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MANUU LAW SCHOOL FIRST INTERNATIONAL CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION 2026

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ABOUT MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is a Central University accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC. It was founded in 1998 by a Parliamentary Act with the goals of advancing the Urdu language and providing vocational and technical education in the language using both traditional and remote delivery methods. The University is spread across eleven states in India. The University's main campus is a lush green enriched biodiversity spread over **200 acres in the heart of Hyderabad IT Hub**. The University offers top-notch instructional resources to support research and academic endeavors. Surrounded by a verdant landscape, the university offers the perfect setting for studying professional programs and guaranteeing students holistic growth. **MANUU has 8 Schools of Studies with 20 Departments, and 9 academic, technical, professional training, and research centres.** Furthermore, the University is fortified by **3 directorates** and has established **18 satellite and off-campus** across **11 states in India**.





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ABOUT MANUU LAW SCHOOL

MANUU Law School aims to explore and identify novel areas of law and policy through relentless engagement in developing legal theory and practice, academic potential, critical analytical ability and advocacy skills so as to fully equip the students with a learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching. It has adopted outcome based multidisciplinary approach towards legal education and develops a positive attitude in students to make them realize that the lawyers are an integral part of the system of adjudication, determination of policies and setting up of standards for regulation of various activities through relevant institutions.

MANUU Law School currently offers :

- **5 Years B.A.-L.L.B. (Hons)**
- **3 Years L.L.B.**
- **Diploma in Cyberlaw & Digital Governance and ADR,**
- **One Year specialized L.L.M. and Ph.D. (Law) programs.**

These programs are intended to impart intensive knowledge and training in Law subjects and helps students to acquire wider perspectives .





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پروفیسر سید عین الحسن، شیخ الجامعہ
Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor

FOREWORD MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR

“Law is reason, free from passion.”— Aristotle

It gives me immense pleasure to mention, that the MANUU Law School, Maulana Azad National Urdu University is hosting the First International Client Counselling Competition 2026. These academic programs are an indicator of the interest of the university in supporting the intellectually stimulating, socially responsible and professionally applicable activities in the MANUU Law School.

The University has endeavoured to promote excellence in legal education and culture of inter-disciplinary learning and research. We focus on creating legal professionals who are not only able to face and work within complex social and legal contexts but also have a role to play in professional practice, research and policymaking through this Client Counselling Competition.

I am sure that the participants of the Client Counselling competition will have a great learning experience and promote the prospective research partnerships in the evolving field of law.

Congratulations to the budding lawyers for their interest and insights that would benefit the further research and the academic development in the field of law.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan

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پروفیسر ایس کے اشتیاق احمد، رجسٹرار

Prof. Sk. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar



Message From the Registrar

“Law and justice are not always the same.” – Gloria Steinem.

Law today, it is not only the role of a legal system to provide a means of dispute settlement, but the ever-growing, complexity of the matters of social and legal concern, which are increasingly coming under legal system challenge, has made the role of an effective client counselling more than ever needed. It is against this background that the International Client Counselling Competition comes in with special particular importance.

Students of law, of a variety of universities take part in this event, in order to experience the real- life situations with the clients and demonstrate the skills that are required to work in the ethical sphere of the law. Participants are motivated to discuss legal cases, articulate legal alternatives in a comprehensible and logical way and perceive the human dimension of law, making by means of organized Counselling exercises. Such academic intervention is necessary in order to equip future legal professionals to be able to solve real-life legal problems and at the same time uphold constitutional ideals and professional ethics.

I would like to applaud the organizing team, because it has been scholarly and committed to developing this competition. I believe, that the knowledge and experience learned in this program will have a significant impact on the progress of the profession of the participating student I would like to wish the International Client Counselling Competition a lot of luck.



Prof. SK. Ishtiaque Ahmed

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, H.O.D & CHAIRMAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



“The lawyer’s duty is not merely to argue, but to advise wisely.”— Roscoe Pound

In the 21st Century juridical environment where complexity and demands of the society are increasingly rising, the responsibility of the lawyer moves beyond technical knowledge towards ethical judgement of responsibility and efficient communication with empathy. This wider level of responsibility can be traced in client counselling, which is a vital aspect of law practice, in that it asks lawyers to interact on a fundamental level with people, to build up trust, comprehend the problem, seek their consent, and to give clear and informed legal advice.

