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3rd Manipal-Tribus Legal INTERNATIONAL CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION 2026

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Hybrid Edition



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In collaboration with
Green Horizon Club
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REGISTRATION
CLOSING DATE

3 October 2026



PRELIMINARY ROUND

4 October 2026

Online, via Google Meet



QUARTER FINALS

9 October 2026

Offline, at Manipal University



SEMI FINALS & FINALS

10 October 2026

Offline, at Manipal University
followed by Valedictory

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A Fairer World Through Better Counsel

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About Manipal University Jaipur

The Manipal Education and Medical Group is an established leader in the field of education, research and healthcare. In a span of over six decades, it has transformed the lives of more than 3,00,000 students from over 59 countries. The group includes five Universities - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE, Karnataka), Sikkim Manipal University (Sikkim), American University of Antigua (Caribbean Islands), Manipal International University (Malaysia) and Manipal University Jaipur (Jaipur).

Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) was launched in 2011 on an invitation from the Government of Rajasthan, as a self-financed State University. MUJ has redefined academic excellence in the region, with the Manipal way of learning; one that inspires students of all disciplines to learn and innovate through hands on practical experience.

Jaipur, being one of the fastest growing cities in India, has increasing demand for quality higher education in the region. Following an allotment of 122 Acres of land at Dehmi Kalan village near Jaipur, the permanent campus of the University has come up at a fast pace and is by far one of the best campuses in the region.

The multi-disciplinary university offers career-oriented courses at all levels, i.e., UG, PG and doctoral and across diverse streams, including Engineering, Architecture, Planning, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Fine Arts, Hospitality, Humanities, Journalism and Mass Communication, Basic Sciences, Law, Commerce, Computer Applications, Management, etc. Some PG programmes are also available in the research mode.

MUJ boasts of best-in-class infrastructure, including state-of-the-art research facilities and a modern, digital library. In line with Manipal University's legacy of providing quality education to its students, the campus uses the latest in technology to impart education.

About Faculty of Law

Manipal University Jaipur forayed into the field of legal education by introducing Five-year Integrated BA LLB(Hons.), BBA LLB (Hons.), Bachelor of Law (LLB), Master of Law (LLM), and Ph.D. programs. As an institution of excellence, and a leading university in Rajasthan, Manipal University Jaipur is dedicated to providing students with a world-class education in the field of law.

All the programs at MUJ are designed as a highly flexible Learner Centric Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) aligned with UGC and NEP guidelines and in compliance with BCI regulations. The university provides multiple specialization options at the honors level. It provides an environment that offers high-quality education through outcome-based learning methods. The qualified and experienced faculty members adopt teaching-learning methods that ensure its graduates are self-directed lifetime learners. The course offered by the School of Law has been carefully crafted and designed to ensure that its graduates are qualified as industry-ready professionals.

The Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur has been ranked 32nd in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 in the Law discipline.





ABOUT GREEN HORIZON

PEOPLE
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TOGETHER

Environment Excellence Our Shared Responsibility

"Welcome to Green Horizon, a dynamic community uniting eco warriors, nature enthusiasts, and sustainability champions! As we enter a pivotal era for our planet, it's clear that we need to join forces to protect our environment and secure a flourishing future.

Green Horizon is a vibrant environmental club on a mission to spark change, encourage learning, and advocate for eco-friendly practices. Our goal is to empower individuals to safeguard the earth, foster a sustainable culture, and make a positive impact in our communities.

Through interactive events, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects, we're determined to:

- Raise awareness about pressing environmental issues
- Encourage sustainable living and eco-friendly habits
- Back conservation efforts and community service initiatives
- Cultivate a network of like-minded individuals dedicated to shaping a greener future

Let's harness the power of collective action to build a brighter world for everyone.

*Small
Steps
Greener
Tomorrows*



ABOUT OUR TITLE SPONSOR

Tribus Legal is an emerging international law advisory and corporate litigation boutique law firm based in India. The firm is built on the philosophy of its name—Tribus—which signifies the collaboration of three parties seeking equity and justice.

Operating primarily from its corporate office alongside an associate presence in places like Jaipur, Rajasthan, the firm caters to a varied clientele ranging from foreign consulates and multinational corporations to domestic businesses and individual clients.

