

**25th KERALA LAW ACADEMY
CLIENT CONSULTING COMPETITION 2025 (OFFLINE)
(NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION)**

For Justice P. Govinda Menon Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy

Organized by

**THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY
MOOT COURT SOCIETY**

6th to 8th November 2025

The Client Consulting competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in practical laws and consulting functions of law practice. It also encourages participants to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship as interviewing and advising areas form a significant part of most lawyer's work. The Competition thereby provides an opportunity for a valuable educational interchange between students, law teachers, and legal practitioners.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The prestigious 25th Kerala Law Academy Client Consulting Competition for Justice P. Govinda Menon Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy, hosted by The Kerala Law Academy Law College, will be held from 6th to 8th November 2025 at The Kerala Law Academy Law College Campus, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

REGULATIONS

(1) ELIGIBILITY

(A) The Competition is open to all Law Colleges/Law school's /Law Universities and Faculties/University Departments of Law in India recognized by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to LL.B. students both in the Three-Year Scheme and Five-Year Scheme. Students doing post-graduation in law and students undergoing correspondence courses are **not eligible** to participate in the Competition.

(B) **More than one team** per College/Institution may take part in the competition, provided that explicit permission has been provided from the specified College/Institution for the same. Each team shall comprise of two students.

(2) REGISTRATION

Provisional Registration – All the interested teams for the competition are requested to send email for the purpose of provisional registration on or before 20th October 2025 via: [**✉️mail to: 25thklaclientconsulting@keralalawacademy.in**](mailto:25thklaclientconsulting@keralalawacademy.in)

- **Final Registration** - The selected teams will get an email confirmation from us, after which the final registration should be

completed by the team on or before October 25th, 2025 by submitting the duly filled pro forma via: <https://forms.gle/bj4FE1XwT4p41HF26> and make an online payment of Rs. **5000/-** as nonrefundable registration fee. if accommodation is needed, the total fee is Rs, **6500/-** (AC Dormitory)

(3) COMPETITION FORMAT

The Competition simulates a law office consultation in which two law students, acting as lawyers are presented with a client matter. The students are given a brief written memorandum that identifies the general nature of the subject matter of the client's problem before the interviews are held. The students conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. During the interview period, students 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 present the client with a means (or range of alternatives, if appropriate) for resolving the problem. The interview with the client is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the students, in the absence of the client, analyse the interview and discuss the legal and other work to be undertaken. The interview and post-consultation period last a total of 35 minutes. The interview period will be 25 minutes and post-consultation period will be 10 minutes. The students are evaluated by a panel of judges, usually composed of three lawyers or two lawyers and a counsellor. The inclusion of a non-lawyer

counsellor on the judging panel may broaden the interdisciplinary perspectives of the panel both in terms of skills and possible solutions to a problem. The students are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview. Once the judges have completed their evaluation of the interview, the students may be called back and the judges may, at their discretion, ask questions for clarification or provide a brief critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods

(4)

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Participating Colleges/Universities are eligible to enter any number of teams; each composed of **two law students**. Students conduct the simulated interviews in teams of two in order to provide mutual assistance and support in researching, planning and conducting the interview. There is the added benefit of encouraging students to work cooperatively. Any change in team after registration is not allowed unless at the discretion of the organizers.

(5)

COMPETITION ROUNDS

There will be four rounds namely preliminary rounds, quarter final, semi-final and final rounds. Each group will be judged by a panel of two or three judges in the preliminary and quarter final rounds and a

panel of three judges in the semi-final and final rounds. From preliminary and quarter-final rounds, teams with the highest number of points will be qualified to participate in next round respectively, while the teams with the highest points in the semi-finals will be qualified to the final round.

Panel of judges may be from among the following categories. Practicing Lawyers, Judges, Counsellors, Psychologists. In each panel, at least one judge shall be a practicing lawyer.

Immediately following each team's post- consultation presentation, the judges may provide the team with a critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post consultation periods. This critique should focus on the Assessment Criteria. The critique should last not more than ten (10) minutes. The competition shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

(6) JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach.
2. Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in doing so.
3. Identifying the Client's goals, expectation and needs.
4. Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision
5. Suggesting alternatives
6. Allowing the client to informed choice
7. Effective conclusion of the counselling 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 among themselves)

(7) CLIENTS

The Competition organizers is responsible for selecting students to play the role of the client for each of the sessions. Each client will be supplied with a packet containing the consultation situation and a detailed confidential memorandum concerning the client's background and concerns. The Organizing Committee will provide each Client sufficient briefing prior to the Rounds. Clients may be consulted by the judging panel, at their discretion, at the conclusion of a round.

