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DME Law School, Noida



NATIONAL CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

6th August 2022



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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Delhi Metropolitan Education is a premier Educational Institute affiliated to the **Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi**. The college offers **B.A. LLB (H)**, **B.BA.LLB (H)**, **B.A.(JMC)** and **BBA** courses with premium quality infrastructure and excellent academic facilities to provide a dynamic and clinical ground for success. It is promoted by the founders of Mayoor School, Noida (in collaboration with GC MAYO College, Ajmer) and Delhi World School Public School, Noida Extension. Our vision at **DME** is “to create an inspirational setting where global standards of learning, ethical professional practices and academic and scholarly deliberations are practiced towards attaining individual growth.”

The institute is strategically located at a few minutes distance from the prime localities of Noida, Vaishali, Indrapuram, Mayur Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad etc. Adjacent to NH24, it is within 5-7 minutes driving distance from Delhi Border. The architecture of the institute is inspired by the ancient Greek Doric Pillars and many modern facilities including the impressive Nelson Mandela Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Library, exquisite audio and video studios for journalism, a moot court for law, a legal aid center, computer labs, conference rooms and a cafeteria are some of the invaluable assets of the institute.

Since its inception, the college has attained numerous laurels to its credit and has successfully attained a distinguished stature. For two consecutive years it has bagged '**A - Grade**' Certificate from the **G.G.S.I.P.U.** The college has numerous societies which are involved in diverse fields & activities ranging from the cultural arts, photography, academics to scholarly events. The societies not only successfully organize Internal and National Events but also participate in National and International level competitions with great enthusiasm, adroitness, efficiency and skillfulness.



ABOUT THE EVENT

The most important aspects of being a legal professional are counselling people looking for assistance in understanding the legal consequences of their actions and to advise people seeking redressal of their grievances. It is, thus, a prerequisite for any budding lawyer to possess the fundamental skills which would help him successfully create a rapport with the client. To do this, one needs to adopt an approach that is both realistic and empathetic. DME Law School is, thus, proudly organising its 2nd National Client Counselling Competition. This competition is aimed at giving law students across the country an opportunity to not just test their legal knowledge but also to test their communication skills, convincing ability and patience. They will be judged based on:

- How well they are able to understand and handle their client's situation?
- How quickly and effectively they can respond to critical situations?
- How they approach the given legal issue?

It will help inculcate in the students the art of planning and interviewing in order to obtain all the relevant information and then analysing the information obtained. In this competition, the participants will conduct an initial interview with the client, following which there will be a post counselling session among the counsels where they will analyse the information obtained and discuss their future course of action.

All consultation problems will be related to family law. This is because Family law disputes are unique, in the sense, that they often involve complex emotional situations and require lawyers to find innovative solutions.

DATE AND VENUE

- Date : 6th August, 2022
Venue : Delhi Metropolitan Education, B-12, Sector 62, Noida 201301
How to Reach : Walking distance from Noida Sector 62 metro station.
Mode : The competition will be conducted in offline/physical mode.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DETAILS

Each team will have to pay a nominal registration fee of Rs. 600 at the time of registration. Participants may register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcPMagwbJYidl_4dSTEIKdsEbW82KdH0mXWkjBu-WCUEwW6g/viewform

Last Date of registration and payment: 1st August 2022

Kindly make the payment after filling the registration form (link given above)

Fee payable through IMPS/NEFT

BANK DETAILS

Delhi Metropolitan Education

Bank: HDFC Bank Ltd.
Account No: 50100187447560

Branch: Sector 18, Noida
IFSC Code: HDFC0001592

RULES & REGULATIONS

Rule 1. Entry into the Competition.

- (a) **Composition:** Each team shall consist of two students (only).
- (b) **Eligibility:** Law Students from any recognised University. Only one team per Institute can participate. In case more than one entries are received from the same institute, the team registering first will be allowed to participate.
- (c) **Team Codes:** After successful registration, each participating team will receive a unique team code from the organisers.
- (d) **NOC:** It is mandatory for each participant comprising a team to get the No Objection Certificate signed by the Dean/Head of the Institute. (Appendix-A) The same is to be uploaded in the Google Form. Any entry without the NOC shall be rejected immediately.

Rule 2. The Consultation Situation, Theme of the competition, Applicable laws.