Firm Achievements

- **Global and Diplomatic Trust:** Tribus Legal has built a distinct track record by advising foreign nationals, overseas citizens of India (OCIs), and representing foreign consulates and embassies, which requires a highly sophisticated understanding of international frameworks.
- **Highly Qualified Leadership:** The firm features accomplished leadership, including partners and advisors with advanced academic credentials, gold medals in LL.M. programs, doctorates in law, and specialized certifications from global institutions like The George Washington University Law School.
- **Market Recognition:** It has established itself within elite specialized legal circles, earning features among top corporate litigation and dispute resolution listings (such as Lawzana's featured lawyers in India) for its boutique, result-oriented approach.



ABOUT OUR TITLE SPONSOR

How It Benefits Law Students

Tribus Legal offers highly structural benefits to aspiring legal professionals through its Careers and Internship Programmes. [1]

- Hands-on Exposure to Cross-Border Law: Unlike general domestic litigation firms, interning here gives students rare exposure to international advisory, bilateral agreements, and embassy dynamics. [1, 2]
- Mentorship under Elite Litigators: Students get the chance to draft, research, and directly assist senior partners who are members of global groups like the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). [1]
- Practical Corporate Training: Interns are trained in the realities of corporate compliance, white-collar crime defenses, and the mechanics of private equity deals rather than just theoretical research. [1]
- Direct Career Pathway: The firm utilizes its internship program to scout for future talent. Law students can apply by submitting an updated CV and cover letter directly to their recruitment desk via info@tribuslegal.in.

ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

Lawctopus, started in 2010, is India's leading online media and education portal for law students and young lawyers. The media vertical, Lawctopus.com, reaches to nearly 4 lakh readers every month. The ed-tech vertical, Lawctopus Law School (LLS), teaches more than 2000 learners every year. With a rating of 93.2/100, LLS' practical, online courses teach skills such as legal research, contract drafting, IP law, and more. On the media site, content such as law-related conferences, workshops, internships, jobs, and career advisory pieces and blogs make Lawctopus the young lawyer's go-to friend and guide !

Lawctopus Law School (LLS) teaches you practical legal skills, online. Our rigorous courses and structure push you to learn deeply. Our caring attitude ensures that you complete the course well

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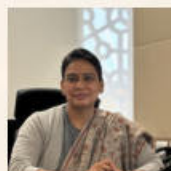


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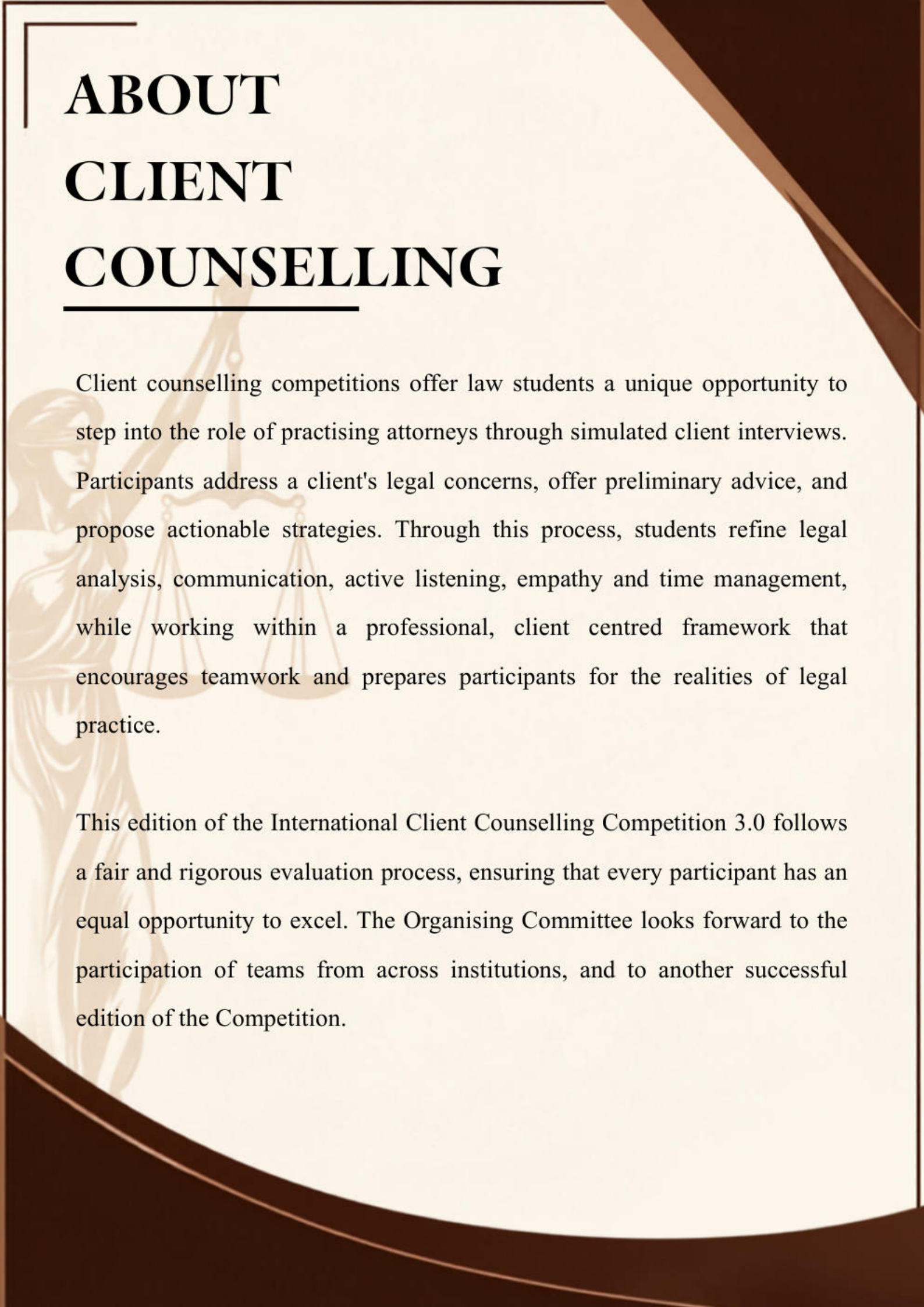
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ABOUT CLIENT COUNSELLING



