

# RAYAT COLLEGE OF LAW

## National Client Counselling Competition, 2020

### GUIDELINES

#### ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Rayat College of Law is conducting a Virtual National Client Counselling Competition from **7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. The Client Counselling Competition looks at a broad aspect of how Laws learned about in classroom are actually put to effect and implement. The competition is open for **only** Law Students.

#### GUIDELINES AND ESSENTAIL INFORMATION

- The event shall be an online event.
- It shall be open **only to law students** (Integrated LLB/LLB/LLM)
- Total 24 teams of counsellors & total 24 clients can participate.
- Participation will be First cum first serve.
- Event will take place on Zoom and Google Meet.
- The Confirmation will be received by Mail.
- After the Registration and Conformation the counsellors and clients shall be provided with **Codes**.
- Counsellors can bring their client, but they can be interchanged.
- The registration shall be done by filling a Google Form.
  - i) [Counsellors Link](#)
  - ii) [Client's Link](#)
- The registration fee is INR 400.for Councillors and INR. 100 for Clients, participating in the Event. Please note that it is mandatory to attach a scanned copy of the transaction receipt or a screenshot of the same [The file shall be attached with the details in the Google form]
- The results shall be declared and intimation shall be made to the prize winners through the mentioned mail-id and in their respective WhatsApp groups.
- Cash prize and certificates shall be awarded – Cash prize will be entirely dependent on the number of participation.

- All the Participants will get **Certificate for Participation**, the Winners will be provided with **Merit Certificate**.

## **RULES FOR CLIENT COUNSELLING**

### **Counsellors:**

#### **1. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- Each team must consist of two participants only.
  - The two participants may be from any of the 3 year or 5 year LLB & LLM course.
- Note:* Counsellors can also bring their Clients, but there is a change that Clients can get interchanged.

#### **2. COMPETITION FORMAT**

- There shall be 3 Rounds of Counselling session.  
**The Preliminary Counselling Session,**  
**The Semi-Finals (only 1 team with highest mark as per Groups);** and  
 Two teams with highest score from the Semi-Finals will be selected for the **Final Counselling Session (only 1 team with highest mark as per Groups).**  
 Rules given below shall apply to both rounds.
- Total time given will be **30 minutes per team (for preliminary round), 35 minutes (for semi-finals)** and for the finals time allowed will be **40 minutes**.
- Each Counselling Session is divided into three parts: Consultation, Post-Consultation and Critique

### **CONSULTATION:**

- The consultation period shall be for **21 minutes**.
- The time period will start from the moment the client enters the meeting (with stable internet connection).
- The time period is meant to be used for inter alia consultation with the client during which participants are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, find the clients expectations and propose a solution or other means of resolving the problem.
- During the consultation and post-consultation, the team may use books, notes and other materials.
- The time period is to be strictly adhered to but the judges may, in case of any reasonable circumstances provide an extra one minute to the team after which the client would necessarily leave and the post-consultation period would begin.
- If the extended consultation session allowed an opportunity for a team to gather more information than other teams, this circumstance should be taken into consideration by the judges in making their decision. Judges may, in their discretion, penalize teams that allow the interview session to run longer than the stipulated time period.

### **POST CONSULTATION:**

- In the post-consultation period the participants may talk to each other loudly so as to be audible to the judges or may indirectly address them in any other manner.
- Participants 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.

- (iii) If the students feel that some documents are appropriate, like a letter to the client confirming their retention as attorneys, the fee arrangement etc, or a letter to 2 opposing counsel or to the party with whom the client is having their legal problems etc., they may dictate such a document at the post consultation stage.
- (iv) The time period for post consultation is **5 minutes**.
- (v) At the completion of the time period of Post-Consultation the time Keeper shall stop the participants or signal them to stop in an obvious manner. Failure of the participants to comply with the above rule will attract negative marking as prescribed by the Organizer to the judges.

### **CRITIQUE:**

- (i) After the completion of the Post-Consultation period the judges may question the participants on matters deliberated upon or mentioned by the participants or the client during the consultation of post-consultation period.
- (ii) The judges may ask any question which they consider material and questions meant to test the participants understanding of the facts and/or law applicable or applied by the participants in the case.
- (iii) The time period for this session is **4 minutes** and the judges may extend it at their discretion.

3. **Semi-finals** the total time allowed will be 35 minutes divided as follows:

- Consultation: 24 minutes
- Post consultation: 6 minutes
- Critique: 5 minutes

4. **Finals:** Same rules to be applied but the total time allowed will be 40 minutes divided as follows:

- Consultation: 25 minutes
- Post consultation: 8 minutes
- Critique: 7 minutes

### **5. LAW APPLICABLE:**

The problems shall be broadly based on but not completely limited to the following laws and participants are expected to have knowledge of any other ancillary laws and procedures:

- Family law
- Indian Penal Code
- Code of Criminal Procedure
- Domestic Violence Act

### **6. JUDGING CRITERIA (total 100 marks)**

- 7. **Alternative Courses of Action (10 marks):** Consistent with the analysis of the client's problem, developed a set of potentially effective and feasible alternatives, both legal and non-legal.
- 8. **Client's Goals and Expectations (20 marks):** Learned the client's goals and initial expectations; modified or developed these as necessary.

9. **Moral and Ethical Issues (10 marks):** Recognized, clarified and responded to any moral or ethical issues which may have arisen, without being prejudicial in judgments.
10. **Post-Interview Reflection(20 marks):** During the follow up phase, gave evidence of having recognized their own and the client’s feelings, the strengths and limitations of their interviewing and counselling skills, their handling of the substantive aspects of the client’s problems (legal and non-legal), provided for an effective follow-up.
11. **Problem Analysis and Effective Conclusion (20 marks):** Analysed the client’s problem with creativity and from both legal and non-legal perspectives, resulting in a clear and useful formulation of the problem.
12. **Teamwork (20 marks):** As collaborating counsellors, worked together as a team, with flexibility and an appropriate balance of participation. Marks allotted by the Judges shall be final.

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

- ❖ Registration Fees – **Counsellors- Rs.400**  
**Client- Rs.100**

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- ❖ For Registration Form  
[Click here for Councillor](#)  
[Click here for Client](#)

- ❖ All the participants will get e-Certificates.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Day of Competition</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>

Schedule will be shared later

## **QUERIES:**

In case of any queries, please mail us on [relcompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:relcompetitions@gmail.com) with the subject “Queries- NCC” or Contact us on the following contact numbers:

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