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KIIT INTER-UNIVERSITY CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

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RULE BOOK



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PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION

The 1st KIIT Inter-University Client Counselling Competition, 2026, aims to provide law students with a platform to develop and refine the practical skills essential to the legal profession through simulated client-counsel interactions. The competition focuses on effective communication, active listening, legal analysis, ethical decision-making, and problem-solving, enabling participants to appreciate the importance of a client-oriented approach in legal practice.

Organised by the KIIT Legal Services Clinic, the competition seeks to promote clinical legal education by bridging the gap between theoretical learning and professional practice. It aspires to cultivate empathy, professionalism, and integrity among future legal practitioners while fostering a culture of excellence in client counselling and creating a national platform for aspiring lawyers to showcase their advocacy.

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- “LSC” shall mean the Legal Services Clinic, KIIT School of Law, which is responsible for organising and administering the 1st KIIT Inter-University Client Counselling Competition, 2026.
- “Competition” shall mean the 1st KIIT Inter-University Client Counselling Competition, 2026.
- “OC” shall mean the Organising Committee of the Competition, which shall be responsible for the administration, coordination, and conduct of all aspects of the Competition. Any reference to the “OC” shall include its duly authorised representatives.
- “Participant” shall mean any individual who is eligible to participate and is duly registered for the Competition.
- “Team” shall mean a group comprising of two Participants (the Counsels), and shall not include a Client.
- “Client” shall mean the individual assigned to a Team who presents the facts and circumstances to the Counsels during the counselling session.
- “BCI” shall mean the Bar Council of India, the statutory body constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961, responsible for regulating legal education and the legal profession in India.
- “POC” shall mean Point of Contact appointed by the OC for communication with the participating teams and for addressing any queries, doubts, or conflicts that may arise during the course of the Competition.

- “Problem Statement” shall mean the factual scenario provided to the Client for the purposes of the Competition. It shall ordinarily be provided by the Room Manager and the counselling session shall be conducted on the basis of the facts contained therein and any additional information disclosed by the Client during the session.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to students enrolled in any BCI-recognised Law School or Faculty of Law. Students of the 1st to 5th year of the Five-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme and the 1st to 3rd year of the Three-Year LL.B. Programme are eligible to participate.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each Team shall comprise a maximum of two (2) members.
- The Client shall be provided by the OC.
- No change in the composition of a Team shall be permitted after the completion of the registration process, except with the prior approval of the OC.
- Teams may comprise participants from different academic years.

DRESS CODE

All Participants shall adhere to a formal dress code throughout the duration of the Competition. Participants are required to wear a white shirt, black trousers, a black blazer, and formal black shoes during all rounds and official events of the Competition.

REGISTRATION

- A maximum of two (2) teams from a particular institution may register for the Competition.

Interested participants must register for the online rounds on or before 7th September, 2026 by filling out the registration form ([CLICK HERE](#))

- The participants who qualify are required to mandatorily register for the offline rounds of the Competition.
- By registering for and/or entering this Competition, all participants agree to be bound by the rules contained herein.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English. All oral proceedings, communications during the counselling sessions, and any written submissions or documents presented before the Judges shall be conducted and made exclusively in English.

AREAS OF LAW

The Problem Statement shall be based on any one or more than one of the following broad areas of law:

Law of Contracts	Sale of Goods Act, 1930	Constitutional Law	Criminal Laws
Consumer Protection Act, 2019	Law of Torts	Family Laws	Insurance Law
Dowry Prohibition Law	Motor Vehicles Act, 1988	Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881	
Information Technology Act, 2000			

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The 1st KIIT Inter-University Client Counselling Competition, 2026 shall consist of four (4) rounds, designed to assess participants on client interviewing, legal analysis, communication, professional ethics, and counselling skills through simulated client-counsel interactions.

A maximum of thirty-two (32) teams, each comprising two members, shall participate in the Competition. The rounds shall be conducted as follows:

ROUND	COUNSELLING TIME	POST-COUNSELLING REFLECTION / JUDGES' INTERACTION
Preliminary Round- 1	20 Minutes	10 Minutes
Preliminary Round- 2	20 Minutes	10 Minutes
Quarter-Final Round	20 Minutes	15 Minutes
Semi-Final Round	25 Minutes	15 Minutes
Final Round	25 Minutes	15 Minutes

Additional information:

