

**THE BROWN MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION
COMPETITION (B-M ICCC) 2027
NATIONAL SELECTION ROUND - INDIA**

Organised by

K L E LAW COLLEGE, BENGALURU

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RULEBOOK

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 2027, the International Rounds will take place in British Columbia, Canada, hosted by the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb. Scheduled for 28th April – 1st May 2027, the Competition will focus on the theme of “*Theft*”.

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 K.L.E. LAW COLLEGE AT BENGALURU

K.L.E. Law College, Bengaluru was established in 1975 under the umbrella of Karnataka Lingayat Education Society and has been conceived as a training ground for those seeking to enter the legal profession. It is recognised by the Bar Council of India, and from 2021, it is a constituent college of K.L.E. Technological University, Hubballi. K.L.E. Law College Bengaluru is ranked as one of the top law colleges across the nation by the leading media houses.

The College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes, including B.A.LL.B.(Honours), B.B.A.LL.B.(Honours), B.Com.LL.B. (Honours), LL.B. (Honours), LL.M. programmes and Ph.D. in Law.

Learning at the College extends beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in moot courts, internships, ADR competitions, client consultations, legal aid initiatives, research projects, seminars, conferences, debates, and other experiential learning activities.

ABOUT ICCC 2027 – INDIA ROUNDS

The India Rounds of ICCC 2027 host several 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

Date of Commencement of Registration	30 th Sep, 2026
Date of Closing of Registration	21 st Oct, 2026
Last Date for Submission of Travel Plan	27 th Oct, 2026
Dates of Competition	13 th to 15 th Nov, 2026
Inauguration	13 th Nov, 2026
Preliminary Rounds I & II	14 th Nov, 2026
Semi Final and Final Rounds	15 th Nov, 2026
Valedictory and Closing Ceremony	15 th Nov, 2026

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 an LL.B. 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 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:

- **Without accommodation:** INR 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only).
- **With accommodation:** INR 8,000/- (Rupees Eight Thousand only).

III. Separate accommodation shall be provided to male and female participants.

IV. All teams must complete the payment exclusively through the official payment link: <https://rzp.io/rzp/bNdGcD9U>

V. The Registration form, as well as the Declaration form, shall be available in the link given below: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y9hOLWv_J2_bE-ucG-yDGUq8cAT7Z_zm?usp=sharing

VI. The teams are required to upload the Registration form, Bonafide certificate/ No-objection certificate from their institution, and the proof of payment through the following Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/42YYWPkMD1LJagr9A>

VII. 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.

VIII. The registration fee is non-refundable once paid. Participants are required to strictly adhere to the prescribed registration and payment procedure.

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 the theme of *“Theft”*. The organisers will select individuals to portray clients in accordance with the requirements of each problem.

6. PROCEDURE OF THE COMPETITION

- I.** The Competition comprises two stages:
 - a)** The client interviewing and counselling session, and
 - b)** The post-interview and counselling session, conducted without the client.
- 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 handling 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 at 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.

7. JUDGING CRITERIA

The Competition will be evaluated based on 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.

8. ADVISORY BOARD

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