The First International Client Counselling Competition organized by The MANUU Law School, Maulana Azad National Urdu University is intended to be a major academic endeavor that would empower the soft lawyering skills among the budding lawyers. The participants will be exposed to realistic legal issues, critically analyze them and gain professional competence in client interaction and counselling. It will not only sensitise the participants to perceive the human aspect of the rule of law but also provides them a solid grounding on legal, jurisprudential and constitutional concepts and values.

I am sure that the Client Counselling Competition will go a long way in helping the budding lawyers to polish their interpersonal and advance lawyering skills.

I wish the competition a grand success.

Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad
Chairman, Client Counselling Committee
Dean & Head, MANUU Law School

MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY CONVENER



***“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” –
Martin Luther King, Jr.***

The responsibilities of the legal profession in contemporary legal system are far beyond the interpretation of the law and legal dispute handling. Client Counselling skills are an important component of legal practice nowadays, lawyer needs the ability to combine his or her knowledge of the law with moral insight, clear communication, and sensitivity to human nature of legal problems.

Client Counselling Competition at MANUU Law School is an academic initiative to enable the students to enhance their key lawyering competence. The competition offers a controlled situation whereby participants are exposed to real-world client scenario, get to detect a legal challenge and provide desirable legal advice. This approach is based on the promotion of student understanding on the practicalities of the legal practice while being well-founded on constitutional concepts and professional ethics.

The competition will help to fill the gap between theory and practice in legal studies and practical work through its focus on the experiential learning and reflective practice. It is aimed at training future lawyers that are not just technically qualified but also responsive to the needs of clients and conscious of their role in the justice system. The program reflects how MANUU Law School has been committed to quality academic programs, practical training, and socially responsible legal education.

Dr. Sateesh Kumar

Faculty Convener Client Counselling Committee
Assistant Professor MANUU Law School



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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Eligibility:

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.

Team Composition:

One team shall comprise 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 20 teams will be selected for the competition on a first-come-first-serve 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.

Registration:

The registration fee, without accommodation shall be Rs.2000/- INR for each team. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-transferable.

The acknowledgement of the payment must be submitted along with the online registration 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 within 48 hours of registration.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- The official language of the competition shall be Bilingual **English** or **Urdu**. All oral submissions must be undertaken Bilingually.
- The Dress code Boys shall wear black trousers, a white shirt, tie, and black blazer, while girls shall wear black trousers or a black salwar with a white kurta or white shirt, along with a black blazer..
- The use of electronics during the rounds is strictly prohibited and if found, will lead to the immediate disqualification of the team.
- The participants must not reveal their identity or their University names during the competition.
- Scouting or any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited.
- Any participant found to have deviated from any rule may be disqualified at the discretion of the organizers and the decision will be final.



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THEME AND ROUND OF THE COMPETITION

Theme:

The theme for all the rounds shall be based on any or the entire spectrum of laws including:

Public International Law, AI & Law, Labour Law, Administrative Law , Constitutional Law, Company Law, Criminal Law, Family Law & Law of Torts.

Four Rounds of the Competition:

A total of four rounds will be conducted as part of the competition. The number of teams and time allotment has been mentioned below

Name of the Round	Number of the Team	Time Alloted
Preliminary Round		30 min
Quarter Final	8	35 min
Semi Final	4	40 min
Final	2	50 min



ROUND OF THE COMPETITION

The Consultation Period (Interview Period):

The first 20 minutes in the Preliminary Round and 25 minutes in Quarter- Final, 30 minutes in Semi-Final round and 40 minutes in Final Round are devoted to consultation with the client during which lawyers are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem and propose a solution or other means of resolving the problem.

Post Consultation Period (Post Interview Period):

The remaining time from the total time as specified above will be for the post- Consultation period i.e. the last 10 minutes in all the respective rounds are devoted to post-consultation. During the post-consultation period, the students may either talk to each other loudly enough to be overheard by the judges, dictate a file memorandum on the interview, or both. The concept behind the post-consultation period is to summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched. An explanation of the position or attitude taken by the client students may be useful. Judges may question the teams during the post-consultation period.