Client counselling competitions offer law students a unique opportunity to step into the role of practising attorneys through simulated client interviews. Participants address a client's legal concerns, offer preliminary advice, and propose actionable strategies. Through this process, students refine legal analysis, communication, active listening, empathy and time management, while working within a professional, client centred framework that encourages teamwork and prepares participants for the realities of legal practice.

This edition of the International Client Counselling Competition 3.0 follows a fair and rigorous evaluation process, ensuring that every participant has an equal opportunity to excel. The Organising Committee looks forward to the participation of teams from across institutions, and to another successful edition of the Competition.

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur, in association with the Green Horizon Club, presents the International Client Counselling Competition 3.0, 2026. The Competition provides law students with a realistic and professionally oriented platform to develop and demonstrate client interviewing, legal analysis, communication, counselling, ethical decision making and teamwork skills.

Client counselling competitions simulate professional client consultations. Participants are expected to identify the client's concerns, gather relevant facts, analyse the legal position, explain the available options, address practical and ethical considerations, and provide a coherent course of action while maintaining a professional client relationship.

The 2026 edition shall be conducted in a hybrid format. The Preliminary Round shall be conducted online, through Google Meet. Teams qualifying for the Advance Rounds shall participate in person at the Manipal University Jaipur campus in the Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final Rounds, subject to the official schedule.

The Competition shall be governed by these Official Rules and Regulations, together with any official instructions issued by the Organising Committee.

2. IMPORTANT DATES & SCHEDULE

The following dates are confirmed for the 2026 edition and form part of the official competition schedule.

Particular	Date or Mode
Registration Closing	3 October 2026
Preliminary Round	4 October 2026, Online, via Google Meet
Quarter Final Round	9 October 2026, Offline, at Manipal University Jaipur
Semi Final Round	10 October 2026, Offline, at Manipal University Jaipur
Final Round	10 October 2026, Offline, at Manipal University Jaipur
Valedictory and Awards	10 October 2026, at Manipal University Jaipur

Any subsequent change to the above schedule shall be communicated to participating teams through official channels only.

