

Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai) Amity Law School

Organizes



1ST National Client Counselling and Drafting Competition

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About Amity University

Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai) with its future-ready, sprawling campus, an outstanding learning infrastructure and over a kilometer long frontage on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway offers a 360 degree career transformational set-up. With its state of the art infrastructure, the campus facilitates all-round growth of students. It also houses world-class sports facilities. Amity University Campus has been designed by a globally renowned US architect who has previously designed Boston and California State University.

About Amity Law School

Amity Law School is one of the first-class legal educational institutions in the country. The School has been granted affiliation by Bar Council of India and conducts various 5 year integrated courses namely: B.A. LL.B.(Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B.(Hons.), B.Com. LL.B.(Hons.), LL.B. (3yrs), LL.M. (1year) and PhD. These programmes seek to promote multi-disciplinary analysis of the socio-legal problems by designing its course-structure and teaching methods to realize these objectives. In addition, the School organizes seminars on contemporary legal issues, conducts clinical courses and trains students in legal research, legal writing, and para legal services.

Venue

Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai), Mumbai-Pune Expressway, Bhatan Post – Somathane, Panel, Mumbai, Maharashtra 410206



RULES OF THE COMPETITION

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

The 1st National Client Counselling and Drafting Competition 2020 (hereinafter referred as Competition) shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder:

- The Competition, 2020 shall be held from 17th to 19th April 2020 at Amity Law School, Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai).
- The Organizing Committee shall function as the only point of contact. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make subsequent changes in the rules of the competition and in such case the same shall be notified by email to all the participating teams.
- The official email for all correspondence with respect to the competition is amityals.events@gmail.com.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- The Competition is open to all students pursuing LL.B. 3 year/ 5 year course during the current academic year.
- A recognized School/College/Institution/University shall be entitled to send only one team to the Competition.
- Each team shall comprise of three members, out of which, two members shall be designated as Counsels for the Client Counselling Competition and the third member shall be a Counsel for the Drafting Competition.
- Any additional member or Team Coach is not allowed for the competition.
- If any observer wishes to accompany the team, extra charges will be applicable. (Extra charges are mentioned in the Registration clause).
- Observer can only be a student studying along with the participants (i.e. in a 3 year/ 5 year courses)

C. REGISTRATION

- The teams should register through e-mail to provisionally secure their participation.
- The payment link will be sent to the teams once the provisional registration is confirmed by the Organizing Committee.
- The email should contain the following details, i.e. Names of members and their contact details, name of the institute, contact details of faculty co-ordinator through mail on amityals.events@gmail.com with the subject "Registration for 1st National Client Counselling and Drafting Competition, 2020" on or before **29th March 2020**. (The registration form is appended to this brochure as **Annexure I**.)
- Upon receipt of email confirmation from the organizers, the final registration of the team can only be completed by submission of duly filled in Registration Form (appended to this brochure as **Annexure I**) along with the receipt of payment of Registration Fee **within two working days** for final registration.
- Each team shall complete such registration on or before **29th March 2020 (23:59 Hrs.)**. A scanned copy of the duly filled Registration Form and Travel Form available in **Annexure I** and **Annexure II** respectively along with a scanned copy of receipt of the online payment shall be sent to amityals.events@gmail.com as a reply to the confirmation email of the provisional registration.



- The Registration Form shall be duly verified and authenticated by the authorities of the respective Institution/University/College/School. Registration Form without signatures/seal of such authorities shall not be considered.
- Once a team registers by completing the formalities given, a Code (hereinafter “Team Code”) shall be assigned to the team by **2nd April 2020**.
- A team that has registered pursuant to rules of the competition may change its composition only after giving information regarding the change to the organizing committee by way of email on amityals.events@gmail.com. Changes in the team composition may not be made later than **10th April 2020**.
- Any changes in the contact details of the team members/withdrawal must be notified to the Organising Committee at the earliest.

D. REGISTRATION FEE

- Registration fee is Rs. 5,500/- (Rupees Five Thousand and Five Hundred) only. The accommodation, food and participation kit will be provided to the participants.
- Each observer accompanying the team is required to pay Rs. 3,000/-. Only food, accommodation and certificates will be provided.
- Registration fee is a **NON REFUNDABLE**.



ROUNDS' FRAMEWORK FOR CLIENT COUNSELLING

1. According to Draw of lots, the office for all the sessions will be decided on the day of the competition and informed to the teams.
2. Client Counselling and Drafting Competition will be conducted simultaneously.