- (a) **Distribution of Consultation Problem:** The participating teams will not receive the consultation problem before the competition. The problem shall be made available to the Client who shall then further present the information before the participating team in her/his own words. Based on the information so presented, the team members will decide their counseling strategy and client dealing. However, approximately 7 days before the Competition, the organizers will send to each team a brief description relating to the consultation problem. This will contain information similar to that which a law office secretary might record when informing lawyers of a forthcoming appointment.
- (b) **Theme of the Competition:** The consultation problems will be related to family law.
- (c) **Applicable Laws:** The problems shall be based on, but not limited to, on the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 and the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956. The participating teams are required to be familiar with the aforesaid statutes.

Rule 3. Rounds.

The competition shall consist of two rounds: Preliminary and Final. To qualify for the final round a participating team must be in the top 5 scorers in the preliminary rounds.

Rule 4. The Consultation and Post Consultation Session.

- (a) **Time limit for the Session:** Each team shall have a maximum of 25 minutes to complete the session. This includes 20 minutes for the consultation and 5 minutes for the post consultation session. Any team exceeding the prescribed time limit will be subject to negative marking.
- (b) **The Consultation Session:** Each team must conduct a consultation with the client during which the students are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, and propose options for resolving the problem. The discussion of fees is an integral part of any first consultation between a lawyer and a client. Students should be judged on how they approach this problem, but not on the monetary amount used. The participants may discuss fees at any appropriate point in the consultation. Fees may be waived or suitably reduced only in cases of financial hardship, either for persons of low income or for persons of ordinary income faced with very large fees.
- (c) **The Post-Consultation Session:** Each team must also conduct a meaningful post-consultation discussion between the attorneys after the client has left the room. In the post-consultation session the participating teams are expected to summarize the interview, indicate the next steps to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. The teams may discuss any other relevant point as well.

Rule 5. Dress Code

The students are required to be dressed in Black and white formal attire typical of a lawyer.

Rule 6. Clients

The individuals playing clients will be selected and briefed by the organisers.

Rule 7. Panel of Judges, Judge's Critique and Marking.

- (a) **Composition of the Panel.** Each panel will consist of 2 Judges who will be invited by the organisers.

RULES & REGULATIONS (Cont.)

- (b) **Judge's Feedback:** Immediately following each team's post-consultation session, the judges shall provide the team with a feedback of the team's handling of the consultation and post consultation periods.
- (c) **Client Not to Be Present:** Clients should not be present during the post-consultation session or the critique.
- (d) **Marking Scheme:** Each team will receive a score out of 100. Each judge is required to individually mark the teams. The marking criterion is given below:

| Sr. No. | MARKING CRITERIA | MARKS ALLOTTED |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Communication Skills | 20 |
| 2 | Client Dealing | 20 |
| 3 | Application of Law | 20 |
| 4 | Proposed Solution | 20 |
| 5 | Post-Interview Reflections | 20 |
| | Total | 100 |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Commencement of Registrations | 5th July, 2022 |
| Last date of Registration and Payment | 1st August, 2022 |
| Publication of list of participating teams with team codes | 2nd August, 2022 |
| Date of the competition | 6th August, 2022 |
| Announcement of results | 6th August, 2022 |

PRIZES

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| Winner | Rs. 5000 |
| 1st Runner Up | Rs. 3000 |
| 2nd Runner Up | Rs. 2000 |
| Consolation Prize | Rs. 500 |

CERTIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION BY INSTITUTION

Certified that the following participants are bonafide students of _____ University/ College and presently pursuing _____ course in the University/College. They are eligible for participating in the 2nd National Client Counselling Competition organised by DME Law School, Noida on 6th August 2022. They have filled the required Google form in all aspects. Hence, the University/College has no objection in recommending their names as a team for the aforementioned Competition.

Also certified that the following students are the sole recommended students comprising a Team representing the University/College at the aforementioned Competition.

PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

PARTICIPANT 1

Name _____
Name of the Course _____
Semester _____
Enrollment No. _____
Ph. No. _____
Email ID _____

PARTICIPANT 2

Name _____
Name of the Course _____
Semester _____
Enrollment No. _____
Ph. No. _____
Email ID _____

Place:

Date:

Signature with Name, Designation, Office Address &
Office Seal of the Head
Of the Institution/ Dean