3. DEFINITIONS

- Competition: means the International Client Counselling Competition 3.0, 2026.
- Team: means two eligible student participants registered from the same institution.
- Counsel: means either of the two student participants acting as legal counsel.
- Client: means the person designated by the Organising Committee to role play the client.
- Organising Committee: means the committee constituted by the Department of Law and the Green Horizon Club for conducting the Competition.
- Advance Rounds: means the Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final Rounds conducted offline at Manipal University Jaipur.
- Team Code: means the unique code allotted to each registered team.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in a three year or five year integrated law degree programme at a recognised University, College, School or Faculty of Law.
- Students enrolled in postgraduate law programmes (LLM or equivalent), diploma or certificate courses, or part time law programmes, are not eligible.
- Each institution may register a maximum of two teams.
- The Organising Committee may require documentary proof of enrolment or eligibility.
- A participant found ineligible at any stage may be disqualified. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall comprise exactly two members.
- Both members shall participate as Counsel during the Competition.
- Mixed teams comprising students from two different institutions are prohibited.
- No change in team composition is permitted after registration, except in a genuine emergency and with the prior written approval of the Organising Committee.
- Failure of a team member to participate as required may result in disqualification.

6. REGISTRATION

- The registration fee for the 2026 edition is INR 3,000 per team. The registration closing date is 2nd October 2026.
- All participating teams are required to provisionally register for the competition by filling out the registration form through the link provided below.
- Registration Form
- Registration is considered complete only after submission of the prescribed registration form and successful payment of the registration fee.
- The registration fee is non-refundable once registration is complete, except where the Organising Committee expressly decides otherwise.
- Each registered team shall receive a Team Code through official communication.
- All subsequent correspondence should quote the Team Code.

7. ADVANCE ROUND PARTICIPATION FEE

Teams qualifying for the Advance Rounds shall be required to pay an additional INR 3,500 per team. This fee is separate from the registration fee, and shall cover the following, subject to the arrangements and schedule communicated by the Organising Committee.

- Accommodation for the qualifying team.
- Food during the relevant stay.
- Participant kits.

Only teams qualifying for the Advance Rounds are required to make this additional payment. The payment deadline and mechanism will be communicated along with the qualification notification.

8. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The Competition comprises four rounds, as set out below.

Round	Mode	Qualification
Preliminary	Online (Google Meet)	30 participating teams, grouped as decided by the Organising Committee
Quarter Final	Offline (MUJ)	Top 8 teams
Semi Final	Offline (MUJ)	Top 4 teams
Final	Offline (MUJ)	Top 2 teams

The case problem for each round may be circulated to teams through official communication at least three hours before the commencement of the respective round, unless the Organising Committee specifies a different period.

9. AREAS OF LAW

The competition problems may cover the following areas of international and domestic legal practice. This list is indicative and does not prevent the Organising Committee from framing a problem involving allied legal issues where necessary.

- International Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Dispute Resolution
- International Contract Law
- International Maritime Law
- Climate Change Law
- Biodiversity Law
- Pollution Control Law
- Natural Resources Law & Land Use and Zoning Law

10. DRESS CODE

Strict formal attire is mandatory during competition rounds and ceremonies, including the Inaugural and the Valedictory and Awards Ceremonies.

- White shirt
- Black trousers
- Black tie
- Black formal shoes
- Black blazer

11. ACCOMMODATION

- The additional INR 3,500 Advance Round Participation Fee includes accommodation, food and participant kits for qualifying teams, subject to the official arrangements.
- Accommodation shall be provided only to teams qualifying for the Advance Rounds.
- Accommodation allocation, check in, check out and rooming arrangements will be communicated separately.
- Food shall be provided according to the official hospitality schedule.
- Participant kits shall be distributed according to the Organising Committee's arrangements.
- Additional personal expenses, travel to Jaipur, incidental expenses and items not expressly included shall ordinarily be borne by the participants.
- Participants must comply with accommodation and university property rules.
- Any loss or damage caused to accommodation or university property may be dealt with in accordance with applicable institutional rules.

12. RESULTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Round-wise results shall be announced through the official communication channels determined by the Organising Committee.
- The Final Round result shall be announced during the Valedictory and Awards Ceremony, or through another official announcement.
- Participants must remain attentive to official email and WhatsApp communications.
- Only announcements made by the Organising Committee through official channels shall be treated as authoritative

13. AWARDS AND PRIZES

Award	Prize and Recognition
Winner	INR 21,000 cash prize, trophy, certificates and merchandise
Runner-Up	INR 11,000 cash prize, trophy, certificates and merchandise
Best Counsel	INR 5,000 cash prize, trophy, certificates and merchandise
Best Client	Trophy, certificates and merchandise

Certificates and merchandise shall be distributed in accordance with the Organising Committee's arrangements. The Organising Committee may prescribe the form, timing and manner of prize disbursement.