Preliminary Rounds

1. All teams will be pre-assigned a code by the organizers as per the registrations.
2. Two participants from each team will present themselves as advocates in a lawyer's chamber.
3. All teams will go through a 30 minute session in the preliminary round. The session will include both - a Consultation Session (20 Minutes) with the client and a Post-Consultation Session (10 Minutes).
 - a) The Consultation Session: The first 20 minutes are allotted to a consultation with the client during which participants are expected to elicit the relevant information, articulate the problems and propose, solution or tender advice resolving the problem.
 - b) Post-Consultation Session: The interview with the client will be followed by a Post-Consultation Session. Two counsels from each team are expected to have a discussion after the client has left the room.
3. During this session, the counsels need to be clearly audible to the judges. During the post-consultation performance, the counsels may summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. The discussion of fees is an integral part of any consultation between a lawyer and his client. The participants may discuss fees at any appropriate point in the consultation. Fees may also be waived or suitably reduced depending on the subject matter and the client.
4. Subject of the problems will be based on the Law on Domestic Violence, Law of Contract, Law of Crimes, Land Laws, Law of Torts and Laws on Intellectual Property. Fifteen days prior to the first day of the Competition, the Organising Committee will send the Memorandum briefly describing the consultation situations for the above-mentioned areas. The Memorandums will contain the basic information which is essential to record a forthcoming appointment. The participants will know the exact problem to be addressed to on the day of the competition (by draw of lots).
5. After completing the first round of Client Counselling (30 minutes), participants will have to switch the office and consult a different client for second preliminary round (30 minutes). In the second round, the participants will be judged by other set of judges following the same procedure.



Semi-Final Round

- Qualified teams will go through a 40 minutes Session in the Semi- Final round. The session will include both - a Consultation Session (25 Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (15 Minutes).

Final Round

- Qualified teams will go through a 45 minutes session in the final round. The session must include both - a Consultation Session (25 Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (20 Minutes).

ROUNDS' FRAMEWORK FOR DRAFTING COMPETITION

Preliminary Rounds:

- Drafting Competition will take place simultaneously in the computer lab of Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai), where the Drafting Counsel of each team will be given an issue on which the Drafting Counsel will have to draft a legal document (such as Will, Public Interest Litigation, Complaint, Writ Petition etc.).
- Topic of the draft will be disclosed to the Drafting Counsel 15 minutes prior to the competition.
- The Drafting Counsel will get 60 minutes to complete the draft and submit it to the Organizers.
- The Drafting Counsel will not be allowed to use any electronic device. Use of the same may lead to disqualification.
- Considering the cumulative scores from the Preliminary Rounds of Client Counselling and Drafting Competition, the top **Six teams** will be qualified to participate in the Semi-Final Round.

Semi-Final Round:

- Drafting Counsels of the qualifying teams will be assigned an issue on which each of them will have to draft a legal document (such as Will, Public Interest Litigation, Complaint, Writ Petition etc.).
- Topic of the draft will be disclosed to the drafting counsel 15 minutes prior to the competition.
- The Drafting Counsel will get 45 minutes to complete the draft and submit it to the Organising Committee.
- The Drafting Counsel will not be allowed to use any electronic device. Use of the same may lead to disqualification.
- Considering the cumulative score from the Semi-Final round of Client Counselling and Drafting Competition, the top **Two teams** will be qualified to participate in the Final Round.



Final Round:

- Drafting Counsels of the qualifying teams will be assigned with an issue on which each of them will have to prepare a legal document (such as Will, Public Interest Litigation, Complaint, Writ Petition, etc.).
- Topic of the draft will be disclosed to the Drafting Counsel 10 minutes prior to the competition.
- The Drafting Counsel will get 40 minutes to complete the draft and submit the soft copy to the organizers.
- Considering the cumulative score from the Final Round of Client Counselling and Drafting Competition, the top **Two teams** will be declared as Winner and Runner up respectively.

JUDGEMENT STANDARDS AND SCORING

Client Counselling:

Criteria	Marks
Oratory Skills	10
Understanding of the Problem	10
Understanding of Law	10
Skill of asking questions	10
Fees quoted and it's justification	5
Mannerisms and etiquettes	5
Total	50

The participants are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasizes the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer-client interview.

Drafting:

Criteria	Marks
Format of the draft	20
Understanding of the Problem	10
Understanding of Law	10
Language	10
Total	50

The Cumulative Score from the rounds of Client Counselling and Drafting Competition will be calculated for qualifying a team for the next round of the competition.



SCOUTING

Once the Preliminary rounds start, the competing teams will not be allowed to interact till the Preliminary Rounds gets over as this may unduly benefit certain teams. Such an interaction will be considered as misconduct and the teams so interacting may be disqualified.