(8) TEAM CODES

- (a) In order to preserve anonymity each team will be identified to the judges only by a team code which will be given to each team at registration.
- (b) Teams that have conducted their interviews in a particular session will be segregated from those who have not yet participated. Other teams, participants and observers shall not be allowed to watch the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds.
- (c) Other teams, participants and observers will be allowed to watch the semi-final and final rounds.

(d) All Participants agree to their interviews being videotaped and used in tapes produced by the Client interviewing Competition.

(9) OFFICE MEMO

On 28-10-2025 an office memorandum will be sent by the organizers to the registered teams, which will briefly outline the general nature of the topic/subject for the competition. All the participants will receive a Copy of the Written Memorandum via email (in either of the participant's email which they provide at the time of registration), the participating team should confirm the acceptance of the Memorandum to the Student Convenor via email within two days of the communication of Memorandum

COMPETITION TOPIC

The subject matter of the problem will be based on Family Law, Law of Torts, Property, Contract/Specific relief, Intellectual Property Rights and incidentally it may touch other laws, which includes Penal laws and Constitutional law.

(a) The Judges will receive a copy of the Judging criteria/Memoranda before the competition and will be briefed by the organizers before the round, in which they are to judge.

(b) The preliminary round may take place simultaneously. The clients in each round will have the same problem.

(c) Once the rounds start, the competing teams should not be interacting with others till that round gets over as this may unduly benefit certain teams. Such an interaction will be a misconduct and the teams so interacting, if found out, may be disqualified.

VALUATION PROCEDURE

Each judge will evaluate for a maximum of 50 marks independently. The score of all the judges for each team will be added up and then listed according to their scoring (best team scoring highest points) depending on the number of participating teams. In the order of merit, the top 10 teams will go to quarter finals. From the quarter finals, top six teams will be going to semi-finals. These numbers are subject to change based on the number of participating teams.

The list of teams going to the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals will be notified as soon as possible after the respective rounds are over.

AWARDS

(a) The **winner** will be awarded the Justice P. Govinda Menon Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy and a cash prize of Rs 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only). The **Runners-up** will also be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 30,000 (Rupees Thirty Thousand only). The **third best team** will be awarded with a trophy and a certificate of merit.

(b) The **Best Counsel** will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- along with a trophy and a certificate of merit.

The **Second-Best Counsel** will be awarded with a trophy and a certificate of merit.

(c) The **Best Client** will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- along with a trophy and a certificate of merit.

(d) The **Second-Best Client** will be awarded with a trophy and a certificate of merit.

(e) All participants will receive a certificate of **participation**.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition is formal. Men are required to wear black suit with white shirt and black tie. Women are required to wear white shirt, black trousers/skirt and black jacket or salwar kameez and black jacket. Gowns and bands are not permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

The organizers are entitled to change the format of the competition, without prior intimation. In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the Appeal committee, which shall consist of Prof. K. Hareendran, the Principal of KLA as its President and two other faculty members of host institution. The decision of the Appeal committee shall be final.

REGISTRATION

The team for the competition must register on or before 25.10.2025 (25th October, 2025), after complying with the formalities in Clause (2) of the Regulations above, by submitting the duly filled Proforma via:

<https://forms.gle/bj4FE1XwT4p41HF26>

- Non-Refundable Registration fee: Rs 5000/-, if accommodation is needed, the total fee is Rs, 6500/- (AC Dormitory)
- All participants will be provided with breakfast and lunch on 7th and 8th November.
- A copy of the transaction (screenshot/ photo) must be emailed to:

✉ mail to: 25thklaclientconsulting@keralalawacademy.in

SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

Final Registration: On or before October 25th, 2025

Desk Reporting: November 6th, 2025

Inaugural Function: November 6th, 2025

Briefing Session: November 6th, 2025

Embracing the calm and charm of Kovalam Beach; November 6th 2025

Preliminary Rounds: November 7th, 2025

Quarter Final Rounds: November 7th, 2025

Cultural event and Dinner at KLA campus; November 7th 2025

Semi Finals: November 8th, 2025

Finals: November 8th, 2025

Valedictory Function & Prize Distribution: November 8th, 2025

The participants have to report to the chamber of the Kerala Law Academy law college before 4.30 P.M. for Inaugurals on 6-11-2025.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Release of Notification: **06th October 2025**
- Release of Rules and Guidelines: **07th October 2025**
- Provisional Registration: **From 07th October 2025 to 20th October 2025**
- Last date for submission of registration forms, online payment/receipt of demand draft: **25th October 2025**
- Release of subject Memoranda: **28th October 2025**
- Reporting, inauguration, briefing: **6th November 2025**
- Competition rounds: **7th to 8th November 2025**

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