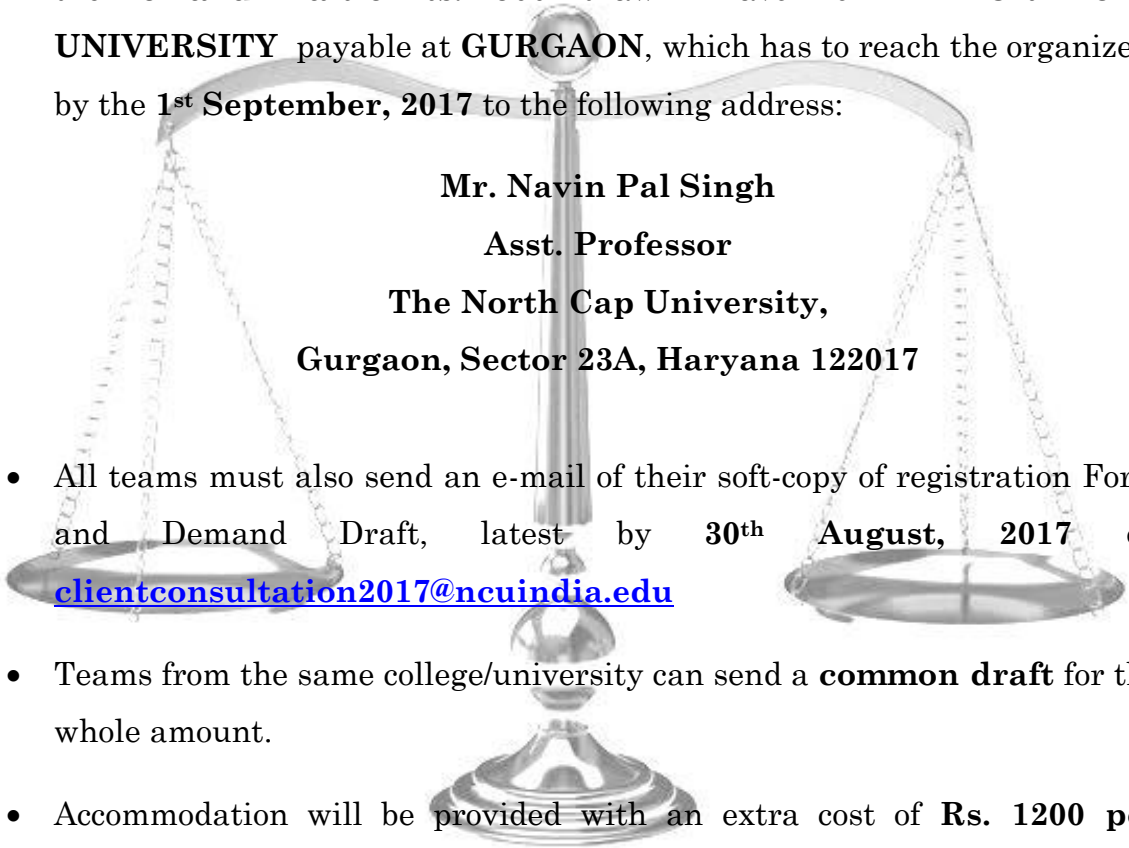
- Only Law Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.
- Only bonafide students pursuing LL.B. Three Year/Five Year Degree programmes in aforementioned institutions, during the current academic year are eligible to participate.
- There can be a maximum **3 Teams from one university/college.**

Composition of Teams:

- Each team shall consist of only **TWO** participants.

Registration:

- Pre-arrival
- Registration is on first come first serve basis and it's open to first **32 Teams**.
- Teams/Participants are required to duly fill the Registration Form (attached at the end) (endorsed by the Head of the Institution) along with the **Demand Draft of Rs. 2500/-** drawn in favour of **THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY** payable at **GURGAON**, which has to reach the organizers by the **1st September, 2017** to the following address:



Mr. Navin Pal Singh
Asst. Professor
The North Cap University,
Gurgaon, Sector 23A, Haryana 122017

- All teams must also send an e-mail of their soft-copy of registration Form and Demand Draft, latest by **30th August, 2017** on clientconsultation2017@ncuindia.edu
- Teams from the same college/university can send a **common draft** for the whole amount.
- Accommodation will be provided with an extra cost of **Rs. 1200 per member for a day**.
- 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.