AWARDS

- The team with the highest score in the Final Round will be declared as the “Winning Team” and the team with the second highest score in the Final Round will be declared as the “Runner up Team”.
- The Prizes are as follows*:

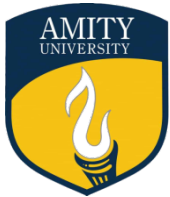
BEST TEAM (WINNER)	RS. 25,000 (CASH PRIZE) + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES + 1 MONTH INTERNSHIP* + FREE PUBLICATION (Online)
BEST TEAM (RUNNER UP)	RS. 15,000 (CASH PRIZE) + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES + 1 MONTH INTERNSHIP* + FREE PUBLICATION (Online)
BEST DRAFT (1ST)	RS. 7,000 (CASH PRIZE) + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
BEST DRAFT (2ND)	RS. 3,000 (CASH PRIZE) + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

- The top 4 teams shall get an opportunity to publish a research paper free of cost in an ISSN approved journal.
- * Similarly, top 4 teams shall get an opportunity to intern online for a period of 1 month with Law escort.
- All the participants shall get an exclusive discount of 50 % in an ISSN approved journal.
- Certificate of participation shall be issued to all the participants.

All participants/teams are required to attend the Valedictory Ceremony on 19th April 2020 in order to collect their certificates. They will not be provided later or mailed to any participant.

ACCOMMODATION , TRANSPORTATION, AND FOOD DETAILS

- Accommodation shall be provided to the participants on all the days of the Competition.
- Teams will be provided accommodation from 16th April 2020 onwards to 20th April 2020 (12:00 PM) at Amity hostel.
- Teams shall be responsible for their transportation to and fro the airport / railway station / bus station to the venue.
- The organising committee may make arrangements for transport from the nearest Railway Station (i.e. Panvel Railway Station) to the venue on 16th April 2020.
- Separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided by the organizers from 16/04/2020 to 19/04/2020.
- The organising committee will collect the hard copies of the indemnity form (Annexure III) and registration form along with checking of proof of identity before admitting the participants into the accommodation.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner (Vegetarian) will be provided to the participants and observers at Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai)



MISCELLANEOUS

- The dress code for the competition is business formals.
- Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the participants in the competition.
- The food and accommodation is included in the Registration Fee.
- During the consultation and post-consultation of the Client Counselling Sessions, the team may use books, notes, and other materials.
- The team may also use office props such as files, notepads etc.
- During the session, **Use of electronic devices will lead to disqualification.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date of registration	29th March 2020
Last date of payment	31st March 2020
Release of memorandum	02nd April 2020
Preliminary rounds	17th April 2020
Semi – final round	18th April 2020
Final round	19th April 2020
Results and valedictory	19th April 2020
Networking lunch	19th April 2020



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chief Patron:

Dr. Aseem Chauhan

(President & Chancellor, Amity University Maharashtra)

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ANNEXURE I – REGISTRATION FORM

Please read the rules & regulations of the competition before submitting this registration form.

1. UNIVERSITY/ INSTITUTION/SCHOOL/COLLEGE DETAILS

Name of University	
Institution Address	
Name of Dean/HOD	
Telephone No	
Email	
Website	

2. COUNSEL 1

Name	
Gender	
Course & Year	
Mobile No.	
Email	

3. COUNSEL 2

Name	
Gender	
Course & Year	
Mobile No.	
Email	



ANNEXURE I – REGISTRATION FORM

4. DRAFTER

Name	
Gender	
Course & Year	
Mobile No.	
Email	

Signature of the Head of the Institution with Seal

Signature of the Faculty in charge.



ANNEXURE II – TRAVEL FORM

TRAVEL FORM

Name of the Team Members:-

Member 1:- _____ Gender: _____

Member 2:- _____ Gender: _____

Member 3:- _____ Gender: _____

Name of the Institution:

Arrival Date & Time:-

Departure Date & Time:-

(Signature - Counsel 1)

(Signature - Counsel 2)

(Signature – Drafter)



ANNEXURE III – INDEMNITY FORM

We,

1. _____ D/o or S/o _____
2. _____ D/o or S/o _____
3. _____ D/o or S/o _____

students of _____ (Name of the Institution) _____, have taken part in 1st National Client Counselling and Drafting Competition organized by Amity Law School, Amity University Maharashtra (Mumbai).

- We are fully aware and have understood UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, notified in the Gazette of India, dated July 4, 2009; we are aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- We have also, in particular, perused the provisions of UGC Regulations and are fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against us in case all/ any one of us found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

We hereby solemnly declare that

- i. We will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging.
- ii. We hereby declare that we have not been expelled or debarred from in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am/ we are aware that our participation/ registration is liable to be cancelled.



- iii. We hereby declare that penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against all/ any one of us in case all/ any one of us found guilty of the purchase, possession, use, consumption, sale, distribution or storage of any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, smoking or illegal drug on university campus, training sites and at all university sponsored student events, conferences and activities actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote such activities on the University campus.

Date: _____

1.

2.

3.

Signature of Deponents

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this declaration are true to the best of my/ our knowledge and no part of the declaration is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Signature of the Head of the
Institution with Seal