

RULES AND REGULATIONS **OF** **CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION**

1. MODE OF COMPETITION

The SPARKLE 7.0 Client Counselling Competition, 2026 will be held in Offline Mode at KLE Society's KLE College of Law, Navi Mumbai, Sector 1, Kalamboli, Panvel, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra-410218.

2. LANGUAGE

The mode of conduct of the entire competition shall be in English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- i. The Competition is open to ~~all bona fide regular~~ students enrolled in any undergraduate/graduate Law Course (5 Year course & 3 Year course) within India which is recognized by the Bar Council or State Government or Central Government as the case may be.
- ii. A maximum of ~~two~~ teams are allowed to participate in the competition from one institute.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

~~Each team shall consist of two members.~~

5. REGISTRATION

- i. Interested teams are required to register by filling out the registration form through this Q.R. Code, or link (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b5dWbYbF64hqLABukjPpZ0bsg3uR7w2j4u6p0P0uJM/edit>)



- ii. The participation fees shall be 2000/- INR per team for all the teams.
- iii. The teams that require accommodation will have to pay Rs 3000 towards the same.

iv. The details for payment are as follows:

Name of the Bank	Canara Bank
Account Number	4652101002417
IFSC Code	CNRB0004652
Name of the Account Holder	KLE College of Law
Name of the Branch	Khandeshwar Kamothe

v. The last date for registration is 20th march, 2026.

vi. The fee, once paid, is non-refundable and non negotiable.

vii. A bona fide certificate in the prescribed format (attached below) from the college/institution/University that the participant belongs to, is a mandatory requirement for all teams to be fulfilled in order complete the registration.

viii. The teams are required to attach the screenshot of the online transaction and the bona fide certificate in the Google form itself.

ix. The receipt of screenshot of the payment along with the form and bonafide certificate uploaded in the Google Form shall only confirm the participation of a team in the competition.

x. Communication made by the OG with any one of the Team Members shall be deemed to be communication to the entire team for the purposes of this Competition.

6. ACCOMMODATION

i. Accommodation shall be provided for the teams that opt for it.

ii. Accommodation shall be provided from 27th March 2026 (Afternoon) to 29th March 2026 (Morning).

iii. Teams arriving earlier shall contact the hotel directly (details of the accommodation will be shared later) and make their bookings accordingly or make arrangements on their own.

iv. Extra charges will have to be incurred by the team for additional days of stay

v. Accommodation shall be provided only to the registered participants and not to any additional team member, coach, professor or family member.

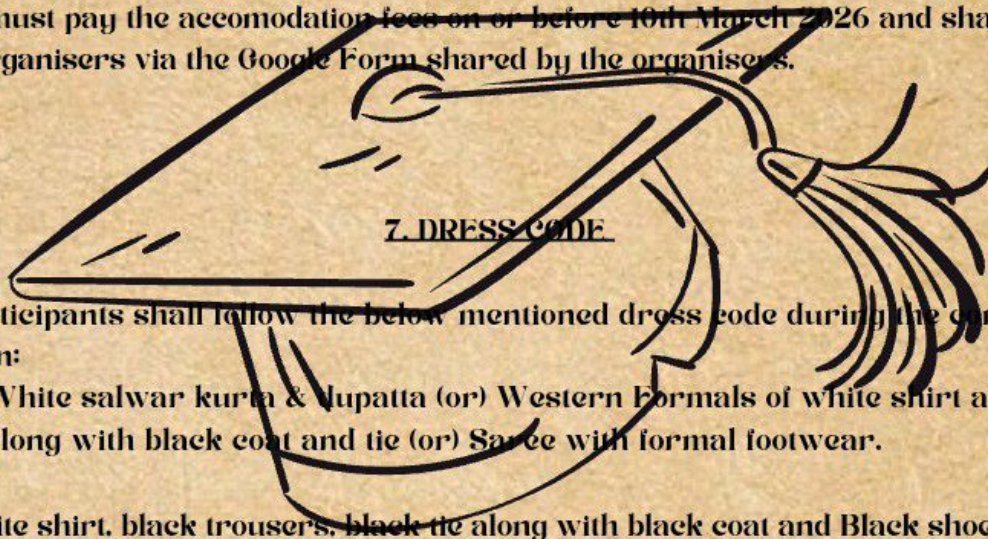
vi. Any misconduct at the event venue or the place of accommodation shall result in disqualification of the team from the competition.