Note: During the consultation and post-consultation, the teams may use books, notes and other materials.

Judges Question-Answer round:

The judge's question-answer round will be of 10 minutes in the prelims, quarter and semi-finals and 10 minutes in the finals with the counsellors in addition to the time slots already allocated.

GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Misconduct, whether behavioural or otherwise, is not allowed and if indulged into shall result in disqualification of the team. Misconduct shall include:

- b) Any attempt by participants to obtain the client counselling topic before notification.
- c) 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.
- d) Any discussion with client(s) before competition.
- e) Cheating or using unfair means.
- f) Intimidation in any form.



PROCESS OF COMPETITION

- The competition simulates a law office consultation in which two participants (Counsel 1 and 2) deal with a client.
- The participants are given a brief written memorandum that identifies the client's problem prior to interviews. The participant team conducts an interview with a dummy client and the judge evaluates the performance.
- The topic of client counselling shall be provided 24 hours prior to the competition and the client will be provided on the spot.
- During the counselling period, participants are expected to elicit the relevant information from the client, explore with the client his or her preferred outcome, outline the nature of the problem, and suggest to the client to resolve the issue.
- The participants will be evaluated by a panel of judges considering the specific criteria based on listening to clients, questioning, planning and analytical skills of a lawyer.
- During post-counselling and consultation, 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. It will be the full discretion of the Organizing Committee to select and allot the clients.
- The organizers will select the clients to play the role as required by the problems.

JUDGMENT CRITERIA

The Competition will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach.
2. Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in doing so.
3. Clients' goals, expectations and needs.
4. Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision.
5. Suggesting alternatives.
6. Allowing the client to make informed choices.
7. Effective conclusion of the counseling session.
8. Team work.
9. Management of ethical and professional relation with the client – dealing with emotional and legal needs of the client.
10. Post interview session interaction with the Judges/among themselves.



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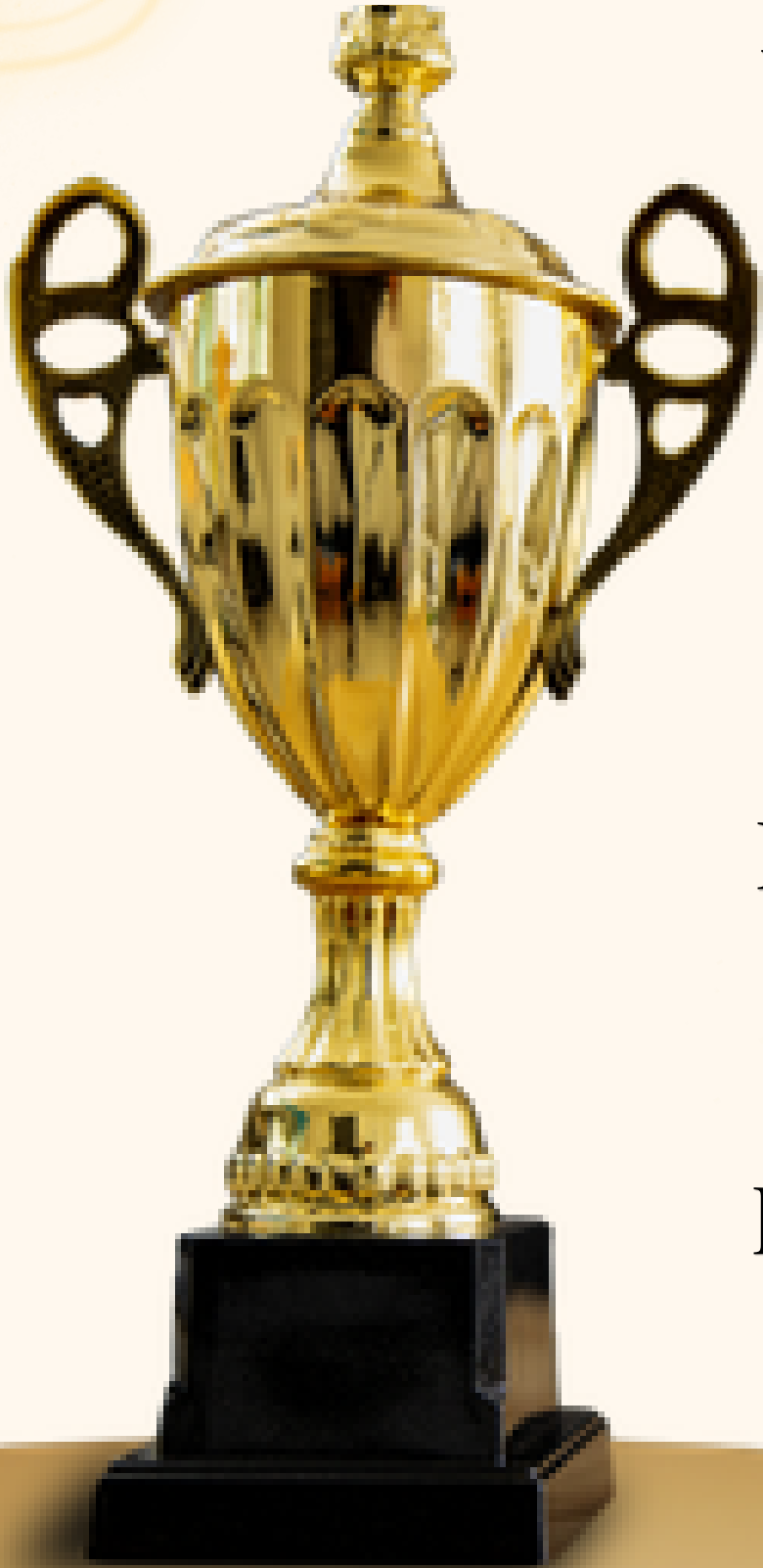
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GENERAL RULE

