



IILM LAW SCHOOL, GURUGRAM  
is organising

1st Client Counselling Competition  
2025 (Hybrid)

**28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## About IILM

IILM University Gurugram, is a prestigious private institution known for its focus on academic excellence, innovation, and holistic education. It has a rich legacy of over 30 years in education, offering undergraduate postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in diverse fields.

IILM University's vision is to provide a global perspective through distinctive curriculum and co-curricular programs while fostering enriching learning experiences and advancing knowledge through international academic partnerships. IILM strives to cultivate responsible and responsive leaders by imparting knowledge, skills, and ethical values, promoting social, economic and environmental development at local, national, and global levels. With sustainability at the core of its actions, IILM is dedicated to nurturing innovative, entrepreneurial, and responsible business leaders.

## About IILM Law School

IILM has a legacy of excellence in responsible management education since 1993, and in 2018, it ventured into the field of law, offering five-year undergraduate programmes in BBA LLB (Hons) and BA LLB (Hons) as well as a one-year postgraduate LLM programme at IILM University Gurugram. IILM Law School stands out for its exceptional range of courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

IILM Law School is a pathway not just to the legal profession but also for many leadership roles in society. The overall goal of the programmes is to educate, train and develop our students, thereby fostering an in-depth understanding of the laws and the legal profession. It imparts practical training to enhance students' personal and professional ability to adapt and grow with the changes in the legal environment and to excel in their chosen fields.

The learning environment is conducive to the development of well-rounded lawyers and legal practitioners, as it is intellectually stimulating forward-looking, and professionally supportive. IILM Law School offers a blend of fundamental courses and a wide range of electives to allow students to tailor their curriculum according to their interests.

## About Client Counselling Committee

Established in 2024, the Client Counselling Committee is committed to advancing the legal proficiency of emerging professionals by providing them with fundamental skills for effective client engagement. This committee seeks to cultivate a profound comprehension of the ethical, analytical, and interpersonal dimensions of legal practice, thereby equipping students for practical legal situations. Through the Client Counselling Competitions, the committee provides a platform for students to engage in simulated lawyer-client interactions, thereby augmenting their advocacy, negotiation, and advisory competencies. This committee intends to help students develop a thorough awareness of the ethical, analytical, and interpersonal components of legal practice, preparing them for real-world legal situations.

## About the Competition

Client counselling competition plays a crucial role in shaping the practical skills of law students and aspiring legal professionals. This competition aims to simulate real-world client-attorney interactions testing participants' ability to navigate legal complexities with empathy, ethical reasoning, and professional competence. One of the primary benefits of client counselling competitions is that they bridge the gap between theoretical legal education and practical application. Participants learn how to assess clients' needs, explain legal rights and obligations in simple terms, and explore possible course of action. This experience is invaluable in building confidence and refining interpersonal skills, which are critical for a successful legal career.

We invite teams from esteemed law institutions across the country to be part of this intellectually stimulating event and showcase their legal expertise.

- ✔ **Exciting Cash Prizes & Certificates**
- ✔ **Renowned Legal Experts as Judges**
- ✔ **Networking & Learning Opportunities**

## Mode of Competition

Hybrid



## Theme

The propositions for the 1st IILM Client Counselling Competition 2025 are based on

- 01 [Cyber Law](#)
- 02 [Corporate Law](#)
- 03 [Constitutional law](#)
- 04 [Public Health](#)
- 04 [Human Rights](#)
- 05 [Criminal Law](#)
- 06 [Corporate Law](#)
- 07 [Family Law](#)
- 08 [Torts & Consumer Protection Act](#)
- 09 [Contract Law and Arbitration](#)
- 10 [IPR](#)



## Format of the Competition

There shall be three rounds of this competition

- ✔ Preliminary Round (Online-17th March 2025): All duly registered teams will participate in a competitive round against each other.
- ✔ Semi-Final (Offline-28th March 2025): The 6 highest-scoring teams from the preliminary round will advance subsequently to the semi-final stage of competition.
- ✔ Final Round (Offline-29th March 2025): The Top 2 teams from the Semi-Final Round shall compete against each other, and the winner and the runners-up shall be declared.

## Team Composition and Eligibility

- ✔ Each team shall consist of 2 participants only.
- ✔ Participation is open to students enrolled in any year of a 3-year or 5-year LLB programme.

## Structure of the Competition

- ✔ The competition adheres to a Point Qualification System. Advancement from the preliminary round to the Semi-Final Round, and ultimately to the Final Round, will be determined by the cumulative point totals earned by participating teams. Teams with the highest scores will progress through each stage.
- ✔ Internships will be granted to the Winners, Runners-up, Semi-finalists, and Best counsel.

## Process of Competition

- ✔ The competition simulates a consultation in which two participants (Counsel 1 and 2) deal with a client.
- ✔ The subject matter or area of the client counselling problem will be disclosed 24 hours in advance of the competition.
- ✔ The client's identity and specific details will only be revealed to participants during the competition itself.
- ✔ A panel of judges will evaluate the participants based on specific criteria, including their demonstrated ability to comprehend client needs, their questioning techniques, and their planning and analytical skills relevant to the practice of law. During the post-consultation and critique stage, judges can ask the participants questions for further clarification.
- ✔ Team members are free to decide the work distribution, but both participants must consult with the client as a team.

## Code of Conduct of Participants

The participants are expected to follow

- ✔ The official language of the competition shall be English
- ✔ The Dress code shall strictly be limited to Indian/ Western formal attire throughout the Competition.

