



K.R. MANGALAM UNIVERSITY

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INTER UNIVERSITY CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

2025

Pro Bono Club in collaboration with Client
Counselling Committee and Legal Aid
Committee

**On 27th February (Online) - Preliminary &
19th March 2025 (Offline) - Semi-Final &
Final at K.R. Mangalam University**



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1. About The Competition

Client counselling, as the name suggests, is a vital skill in which the students of law should be trained. One of the significant functions of a lawyer is client consultation. They provide legal advice to clients, helping them understand their rights and the implications of their legal situations. The problems for the competition will be based on various civil and criminal laws.

2. K.R. Mangalam University

K.R. Mangalam University, Haryana is a state private university established under Haryana Private, Universities and is empowered to award degree under Section 21 of the UGC Act, 1956.

3. Our Vision

K.R. Mangalam University aspires to become an internationally recognized institution of higher learning through excellence in inter-disciplinary education, research, and innovation, preparing socially responsible life-long learners contributing to nation building.

4. Our Mission

KRMU is committed to

- Foster employability and entrepreneurship through futuristic curriculum and progressive pedagogy with cutting-edge technology,
- Instil notion of lifelong learning through stimulating research, Outcomes-based education, and innovative thinking,
- Integrate global needs and expectations through collaborative programmes with premier universities, research centres, industries, and professional bodies,
- Enhance leadership qualities among the youth having understanding of ethical values and environmental realities.

5. School of Legal Studies

School of Legal Studies at K.R. Mangalam University offers Bar Council of India (BCI) approved five-year BBA LL.B.(H) integrated programme with specializations, a five-year BA

LL.B. (H) programme with specializations, and a five-year B.Com. LL.B. integrated programme with specializations, a five-year BA LL.B. (H) integrated programme with specializations, a three-year LL.B. (H) programme with specializations and One year LL.M. programme. The courses are intended to impart intensive knowledge and training in the law subjects as well as the non-law subjects and help students to acquire a wider perspective both of managerial responsibilities and professional application and train them for a successful career.

6. Client Counselling Committee

The Client Counselling Committee, in collaboration with Pro Bono Club, organizes lectures, workshops and competitions on client counselling techniques. These activities and events, related to client counselling are aimed at helping young law aspirants to develop the skills, techniques, professionalism and temperaments required in the legal system as lawyers.

7. Pro Bono Club

Pro-Bono club at School of Legal Studies, KR Mangalam University aims to provide pro- bono services to people in need of legal aid and also to provide assistance to Nyaya Bandhu panel of High Court for promoting equal access to justice. It will strive relentlessly for achieving the goals of Pro-Bono Club Scheme of Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. This endeavor will give practical exposure to students and help them in becoming a public-spirited practitioner and at the same time it will also provide much needed assistance to pro bono advocates and help them in elevating the quantity and quality of their work.

8. Legal Aid Committee

The Legal Aid Committee at School of Legal Studies, K.R. Mangalam University is a dedicated committee whose stated goal is to give legal aid and support to persons who cannot afford professional legal help. In accordance with the terms of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the committee is working relentlessly to reach out to the underprivileged part of society by providing free legal aid and legal literacy programmes on and around the campus. The primary objective of Legal Aid Committee is to foster legal aid and awareness. The committee intend legal aid services to those who are economically and socially marginalized, to help them comprehend their rights and to provide them with legal assistance.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT

INTER-UNIVERSITY CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION, 2025

Eligibility

Students enrolled in a law program and pursuing full-time five-year or three-year undergraduate law courses in any University/ College/ Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team in Inter-University Client Counselling Competition, 2025.

Team Composition

- Participants must make a team of 2 students in order to participate (Counsel 1 and Counsel 2).
- Only one team from each institution is allowed to participate in the competition. If two teams of the same institution apply, the first registered team will be selected for participation.

Registration & Important Dates

- Registration fee shall be following –
Early Bird Offer (Valid till 10th Feb) – Rs. 1200/- team
Regular fee after 10th Feb – Rs. 1500/- team
- Participants interested can register on the below mentioned link and the acknowledgement of the payment must be submitted along with the online registration form-
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Gw8_UBNa8VzMkKgliPaCeSfkFEPD4n42ThGYfxpbIGE/edit
- Once a team's registration is done, a 'team code' shall be assigned to the team.
- Dates –
Last date for Early Bird Registration– 10th February, 2025
Last date of Registration – 20th February, 2025

Rules & Regulations

- The official language of the competition shall be English.
- All submission made to and/or before the judges shall be in English.
- **Dress Code:** Participants are strictly required to adhere to the following dress code during the competition –
Male - White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black Pant, Black Coat, and Black Shoes.
Female - White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Black Coat, and Black Shoes
- Use of Advocate's Gowns, Bands and Robes is strictly prohibited.
- No accommodation/TA,DA will be provided by the university.
- The decision of the judges/panel and the organization committee shall be considered final and non- debatable in any dispute.