- Registration fee once paid shall be non-refundable.
- Any dispute, arising out of the rounds/ results, shall be informed, within the time specified, to the concerned authority, as per the manner prescribed.
- However, any disobedience, non-compliance, misbehavior or cheating shall lead to instant disqualification.
- The results of the judges shall be final for each event. Participants are bound to comply with the decision and shall respect it.
- Participants shall be solely responsible for any loss/damage done to the property of the host institute/organizers/ other participants and shall be liable to pay compensation for the same.
- Merely paying registration fees does not confirm participation certificates.
- All participants will be felicitated with Certificate of Participation.
- Rules are subject to minor changes as per discretion of Host Institution.
- The students participating in multiple event shall be solely responsible to adjust themselves according to the prescribed schedule.
- No adjustment shall be, made by the organizers and therefore participants shall not request such adjustments.
- The topic of client counselling shall be provided 24 hours prior to the competition and the client will be provided on the spot.
- No extra time will be allotted in any round without the permission of the judge. If any participant crosses the time - limit, a warning will be issued by the courtroom coordinator.
- The decision of the judges and the organizers shall be final and binding on all. Any violation of the code of conduct will invite disqualification. under mentioned code of conduct.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all participating teams.
- 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, a penalty may be imposed by deduction of marks and the teams may also be disqualified after they have been warned once.
- Selection will be on a first come first basis as there will be limited seats .
- If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- Note: Evaluation done by the Judges of each round shall be final and binding on all the teams.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES



Winner:

- Cash Prize of ₹20,000/-
- Memento and Certificate

Runner-Up:

- Cash Prize of ₹10000/-
- Memento and Certificate

Best Counsel Award Male:

- Cash prize of ₹5000/-
- Memento and Certificate

Best Counsel Award Female:

- Cash prize of ₹5000/-
- Memento and Certificate



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Last date of Provisional Registration
05/08/2026

COMPETITION TIMELINE

Last date of Registration
10/08/2026

Last date of Clarification
15/08/2026

Release of Client Problem
Topic
21/08/2026

Preliminary & Quarter Final
(Online)
22/08/2026

Semi Final & Final (Offline)
20/09/2026

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