14. PAYMENT DETAILS

- Registration payments shall be made only through the official payment mechanism communicated by the Organising Committee.
- Teams must retain payment proof until the conclusion of the Competition.
- The INR 3,500 Advance Round Participation Fee shall be paid only after qualification, and in accordance with the separate instructions issued to qualifying teams.
- Participants should verify the recipient, account and payment details before making payment, and immediately report any payment discrepancy.

15. GRIEVANCES, DISPUTES & FINALITY

- The decision of the judges on performance and scoring is final and non-contestable, subject to the Competition's prescribed administrative procedures.
- In the event of any dispute, objection, ambiguity or issue not expressly addressed in these Rules, the decision of the Organising Committee, Department of Law, Manipal University Jaipur, shall be final and binding on all participating teams.
- No participant shall directly approach an individual judge, Client or evaluator to challenge a score or obtain confidential feedback during the Competition.

16. FORCE MAJEURE & ORGANISATIONAL CONTINGENCIES

- The Organising Committee may modify the schedule, mode, sequence or conduct of any round where circumstances beyond reasonable organisational control affect the safe or fair conduct of the Competition.
- Such circumstances may include severe weather, public emergencies, technical infrastructure failure, venue unavailability, internet or platform failure, travel disruption, illness or unavailability of essential personnel, or other comparable contingencies.
- For the online round, the Organising Committee may shift to an alternative approved platform, or reschedule a session, where necessary.
- For offline rounds, the Organising Committee may alter room allocation, timing or sequence without affecting the substantive qualification structure, unless necessary.
- Teams shall comply with reasonable contingency directions issued to preserve fairness and continuity.

17. AMENDMENTS & INTERPRETATION

The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, clarify or supplement these Rules where necessary for the effective and fair conduct of the Competition. Any material amendment shall be communicated through official channels.

Any matter not expressly provided for in these Rules shall be determined by the Organising Committee. Such interpretation shall be final and binding for the purposes of the Competition.

18. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

The official point of contact for Competition related correspondence is clientcounsellingmuj@gmail.com. Unless the Organising Committee publishes a replacement address, participants should use this email for all formal correspondence.

- Teams must quote their Team Code in all correspondence after registration.
- Participants should regularly monitor their registered email address and the official WhatsApp group.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring that important official communications are not missed.

ANNEXURE – I

QUICK COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Stage	Mode	Date	Teams	Time
Preliminary	Online (Google Meet)	4 October 2026	30	25 minutes (20 CC and 5 PC)
Quarter Final	Offline (MUJ)	9 October 2026	8	40 minutes (30 CC and 10 PC)
Semi Final	Offline (MUJ)	10 October 2026	4	40 minutes (30 CC and 10 PC)
Final	Offline (MUJ)	10 October 2026	2	50 minutes (40 CC and 10 PC)

QUALIFICATION FLOW

Registration is followed by the online Preliminary Round. The top 8 teams advance to the offline Quarter Finals. The top 4 teams then advance to the offline Semi Finals, and the top 2 teams reach the offline Final, which is followed by the Awards.

FEE SUMMARY

Fee	Amount	Applicable To	Includes
Registration Fee	INR 3,000 per team	All registered teams	Competition registration
Advance Round Participation Fee	INR 3,500 per team	Qualifying teams only	Accommodation, food and participant kits

ANNEXURE – 2

SCORING FRAMEWORK

Each Counsel is scored out of 100 by each judge, based on ten criteria of 10 marks each, giving a team score of 200. The framework below is indicative of the assessment dimensions used.

Assessment Dimensions and Indicative Focus

- **Opening and Rapport**

Professional introduction, rapport building, and setting the consultation framework.

- **Fact Gathering**

Systematic and relevant elicitation of facts.

- **Active Listening**

Demonstrating attention, seeking clarification, and accurately understanding the client's concerns.

- **Issue Identification**

Identification and prioritisation of legal and practical issues.

- **Legal Analysis**

Application of relevant law to the client's circumstances.

- **Questioning Technique**

Asking relevant, clear, and non-leading questions, where appropriate.

- **Empathy and Client Management**

Demonstrating sensitivity, building trust, and maintaining client-centred communication.

- **Advice and Strategy**

Clarity of options, risks, consequences, and the recommended strategy.

- **Ethics and Professionalism**

Professional conduct, confidentiality, and ethical awareness.

- **Closing and Overall Effectiveness**

Providing a clear summary, explaining next steps, managing time effectively, and demonstrating overall quality.