Awards:

- **Winner** – Winner Trophy, Rs.10, 000/- cash prize and Certificates.

- **Runner up** – Runner up Trophy, Rs.5, 000/- cash prize and Certificates.
- **Participants** – Participation Certificates and Trophies.

Orientation Programme:

- The orientation will be held on **9th September, 2017** at **9:30 am.**, The NorthCap University, Gurgaon, Sector 23A, Haryana 122017.
- 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 and the competition will commence on the same day i.e. **9th September, 2017.**

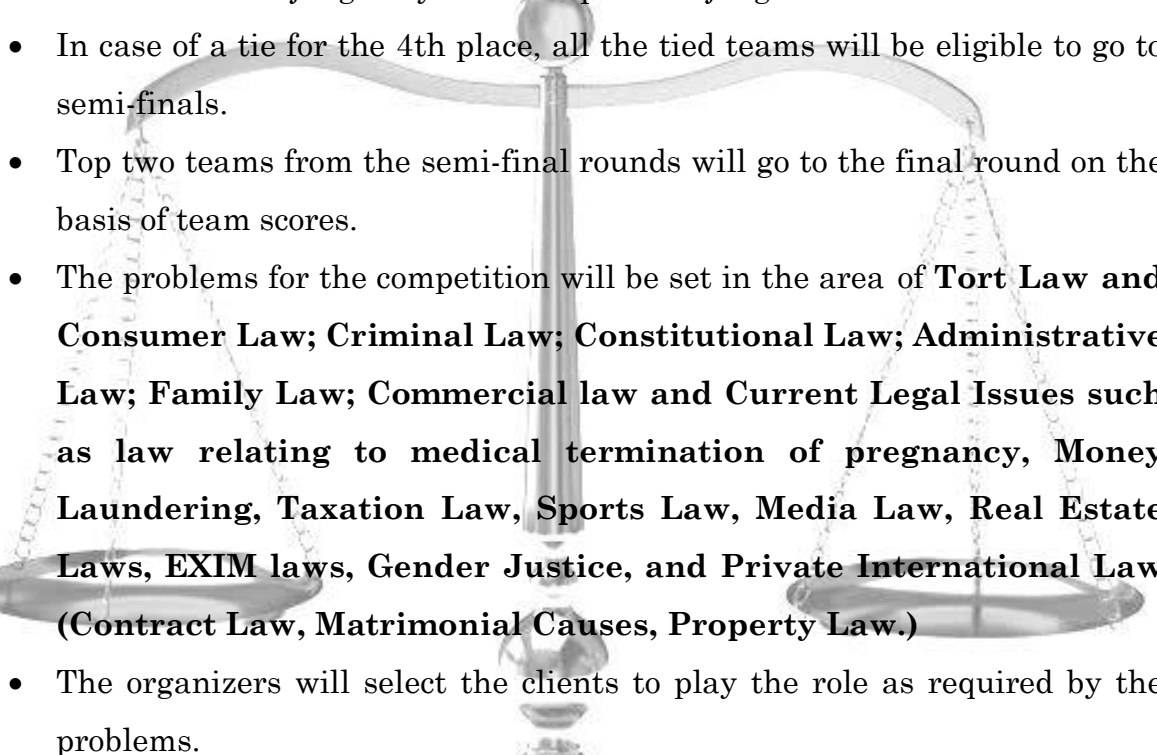
Code of Conduct:

- 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.
- Participants shall not interact with the clients before the allotted time.
- Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited, and may lead to disqualification.

Rules and Regulations:

COMPETITION ROUNDS:

- This event will be conducted in three Rounds namely, Preliminary Round, Semi Final Round and Final Round.
- Preliminary Round will be conducted in two slots; each team will get only one chance to appear in the round.

