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# THE BROWN MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION 2026

NATIONAL SELECTION ROUNDS – INDIA

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JAGRAN LAKECITY  
UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL

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Faculty of Law, Jagran Lakecity University



# ABOUT BROWN MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION

The Competition traces its origins to 1969, when Louis M. Brown founded the first Client Counselling Competition for law students. It was recognized by the American Bar Association in 1972, and its international edition was introduced in 1985. In 1993, the International Competition was formally named in honor of Louis M. Brown. Later, in May 2010, it adopted a refined title, changing from "Client Counselling" to "Client Consultation." Today, the Competition is affiliated with the International Bar Association and works closely with law societies and Bar Associations around the world.

The Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition is an annual event that gathers national champions from around the world. In 2026, the International Rounds will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, hosted by the Faculty of Law at the

University of Zagreb. Scheduled for 15–18 April 2026, the Competition will focus on the theme of "Use of Land".

This event provides an invaluable opportunity for law students to develop their interviewing and counselling abilities, enabling them to engage effectively with clients, identify key issues, and propose well-reasoned solutions. It also fosters rich cross-cultural exchange, bringing together participants from a wide range of countries. Over the past decade, students from more than 30 nations including Australia, China, Croatia, England and Wales, Germany, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Russia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, and the United States have taken part in the Competition.





# ABOUT JAGRAN LAKECITY UNIVERSITY

Jagran Lakecity University (JLU) Bhopal stands as a testament to academic distinction, rooted in its establishment under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956, nestled in the vibrant city of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

JLU Bhopal epitomizes rapid growth and acclaim, emerging as a vanguard in Central India, with its pedagogy deeply entrenched in practical application. The university currently hosts a diverse cohort of over 2500 students from 8 countries and 27 states of India, offering an expansive array of 50+ degree programs.

Distinguished by its strategic alliances with leading industries and international educational institutions, JLU Bhopal ensures unparalleled exposure for its students on both national and international fronts. Notably, the university stands as the exclusive representative from

Central India in the ERASMUS+ programme under the Tuning India Project, endorsed by the European Commission. Furthermore, as the country chair for the Association of Universities of Asia Pacific (AUAP), JLU Bhopal continues to shape the global academic landscape.

Acknowledging its eminence, Jagran Lakecity University achieved the prestigious 'DIAMOND' rating by QS I-Gauge, a revered International Rating agency, an accolade that heralds its pioneering spirit. Garnering the 30th position among the best private universities in India, as per Education World 2021, and securing the E-Learning Excellence for Academic Digitisation (E-Lead) Certification 2020-21 by QS I-Gauge, JLU Bhopal remains at the zenith of educational innovation.

## ABOUT FACULTY OF LAW

Established in 2014, the Faculty of Law at Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal has swiftly established itself as a centre of excellence for legal education in Central India. It is one of Central India's fastest-growing and most awarded private universities with its emphasis on practice-based pedagogy, the Faculty blends rigorous academics with hands-on learning through clinical programs, moot courts, internships, and community engagement. Students are prepared to engage critically with both Indian and international legal systems, and are

encouraged to develop as socially responsible, ethically grounded professionals. The Faculty offers a full spectrum of programmes, including integrated five-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a three-year LL.B., a one-year LL.M. with specializations in Corporate and Intellectual Property Law, Cyber Law and Cyber Security, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, as well as a Ph.D. in Law, catering to diverse academic and professional aspirations. A hallmark of the Faculty is its robust research ecosystem, anchored by several interdisciplinary centers focusing on

areas such as dispute resolution, taxation, intellectual property, environmental law, constitutional studies, criminal justice, and professional development. These centres serve as platforms for faculty and students to engage in scholarly research, policy dialogue, and real-world legal innovation. With its commitment to academic excellence, research, and social impact, the Faculty of Law is dedicated to shaping future-ready legal professionals equipped to lead in courts, corporations, public service, and global institutions.



## ABOUT ICCC 2026 – INDIA ROUNDS

The India Rounds of ICCC 2026 host approximately 40 teams drawn from leading law schools across the country. The Competition is conducted in two distinct stages: Client Interviewing and Counselling, followed by a post-interview and counselling session held without the client present. Participants are assessed on well-defined criteria, including their ability to establish a professional working environment, identify and propose viable alternatives, and assist the client in making an informed decision. The format closely mirrors a real-world law office consultation, with two law students acting in the capacity of attorneys, solicitors, or legal practitioners engaging with a client’s legal matter.

In the first stage, participants conduct an interview with an individual role-playing as the client. Their responsibilities include eliciting relevant facts, understanding the client’s objectives, diagnosing the

nature of the problem, and presenting a spectrum of potential solutions or courses of action. This is followed by a post-consultation period, during which the team without the client analyses the interview and discusses the legal and practical steps that need to be undertaken. The combined duration of the interview and the post-consultation session is 35 minutes. Throughout the process, a panel of judges evaluates the participants based on criteria that highlight critical listening, questioning, planning, and analytical competencies essential to effective lawyer-client interactions.

Once the judges complete their evaluation, the participants are invited back into the room to receive a concise critique of their performance in both the consultation and post-consultation stages.

## TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION

30 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025	Date of Commencement of Registration
20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	Date of Closing of Registration
25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	Last Date for Submission of Travel Plan
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Dates of Competition
6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Inauguration
7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Preliminary Rounds
8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Semi Final and Final Rounds
8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Valedictory and Closing Ceremony

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Participants are required to adhere strictly to the prescribed dress code, which permits only Indian or Western formal attire throughout the Competition.
- ii. The Competition will be conducted exclusively in English, and all communication between participants during the rounds must be in English.
- iii. The use of electronic devices during the rounds is strictly prohibited. Any violation will result in the immediate disqualification of the team.
- iv. Participants must not disclose their identities or the names of their universities at any stage of the Competition.
- v. Scouting, along with any form of unethical or unprofessional conduct, is strictly forbidden.
- vi. Any participant found violating these rules may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the organisers, and such decisions shall be final and binding.