vii. Transport shall be provided to and from the accommodation to the event venue. In case the participants miss the transport arranged by the OC, they have to make arrangements at their own cost.

viii. No pick up or drop shall be provided to and from airport/railway station/bus stand to the accommodation or the event venue.

ix. A separate fees of Rs 3000/- per team will be charged for the teams who opt for accommodation. This amount is non negotiable. Teams who do not pay this amount will not be eligible for claiming accommodation from the organisers.

x. Teams must pay the accommodation fees on or before 10th March 2026 and share the details with the organisers via the Google Form shared by the organisers.



a) The participants shall follow the below mentioned dress code during the conduct of the competition:

Females: White salwar kurta & Dupatta (or) Western Formals of white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and tie (or) Saree with formal footwear.

Males: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and Black shoes.

b) Non Adherence to dress code shall be penalized by the Judges.

c) The dress code for all the functions at the competition shall be western formals for gentlemen and western or Indian formals for ladies

8. THEMES OF THE COMPETITION

Prepositions for the National Client Counselling Competition 2025, are based on:

1. Torts
2. Criminal Law
3. Constitutional Law
4. Environmental Law
5. IPR
6. Family Law
7. Contracts & Arbitration
8. Artificial Intelligence and Technology Laws

9. ROUNDS

There shall be three rounds in this competition.

a. **Preliminary Rounds:** According to the cumulative scores of the preliminary rounds, the top 4 teams will move to the Semi-final rounds.

b. **Semi Final** - Top 4 teams which qualify from the preliminary round shall compete against each other out of which 2 highest scoring teams shall proceed to the Final round.

c. **Final Round** - Two teams shall compete against each other and the winner and the runners up shall be declared from them.

9. DURATION OF ROUNDS

a. **Total time for Preliminary Rounds: 25 minutes (The break up is as follows)**

- Consultation Session of 15 Minutes
- Discussion Session of 5 Minutes
- Post Consultation Session of 5 Minutes

b. **Total time for Semi Final Round: 35 minutes (The break up is as follows)**

- Consultation Session of 20 Minutes
- Discussion Session of 10 Minutes
- Post Consultation Session of 5 Minutes.

c. **Total time for Final Round: 50 minutes (The break up is as follows)**

- Consultation Session of 30 Minutes
- Discussion Session of 15 Minutes
- Post Consultation Session of 5 Minutes

10. RESULTS

Results will be announced immediately after the completion of the Preliminary/ Semi final rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

11. SCORING

a) The parameters for judging the oral presentation are:

- i. Extraction of information
- ii. Knowledge and application of law to facts
- iii. Time management
- iv. Counsel Client Rapport & Client Satisfaction
- v. Ability to answer judges' questions

b) Each criterion shall carry 20 marks and the total marks for per judge per team would be out of 100.

c) The total marks for each team in the preliminary round would be 200.

d) In the case of a tie, the aggregate marks of "Knowledge and application of law to facts" and "Counsel-Client Rapport & Client Satisfaction" shall be taken into consideration.

e) If the tie still persists, it shall be resolved by the toss of a coin.

12. AWARDS

Achievement	Prize
Winner	Trophy + Cash Prize of 11,000/- INR
Runner Up	Trophy + Cash Prize of 5,000/- INR
Best Counsellor	Trophy + Cash Prize of 3,000/- INR

13. ANONYMITY:

a. Participants may introduce her himself in the usual manner and may also state her his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.

b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a book with a college logo, or college seal).

DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

15. GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

- Misconduct, whether behavioral or otherwise.
- Misuse of technology
- Any discussion with client before competition.
- Intimidation in any form.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

- i. Participants are allowed to bring bare Acts, reference books and other props to set up their law office.
- ii. Laptops are allowed as props but participants must not use them for researching information during the rounds. (Accessing WiFi/Dongle/Mobile Data or any other form of internet connectivity is NOT permitted during the rounds).
- iii. No photo, audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC.
- iv. The organizers shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or non-functional Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
- v. If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- vi. The participants are always required to comply with the rules formulated by the Organizing Committee during the competition. In case of any non-compliance with the rules of the competition, penalty may be imposed by deduction of marks and the teams may also be disqualified after they have been warned once.
- vii. Any query/communication regarding the National Client Counseling Competition shall be made through sparkle@kilecollegeoflawmumbai.edu.in.
- viii. Participants are allowed to use ChatGPT or similar AI tools strictly for research and drafting purposes, provided proper acknowledgment is given.*