- ✓ Adherence to the prescribed time limits in each round is mandatory. No extensions will be granted without explicit authorisation from the presiding judge. In the event that a participant exceeds the allotted time, the coordinator will issue a formal warning.
- ✓ The decision of the judges and the organisers shall be final and binding on all. Any violation of the code of conduct will invite disqualification.

## Grounds for Disqualification

Any instance of misconduct, be it behavioural or of any other nature, is strictly prohibited. Any team found to be engaging in such misconduct will be subject to immediate disqualification

- ✓ Disclosure of identity to other participants or to judges during the competition. The participants should strictly use the **team codes** provided.
- ✓ Any attempt by participant(s) to speak about controversial matters such as religion, caste, race, gender, foul language, or anti-national rhetoric before or during the competition.
- ✓ Any discussion with client(s) before competition.
- ✓ Cheating or using unfair means.
- ✓ Intimidation in any form.



## Competition Stages

This competition involves three distinct stages designed to assess your legal acumen and client interaction skills.

### Stage 1: Consultation

This stage marks the commencement of the legal counsel's role. As soon as the client enters the designated chamber, the assessment period begins.

**Objective:** The primary objective is to establish rapport with the client and meticulously gather all pertinent information.

Participants are expected to actively listen and employ effective questioning techniques to identify the core issue at hand. This process will facilitate a thorough understanding of the client's situation and their desired outcomes.

This stage functions as a diagnostic phase where participants elicit relevant facts, clarify the client's objectives, and address their concerns.

Participants should refrain from premature conclusions or immediate legal advice. The focus should initially be on thorough information gathering followed by subsequent analysis.

Participants will be evaluated on their ability to communicate effectively with the client, their questioning techniques, and the precision with which they identify key legal and factual elements of the case.

### Stage 2: Post-Consultation

Following the conclusion of the initial consultation, after the client departs the chamber, participants will have the opportunity to collaborate with their partner.

**Objective:** This stage emphasises legal analysis. With all relevant facts gathered, participants and their partners will discuss potential legal issues applicable laws, and strategic approaches to the case. Participants should clarify any factual uncertainties and commence strategising potential courses of action.

Clarity and organisation are crucial in this stage, as the judging panel will closely evaluate the analysis of facts and the application of relevant legal principles.

This phase is akin to a brainstorming session conducted within earshot of the judges. Participants will be assessed on their ability to interpret the law\comprehensively assess the situation, and formulate a strategic plan.

### Stage 3: Critique

The client returns to the chamber, providing participants with the opportunity to present their proposed legal strategy.

**Objective:** Participants must articulate their planned approach to the client. This involves outlining the legal strategy and the arguments to be employed and addressing any client concerns.

A key element is the ability to convey complex legal concepts in a clear and comprehensible manner, avoiding technical jargon and being transparent about potential challenges.

During this stage, the client may introduce new information that could impact the proposed strategy. Participants must demonstrate adaptability in such situations.

Furthermore, the judging panel may pose questions to challenge the participants' legal understanding or the logical underpinnings of their strategy. Participants should maintain composure and utilise these questions to reinforce their arguments.

## TIME DURATION

### ✓ Preliminary Round

Stage of Counselling Session	Maximum time (in minutes)
Consultation	12
Post-Consultation	08
Critique	05
Total	25



## ✔ Semifinals

Stage of Counselling Session	Maximum time (in minutes)
Consultation	18
Post-Consultation	10
Critique	07
Total	35

## ✔ Finals

Stage of Counselling Session	Maximum time (in minutes)
Consultation	23
Post-Consultation	12
Critique	10
Total	45



## Registration

- ✔ Team Composition: One team shall comprise of two participants only (Counsel 1 and Counsel 2).
- ✔ In order to ensure wider participation, not more than one team from any particular institution shall be permitted to participate in the competition.
- ✔ If two teams of the same institution apply, the first registered team will be selected for participation.
- ✔ A total of 30 teams will be selected for the competition on a first-come first-served basis. However, the number of teams can be extended if the Organizing Committee finds it suitable to do so and the cap will then be removed.
- ✔ Students of three-year and five-year law degree courses in any year from any University/Law School/College/Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team.
- ✔ The registration fee for each team shall be ₹1200/- for each team. After this, the teams shall receive a confirmation email ensuring their participation.
- ✔ Teams advancing to the offline rounds will be required to remit an additional fee of ₹1500/- to secure accommodation (including food and stay) should it be required.
- ✔ The registration fee is non-transferable and non-refundable.



## Registration Link (by 14th March,2025)

<https://forms.gle/8sy4wTLFro3pZvvnv5>

**(kindly fill out the Google form)**

- ✓ Once a team registers by completing the formalities given, a Code (hereinafter "Team Code") shall be assigned to the team. The team code shall be provided to the registered team before 3-4 days from the date of competition.
- ✓ The Organising Committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute related to the registration. The decision of the organising committee in such a case shall be final.

### Important Dates

- ✓ Registration Opens (Google Form): February 18, 2025
- ✓ Last date of Registration: March 14, 2025
- ✓ Inauguration and Preliminary Round (Online): March 17, 2025
- ✓ Semi-Finals (Offline): March 28, 2025
- ✓ Finals & Valedictory (Offline): March 29, 2025

### Awards and Certificate

- ✓ **First Prize:** Certificate of Merit +Trophy + Cash Prize of ₹12000 + Internship
- ✓ **Second Prize:** Certificate of Merit +Trophy + Cash Prize of ₹6,000 + Internship
- ✓ **Semi-Finalist:** Certificate of Merit + Internship
- ✓ **Best Student Counsel** on the basis of prelim rounds: Certificate of Merit + Cash Prize of ₹3000 + Internship
- ✓ E-Certificate & other exciting courses will be provided to all the active participants.

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