

**THE LOUIS M. BROWN AND FORREST S. MOSTEN
INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION**

National Round

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The Louis M. Brown International Client Counselling Competition was founded in 1985. In May 2010, the competition's name was changed from “client counselling” to “client consultation”. It was felt that “consultation” reflects better the activity as opposed to the words interviewing, advising or counselling. The name of the Californian lawyer Forrest S. Mosten was also added to the title of the competition. The Competition is affiliated with the International Bar Association and collaborates closely with law societies and bar associations throughout the world. The Brown-Mosten Competition is an annual competition for the winners of national competitions across the world.

The Competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in preventive law and counselling functions of law practice. It also encourages participants to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship as interviewing and advising are significant parts of most lawyers' work. The Competition thereby provides an opportunity for a valuable educational interchange between students, law teachers, and legal practitioners.

The Competition simulates law consultation in which two law students, acting as lawyers (attorneys/solicitors/legal practitioners), are presented with a client matter. The participants conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. Participants 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 is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the students, in the absence of the client, analyse the interview and discuss the legal procedures and other tasks to be undertaken. The interview and post-consultation period lasts a total of 35 minutes. The participants are evaluated by a panel of judges. The participants are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and a variety of analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview. Once the judges have completed their evaluation of the interview, the participants

are called back in and the judges provide a brief feedback of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods.

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur is organizing the Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Consultation Competition, National Round in association with AIR Law Academy And Research Centre, Nagpur and Forum of South Asian Clinical Law Teachers. The Winning team of the national rounds would represent India in international competition hosted by the Law Society of Ireland at Dublin, Ireland between **April 3-6, 2019**.

RULES FOR THE EVENT:

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Only Law Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.
- 1.2 Only bonafide students pursuing LL.B. Three Year/Five Year Degree programmes in aforementioned institutions (refer 1.1), during the current academic year are eligible to participate.
- 1.3. Date of the Competition: **February 1-3, 2019**.

2. Composition Of Teams

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

3. Registration

3.1 Pre-Arrival

- 3.1.1 Teams/Participants are required to duly fill the Registration Form (endorsed by the Head of the Institution) along with the Demand Draft of Rs.4000/- drawn in favour of Registrar, MNLU, Nagpur payable at Nagpur which has to reach the organizers by **January 15, 2019** through registered Post/ Courier. The Registered teams are required to confirm their arrival and verify their registration over email at adsocietynlun@gmail.com.
- 3.1.2 The Teams/ Participants are required to e-mail the soft copy of the Demand Draft along with duly filled registration form latest by **January 12, 2019** over email to adsocietynlun@gmail.com

3.2 Post-Arrival

- 3.2.1. All the registered teams are required to be present in person on MNLU, Nagpur campus (refer 6.2) at **4:00 pm** for registration.
- 3.2.2. 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.
- 3.2.3. Participants are advised to carry photocopies of all duly filled forms that have been submitted to the organizers.

4. Orientation Programme

- 4.1 The orientation program will be held on **February 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
- 4.2 Participants will be briefed about the details of the event, wherein they are welcome to seek clarifications.
- 4.3 Draw of lots for allocation of team codes will be carried out during this session.

5. Code Of Conduct

- 5.1 All the participants must be dressed in a dignified manner befitting the legal profession for the competition.
- 5.2 Friendly and healthy interaction among the participating teams and with the students of Host College is encouraged and expected.
- 5.3 Use of Mobile phones is strictly prohibited during the competition
- 5.4 Participants shall not reveal the identity of his/her college/university at any point of time during the competition.
- 5.5 Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited

6. Transport

- 6.1 The participants should arrive on **February 1, 2019, latest by 4.00 p.m.**
- 6.2 Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur is located at Moraj Design and Decorator (DnD) Building, Adjacent to Mihan Fly Over, Near Oil Depot, Wardha Road, Khapri, Nagpur-441108 Maharashtra, India
- 6.3 The University is easily accessible both from Railway station and from Airport by the modes of Auto-Rickshaw and Cab (Uber/Ola).

7. Accommodation

- 7.1 The University will provide accommodation for teams for not more than two participants per team from **February 1, 2019 up to February 4, 2019 (till 09:00 a.m.)**.
- 7.2 Refreshments and transport from the place of accommodation for the participants during the days of the competition will be arranged by the organizers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competition Rounds

- 1.1 This event shall be conducted in three rounds, namely Preliminary Round, Semi Final Round and Final Round.
- 1.2 Preliminary Rounds will consist of two rounds.
- 1.3 Top 6 teams from the preliminary rounds shall go to the semi-final round on the basis of the team score of both the preliminary rounds. The Semi-finals shall be held simultaneously in different rooms judged by different panel of judges.
- 1.4 In case of a tie for the 6th place, all the tied teams will be eligible to go to semi-finals.
- 1.5 Top two teams from the semi-final rounds shall go to the finals of national rounds on the basis of team scores.
- 1.6 In case of a tie for the 2nd place, all the tied teams will be eligible for finals.
- 1.7 The problems for the competition will be set in the area of Tort Law, Consumer Law and Contract Law. The organizers will select the clients to play the role as required by the problems.

2. Competition Procedure

- 2.1. The teams will have a maximum of 35 minutes of which 25 minutes will be for client interviewing and counselling. The remaining 10 minutes shall be for discussing among themselves (team) and summarizing as to how they will go about with dealing the case.
- 2.2. During this period of 35 minutes if necessary, the competing students can consult any books or laptop, which they may bring with them.
- 2.3. During the post interview period of 10 minutes when the client will not be there, the students will have to summarize the interview, analyze the problem and indicate the course of action to be undertaken. If the team exceeds the time

allocated there will be negative marking. During this time the judges may also seek clarifications from the teams regarding their approach and analysis of the issues.

2.4. 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.

2.5. There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 35 minutes period.

3. Judging Criteria

The competition shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach
2. Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in so doing.
3. Clients' goals, expectation and needs
4. Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision
5. Suggesting alternatives
6. Allowing the client to informed choice
7. Effective conclusion of the counselling session
8. Team work
9. Management of ethical and professional relation with the client—dealing with emotional and legal needs of the client.
10. Post interview session interaction with the judges/among themselves

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