#### 5. COMPETITION ROUNDS

- i. The Competition will consist of three stages: the Preliminary Rounds, the Semi-Final Rounds, and the Final Round.
- ii. There will be two Preliminary Rounds. The top six teams, determined on the basis of their cumulative scores from both rounds, shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.
- iii. The Semi-Finals will be conducted simultaneously in separate sessions, each evaluated by a different panel of judges.
- iv. In the event of a tie for the sixth position, all teams with tied scores shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds.
- v. The top two teams from the Semi-Final Rounds, based on their scores, will qualify for the Finals of the India National Rounds.
- vi. If there is a tie for second place, all teams sharing that position will advance to the Final Round.
- vii. All problems for the Competition will be based on themes related to theme of "Use of Land". The organisers will select individuals to portray clients in accordance with the requirements of each problem.

#### 6. PROCEDURE OF THE COMPETITION

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- ii. Each team will be allotted a total of 35 minutes—25 minutes for the client interviewing and counselling stage, followed by 10 minutes for the post-interview stage, during which the team must discuss and summarise their proposed approach to handle the matter.
- iii. During the initial 25-minute stage, teams may, where necessary, consult primary or secondary research materials.
- iv. During the 10-minute post-interview stage, conducted in the absence of the client, teams must summarise the interview, analyse the issues, and outline the proposed course of action. Judges may also seek clarifications regarding the team's strategy and analytical reasoning.
- v. Negative marking will be imposed if a team exceeds the time limits for any stage. The specific criteria for such deductions will be communicated at the commencement of the respective rounds.
- vi. In both stages, one team member must assume the lead role while the other provides complementary support.
- vii. Effective coordination between both team members is expected throughout the entire 35-minute duration.

# RULES OF THE COMPETITION

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

- I. Eligibility is restricted to students enrolled in law colleges or universities recognised by the Bar Council of India.
- II. Only students pursuing a law degree (three-year or five-year programme) at the aforementioned institutions during the current academic year are permitted to participate.
- III. Students who have been part of any winning team of the Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition are ineligible to participate again.

## 2. TEAM COMPOSITION

- I. Each team shall comprise of two participants.
- II. Only one team is permitted to represent a university/college.

## 3. REGISTRATION

- i. Participation is open to teams that complete the application process by duly submitting the registration form through the designated Google Form and making the required payment before the deadline, strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ii. Each participating team is required to pay a registration fee of INR 6,000/- (Rupees Six Thousand only). The registration fee includes accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for all three days of the competition.
- iii. All teams must complete the payment exclusively through the official Paytm.

PAYMENT LINK: <https://p.ppsl.io/PYTMPS/9Xt88k>



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- iv. The teams are required to upload the registration form and proof of payment through the following Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/euuHWmTt9eG9dqTG7>
- v. The participating institution must send an email with the Institution's Registration Form to [probonoclub@jlu.edu.in](mailto:probonoclub@jlu.edu.in) through its HOD/Dean/Registrar's official email address, confirming that the registered participants are bonafide students of the institution and are duly selected/nominated to represent the institution in the National Rounds of the Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition, 2026.
- vi. Teams are authorised to pay registration fees only after a confirmation email is received from the HOD/Dean/Registrar's office via their official email to [probonoclub@jlu.edu.in](mailto:probonoclub@jlu.edu.in) Teams may proceed with payment only after receiving a separate email from the Organising Committee directing them to complete the registration fee payment.
- vii. The registration fee is non-refundable once paid. Participants are required to strictly adhere to the prescribed registration and payment procedure.
- viii. After submitting the Google Form and completing all required steps, the team will receive an acknowledgement email within 72 hours after verification of all submitted details and attachments, including proof of payment, by the host institution.

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## 7. JUDGING CRITERIA

The Competition will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- i. Establishing a professional working atmosphere and demonstrating an appropriate professional approach.
- ii. Identifying and eliciting the client's problem, including the effectiveness of the techniques used.
- iii. Understanding the client's goals, expectations, and needs.
- iv. Accurate analysis and precise formulation of the client's problem.
- v. Presenting suitable options and alternatives for addressing the client's concerns.
- vi. Enabling the client to make an informed and considered choice.
- vii. Providing an effective and coherent conclusion to the counselling session.
- viii. Demonstrating strong teamwork and coordination.
- ix. Managing ethical and professional responsibilities, including responding appropriately to the client's emotional and legal needs.
- x. Quality of the post-interview interaction both with the judges and between team members.



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# REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF THE INSTITUTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID of the Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact (Name & Contact Number): \_\_\_\_\_

## 1<sup>st</sup> Advocate/Counsel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Advocate/Counsel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Counsels are Bonafide Students of the College.*

*(By Sending This Registration Form, the Participants agree to comply with the Rules & Regulations of the Competition)*

*~Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution*

# DECLARATION FORM

1. We declare that the institution and its team members participating in the Competition will abide by all the rules of the Competition set out as and notified to us from time to time throughout the period of the competition.
2. We also declare and confirm that all the information provided in the registration form is true and accurate.
3. In case of any disputes arising during the Competition, the decision of the organizing committee members of JLU SOL Pro Bono Club shall be final and binding and will not be subject to any further deliberations.

Signature of Participant I: .....

Signature of Participant II: .....

*~Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution*

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# PAYMENT DETAILS

1. UPI ID-
2. Transaction ID-
3. UTR Number -
4. Date of Payment -
5. Amount of Payment -

NOTE-

Attach Payment receipt in the google form.