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- Top 4 teams will go to the semi-final round on the basis of the team score of the preliminary rounds. The Semi-finals will be held simultaneously in different rooms judged by different panel of judges.
 - In case of a tie for the 4th place, all the tied teams will be eligible to go to semi-finals.
 - Top two teams from the semi-final rounds will go to the final round on the basis of team scores.
 - The problems for the competition will be set in the area of **Tort Law and Consumer Law; Criminal Law; Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Family Law; Commercial law and Current Legal Issues such as law relating to medical termination of pregnancy, Money Laundering, Taxation Law, Sports Law, Media Law, Real Estate Laws, EXIM laws, Gender Justice, and Private International Law (Contract Law, Matrimonial Causes, Property 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 **30 minutes** of which first 5 minutes will be allotted for **settling the rooms** for the clients, Teams can make use all kinds of material befitting the legal profession for the competition while doing the same. 15 minutes will be for **client interviewing** and counselling. The remaining 10 minutes shall be for **discussion** between the participants and the judge.
- During the post interview period of 10 minutes when the client will not be there, the students will have to summarize the interview, analyse the problem and indicate the course of action to be undertaken to the judge. During this time the judges may also seek clarifications from the teams regarding their approach and analysis of the issues.
- During this period of 25 minutes if necessary, the competing students can consult any books or laptop, which they may bring with them.

- Teams shall not exceed the allotted time but Judges can extend the same for another 2 minutes only after which there will be an automatic negative marking and **1 mark will be deducted for each extra minute.**
- 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.
- There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 30 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 9th September, 2017, latest by 8:30 a.m. at The NorthCap University. The teams has to arrange transportation on their own, teams can come either by metro (Nearest Metro Station M.G. Road/IFFCO Chowk) or by road transport or by any other means.

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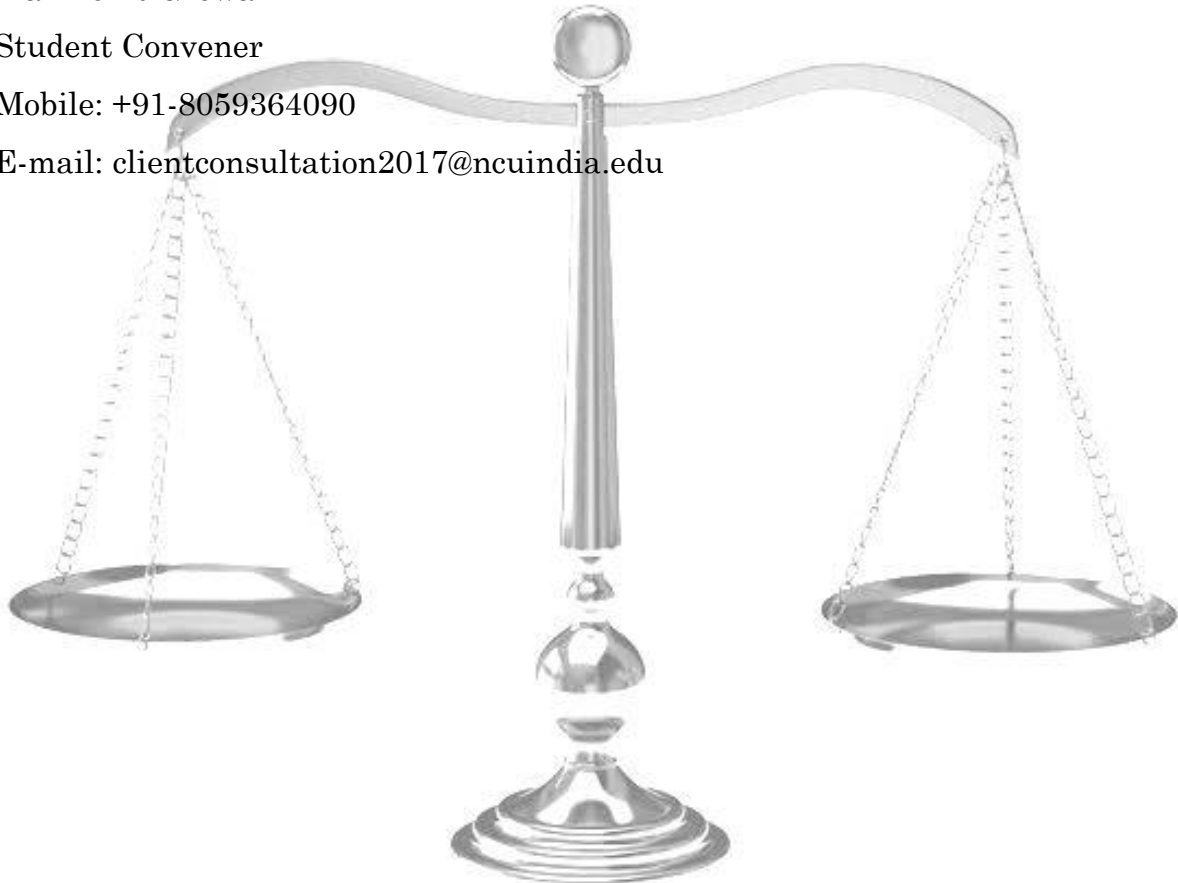
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Annexure 1

THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY

Sector 23 A

Gurgaon - 122017

3rd National Client Consultation Competition, 2017

9th September 2017

Name of College / University: _____

Address: _____

College E-mail ID : _____

PARTICIPANT DETAILS (Tick the Boxes where Applicable)

Participant 1: _____

Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Others

E-mail ID: _____

Contact No.: _____

Participant 2: _____

Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Others

E-mail ID: _____

Contact No.: _____

TRAVEL DETAILS

MODE OF TRAVEL:

Flight

Bus

Train

Personal

Date and Time of Arrival in Gurgaon (DD/MM/YY): _____

Date and Time of Departure from Gurgaon (DD/MM/YY): _____

ACCOMMODATION

Does the TEAM need Accommodation: Yes

No

PAYMENT DETAILS

PAYMENT MODE: Demand Draft

DEMAND DRAFT:

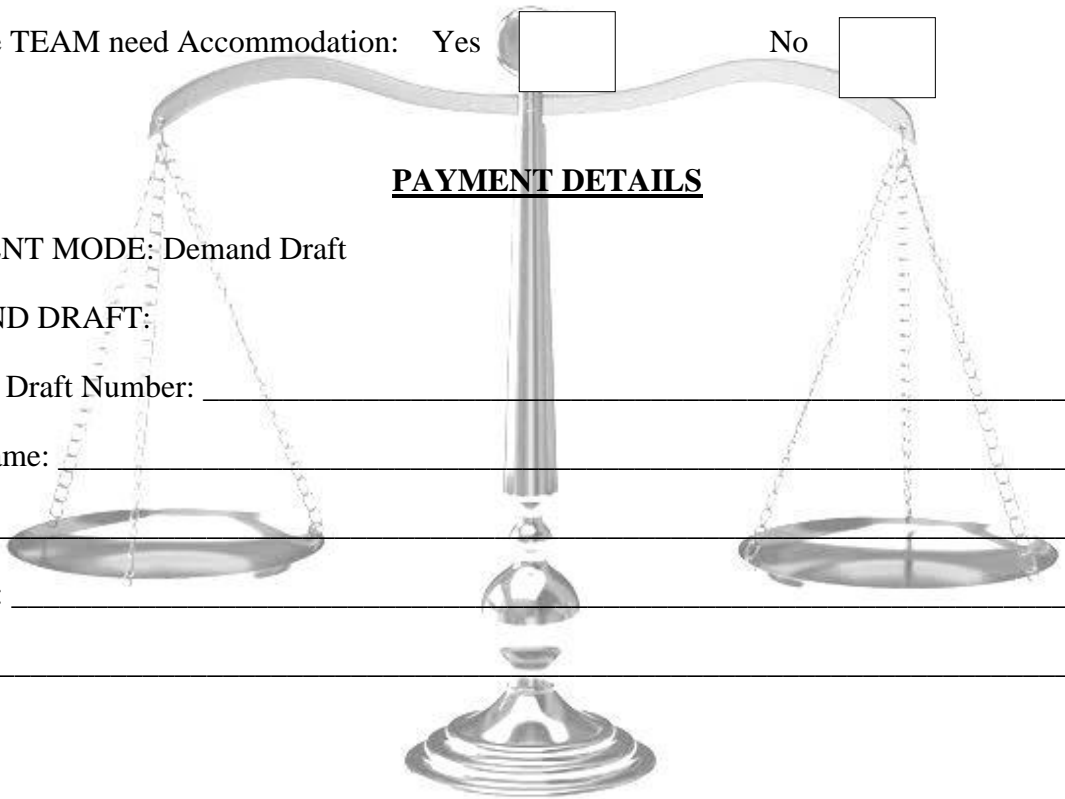
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Date: _____



SIGNATURE AND PHOTO (Sign below your photo)

Participant 1:

Participant 2:

Signature of the H.O.D./ Coordinator:

College/University Seal:

