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# **RULEBOOK AND BROCHURE**

## **1<sup>st</sup> LEX MACULAVIRTUAL CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION**

### ➤ **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS-**

1. The following are the rules and regulations for the 1<sup>st</sup> Lex Macula Client Counselling competition.
2. The competition will be held virtually for a period of 3 days from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
3. The registration fee for the competition is INR 800 per team.
4. Each team shall consist of 2 participants who qualify the eligibility criteria.
5. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
6. Official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is [info@lexmacula.org](mailto:info@lexmacula.org).
7. The Inaugural Function and Orientation of Participants will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 9:00 am and is to attended by all participants.
8. The Competition shall consist of the following Rounds: (a) The Preliminary Rounds (10<sup>th</sup> October 2020); (b) The Quarter-Final Rounds (11<sup>th</sup> October 2020) (c) The Semi-Final Rounds (11<sup>th</sup> October 2020); and (d) The Final Round (12<sup>th</sup> October 2020).
9. No approval from the respective institute of the participants is required for participation.
10. There are a limited number of seats and the registration of participants will be confirmed on a 'first come first serve' basis.

### ➤ **ELIGIBILITY**

Students of three year and five-year law degree courses from any University/Law School/College/Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team.

### ➤ **TEAM COMPOSITION**

Each team shall consist of two persons that qualify the eligibility criteria. The participants may be from different University/Law School/College/Departments.

➤ REGISTRATION

1. The registration fee shall be Rs. 800/- (eight hundred only) for each team. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. The last date for registration is 11:59 p.m. IST, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
3. ONLINE GOOGLE FORM to register – <https://forms.gle/qx6PJngBKjJ8M4LB9>
4. Once a team registers by completing the formalities given, a Code (hereinafter “Team Code”) shall be assigned to the team by 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
5. According to Draw of lots, which will be conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the office for all the sessions will be conveyed to the participants prior to the event.
6. The organizing committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute related to the registration. The decision of the organizing committee in such a case shall be final.

➤ LANGUAGE

The official language for the Competition shall be English only.

➤ DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition is business formals. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the participants in the competition. Non adherence to dress code shall attract penalty

➤ THEME

The Client Counselling preposition for the 1st Lex Macula Client Counselling Competition 2020 is based on Family Laws, Constitutional Laws, Law of Crimes, Contract Law, Property Laws and the Law of Torts.

Note: The participants are expected to have knowledge of other ancillary laws and procedures.

➤ TRAINING SESSION

A training session will be organised for all participants of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lex Macula Virtual Client Counselling Competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. The guest speaker will discuss the general rules and procedure of the competition. The speaker will also discuss efficient means of client counselling with all attendees. It is not mandatory to attend the training session. The meeting details of the training session will be sent to all participants via email prior to the session.

➤ PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (10<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

1. Each team of two participants will present themselves as Advocates in a lawyer's chamber. It is not necessary that both participants join the meeting room jointly and may join the session individually.
2. All teams will go through a 25-minute session in the preliminary round. The session will include- a Consultation Session (15-Minutes) with the client, a private Discussion Session (5-Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (5-Minutes) with the judges.
  - a) The Consultation Session: The first 15 minutes are allotted to the team for a consultation session with the client. The counsels are required to extract the necessary information from the client during this session. The counsels are expected to elicit the relevant information, articulate the problems and create a summary of the problems faced by the client.
  - b) The private Discussion session: During the discussion session of 5 minutes, the counsels will be discussing the client's concerns and the legal work to be undertaken, without the client present in the meeting chamber room. The participants should talk to each other loudly enough to be overheard by the judges. Judges may question the teams during the post consultation period.
  - c) The Post-Consultation session: The remaining time from the total time as specified above will be for post-Consultation period i.e. the last 5 minutes in all the respective rounds are devoted for post consultation. The counsels are expected to summarize the

consultation session and indicate what legal work has to be undertaken to assist the client. They are expected to indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. During this session, the counsels need to be clearly audible to the judges. The participants may discuss fees at any appropriate point in the consultation.

➤ QUARTER FINAL ROUND (11<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Qualified teams will go through a 25 minutes Session in the Quarter- Final round. The session will include both - a Consultation Session (15 Minutes), a Discussion Session (5 Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (5 Minutes).

➤ SEMI FINAL ROUND (11<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Qualified teams will go through a 30 minutes Session in the Semi - Final round. The session will include both - a Consultation Session (20 Minutes), a Discussion Session (5 Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (5 Minutes).

➤ FINAL ROUND (12<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Qualified teams will go through a 40 minutes Session in the Final round. The session will include both - a Consultation Session (25 Minutes), a Discussion Session (5 Minutes) and a Post-Consultation Session (10 Minutes).

➤ JUDGING CRITERIA

<u>Judging Criteria</u>	<u>Marks Allotted</u>
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP	10

LEARNING THE CLIENT'S GOALS, EXPECTATIONS AND NEEDS	20
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE CLIENT'S PROBLEMS	20
GIVING ADVICE AND ASSISTING THE CLIENT MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE	20
TEAM WORK	10
RESPONSE DURING THE POST CONSULTATION PERIOD	20
TOTAL	100

➤  GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

1. Misconduct, whether behavioural or otherwise, is not allowed and if indulges shall result in disqualification of team.
2. Any discussion with client before competition.
3. Cheating or using unfair means.
4. Intimidation in any form is prohibited, and if found indulged shall result in disqualification of the team.

➤  MISCELLENEOUS

1. 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.
2. The decision of the Judges shall be final regarding the outcome of the Rounds.
3. No additional documentation or screensharing will be allowed.
4. The Organizers reserve the right to take any action against unethical, wrongful or unprofessional conduct.
5. Scouting is not allowed under any circumstances and may lead to disqualification. You are requested to exit the call after your session is over.

6. If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
7. The Organizers reserve the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all participating teams.
8. Selection will be on first come first basis as there will be limited seats.
9. 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.
10. The clients for the competition will be provided internally by Lex Macula.

➤ PRIZES:

1. Best Team - 6,000/- (Six Thousand Rupees)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up to Best Team – 4,000/- (Four Thousand Rupees)
3. Best Counsel – 3,000/- (Three Thousand Rupees)

The announcement of the results will be provided on our Website, our social media handles as well as through the emails. All participants will be given an e-certificate to acknowledge their efforts and hard work throughout the course of this event.

For further assistance, please contact the undersigned.

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