Grounds for Disqualification

Any team or participant will be disqualified for any kind of misconduct on the part of any team member(s) or coach during the Competition. Misconduct includes -

- Disclosure of identity to other Participants during the course of the round(s) or to any judge. The participants should only use the Team Codes provided by the college.
- Any attempt made by Participant(s) to obtain problem particulars with regard to the Client-Consultation Session.
- Any attempt made by Participant(s) to contact any judge before or during the Competition, unless specifically invited to do so by that particular judge(s).
- Any attempt made by Participant(s) to speak any kind of controversial, sex, caste, race, gender, foul language, anti-national, before or during the Competition.

Format of the Competition

The client counselling competition will be conducted over two days in hybrid mode: -

- ❖ 27th February, 2025 (Online) —————> Inauguration, Preliminary Round & Quarter-Final Round (Conditional- min 16 teams)
- ❖ 19th March, 2025 (Offline) —————> Semi-Final, Final Round & Valedictory

The competition consists of mainly three rounds, with a possible additional round depending on the number of participating teams.

Preliminary Round:

- All registered team will participate in this round online on 27th February, 2025.
- The session will include 20 minutes for consultation or interview period, followed by 10 minutes for post-consultation or post-interview period.
- Qualification –
If Quarter-Finals are not held: The top four teams will directly qualify for the Semi-Finals.
If Quarter-Finals are held: The top eight teams will qualify for Quarter-Finals.

Quarter-Final Round: (Conditional)

- This round will only take place if the number of participating teams exceeds 16.
- This session will include 25 minutes for consultation or interview period, followed by 10 minutes for post-consultation or post-interview period.
- Qualification – The top four teams will qualify for Semi-Final Round.

Semi-Final Round:

- Semi-Finals will be conducted offline on 19th March, 2025.
- This session will include 30 minutes for consultation or interview period, followed by 10 minutes for post-consultation or post-interview period.
- Qualification – The top two teams will proceed to the Final Round.

Final Round:

- Finals will be conducted offline on 19th March, 2025.
- This session will include 40 minutes for consultation or interview period, followed by 10 minutes for post-consultation or post-interview period.

No extra time will be provided in these rounds. If any participant exceeds the time limit, he/she will be muted by the room coordinator.

Themes

The competition will focus on following areas/spectrum of laws:

- Contract Law
 - Family Law
 - Criminal Laws
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- Participants are advised to prepare thoroughly in these areas, as the client scenarios and questions will revolve around them.
 - The problem of client counselling shall be provided **72 hours** before the competition and the client will be provided on the spot.
 - Separate problem shall be shared for semi-final round and final round.

Timeline*

Last date for Early Bird Offer	10 th February, 2025
Last Date of Registration	20 th February, 2025
Inauguration and Preliminary Round	27 th February, 2025
Semi-Final, Final Round and Valedictory Session	19 th March, 2025

Inauguration: 10 am (27th February)

Preliminary Round: 11:00 am (27th February) & Quarter Final**

Semi-Final Round: 10:00 am (19th March)

Final Round: 12:00 pm (19th March)

Valedictory Session: 2:00 pm (19th March)

*Timings of the sessions may vary according to the circumstances and any changes shall be intimated through mail.

** Minimum 16 teams should be register for the Competition.

Adjudication of marks

Each participant shall be marked out of a maximum of 100 marks and every participant shall be judged for his/her performance(s) based on the following criteria: -

JUDGING CRITERIA		MARKS ALOTTED
Establishing and effective profession relationship	⇒	10
Obtaining information	⇒	10
Learning the client's goals, expectations and needs	⇒	10
Factual analysis of the client's problems	⇒	10
Legal analysis and giving advice	⇒	10
Developing reasoned courses of action	⇒	10
Assisting the client to make an informed choice	⇒	10
Effectively concluding the interview	⇒	10
Teamwork	⇒	10
Post interview reflection period	⇒	10

Awards & Certificates

- ❖ **Best Team** – Trophy, Certificate & Cash Prize of Rs. 5000 (**1st Prize**)
- ❖ **Best Advocate** – Trophy, Certificate & Cash Prize of Rs. 3000.
- ❖ Every Participant shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

Steering Committee



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