- The Competition will be conducted through simulated client-counselling sessions based on confidential Problem Statements.
- If any Participant crosses the time limit, a warning will be issued by the Room Manager.
- The conduct of the Quarter-Final round, which would be in offline mode, shall be subject to the number of participating and eligible teams on the determination of the OC.
- No additional time shall be granted in any round except with the permission of the Bench.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- All Participants shall report to the venue of the Competition at the time specified by the OC. Participants are expected to maintain punctuality throughout the duration of the Competition.
- All Participants shall be bound by the rules, regulations, and directions issued by the OC from time to time. Failure to comply with such rules or directions may result in appropriate action, including disqualification from the Competition.
- Participants shall maintain proper decorum, professionalism, and dignity befitting the legal profession while interacting with Judges, Clients, OC members, fellow Participants, and all other persons associated with the Competition.
- Any act of misconduct, including but not limited to disobedience, non-compliance with the Competition Rules, misbehaviour, unfair practices, or cheating, shall render the concerned Participant(s)/Team(s) liable for disqualification.
- Participants shall not make any attempt to obtain or access confidential information relating to the Problem Statements, Client details, or any other material concerning the Competition rounds, except through the official channels authorised by the OC.
- Participants shall not contact or attempt to communicate with any Judge before, during, or after the Competition in relation to the Competition proceedings, evaluation, or results.
- Participants shall not carry or use any electronic devices, props, or other external materials during the counselling rounds, except for permitted materials such as Bare Acts and documents specifically allowed by the OC.

ANONYMITY OF THE TEAMS

- Participants shall maintain their anonymity throughout the Competition. Under no circumstances shall any Participant disclose their name, institution, or any other identifying information to the Judges or the Client. **All Teams shall identify themselves solely by their allotted Team Code.**
- If the OC determines that a Participant or Team has violated this rule, the Team may be disqualified from the Competition, and the decision of the OC in this regard shall be final.

SCORING CRITERIA

General Evaluation Criteria

Each Participant shall be evaluated individually by the Judges and shall be awarded marks out of a maximum of 100 marks based on their performance during the counselling session. The evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with the criteria prescribed below.

Criteria for Evaluation of Counsel

SL NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
a.	Establishing a professional environment, mannerisms, and conduct at the commencement of the counselling session	10
b.	Effective extraction of relevant information from the Client and understanding the Client's expectations, concerns, and choices	20
c.	Identification, analysis, and precise formulation of the legal issues	20
d.	Providing suitable alternatives and enabling the Client to make an informed decision	20
e.	Teamwork, coordination, professionalism, and adherence to ethical standards	10
f.	Ability to respond to questions relating to law and the proposed legal course of action during the post-counselling session	20
	TOTAL	100

Criteria for evaluation of Client

SL NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
a.	Clarity and effectiveness in presenting the facts and circumstances of the Problem Statement	30
b.	Engagement with the Counsels and ability to respond appropriately to questions posed during the counselling session	30
c.	Ethical conduct, cooperation, and overall interaction with the Counsels	15
d.	Clear presentation of the Client's goals, expectations, and concerns	15
e.	Realistic portrayal of emotions, concerns, and circumstances relevant to the Problem Statement	10
	TOTAL	100

Tie-Breaker Criteria

In the event of a tie between two or more Counsel pairs, the tie shall be resolved by considering the following criteria in the order specified below:

- Analysis and formulation of the Problem Statement with precision;
- Ability to answer questions relating to law and the proposed legal course of action;
- Ability to suggest alternatives and enable the Client to make an informed choice.

In the event of a tie between two or more Clients, the tie shall be resolved by considering the following criteria in the order specified below:

- Clarity and effectiveness in presenting the Problem Statement;
- Engagement with and ability to answer questions posed by the Counsels;
- Presentation of the Client's goals and expectations.

The decision of the Judges and/or the OC regarding the application of the tie-breaker criteria shall be final and binding.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The POC for any query or conflict with respect to the competition shall be the OC of the Competition.

- Any grievance, complaint, or dispute arising during the Competition shall be submitted to the designated representatives of the OC within the time period and manner prescribed by it.
- The OC shall consider and resolve such grievances in accordance with these Rules and the principles of fairness.
- The decision of the OC in relation to any grievance or dispute shall be final and binding upon all Participants.

POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES

The OC reserves the right to add, modify, amend, or repeal any provision of these Rules, if necessary, for the smooth conduct of the Competition and to give effect to the objectives of the Competition.

FINALITY OF DECISIONS

- The decision of the Judges regarding the evaluation and outcome of any counselling session shall be final and binding.
- In case of any dispute, ambiguity, or matter requiring interpretation of these Rules, the decision of the OC shall be final and binding upon all Participants.

RESULTS

- The results of each round shall be declared by the OC after the conclusion of the respective round.
- A minimum break of 30 minutes shall be provided between the declaration of results and commencement of the subsequent advanced rounds.
- The final results of the Competition shall be announced through the official communication channels of the OC.

AWARDS

Every Participant shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation upon successful completion of the Competition. The best-performing Teams and Participants shall be awarded as follows:

AWARD CATEGORY	PRIZE AMOUNT	AWARDS & ITEMS
Winner	₹25,000/-	Trophy, Certificates
Runner-Up	₹15,000/-	Trophy, Certificates
Best Counsel	₹10,000/-	Trophy, Certificate
Best Client	₹10,000/-	Trophy, Certificate

RESIDUARY

The KLSC may take such other measures as may be required for the purpose of giving effect to any oral provisions of these Rules and for the fair conduct of the Competition.

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