



VIDHIKTA 2.0

**NATIONAL
CLIENT COUNSELLING
COMPETITION**



ABOUT CNLU

Chanakya National Law University came into being on 15th July 2006 under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) and included in sections 2(f) & 12(B) of the U.G.C. Act, 1956.

CNLU provides a wide range of facilities on its campus. In addition to general practice services, CNLU provides a range of specialist clinics and visiting practitioners. Regular careers fairs, training workshops, and one-to-one guidance for students are organized at the University from time to time. Apart from being academically oriented CNLU also provides Counseling Service, which aims to enable students to achieve their academic and personal goals by providing confidential counseling and support for any difficulties encountered while at CNLU. Debating, Mooting, ADR Competitions, and Co-Curricular Activities are part of the normal routine of CNLU students, giving them the opportunity to put their academic knowledge to practical use.

A number of retired Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts, and lower Judiciary as well as Senior Advocates & educationalists have offered to assist the CNLU in its teaching and research programs making education at CNLU a rare and exciting experience for the students. CNLU admired the example of maintaining financial autonomy along with greater accountability. It is equipped with state-of-art infrastructure for the successful imparting of legal education of the highest standards. The faculty at CNLU comprises highly acclaimed and experienced academicians who are proactively involved in grooming the younger generations to take CNLU to greater heights.

ABOUT CNLU LEGAL AID CELL

CNLU Legal Aid Cell with its motto "Stand, Speak, Act" was established in the year 2015 with the vision to ensure fair and meaningful justice to the marginalized and disadvantaged by bringing them legal awareness and aid. The main objectives of the Legal Aid Cell are to promote legal awareness throughout the State of Bihar, to provide pro bono legal aid to those who are in need, and to inculcate social responsibility which will lead to realization of goals embodied in the Constitution of India.

CNLU Legal Aid Cell is further divided in 4 different center:

- 1) Consumer Rights Centre
- 2) Centre for Client Counselling
- 3) Centre for Legal Awareness Camps
- 4) Centre for Research on Cases



ABOUT CCADR

The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR) has been established at Chanakya National Law University, Patna, in the year 2021, with the objective to promote academic research on themes pertaining to the resolution of disputes. Alternative Dispute Resolution is a new and emerging interdisciplinary field that is concerned with, inter-alia, the following themes: (a) the study of the causative structural factors and the subjective motives of the actors giving rise to disputes; (b) the study of the formal and informal institutions dedicated to the resolution of disputes; and (c) the study of the laws and regulations to produce fair outcomes of disputes.

With the establishment of this research centre, we aim to develop a congenial environment for students and researchers to further their interest in ADR, which enables skill development and helps us compete at the national and international levels. CCADR will strive to promote Lok Adalat as an indigenous means of the dispute resolution process, involve in the policy framework related to ADR, and encourage law students to take up activities in the field of ADR by conducting competitions, workshops, and encouraging research.

We strive to collaborate with governmental authorities as well as both national (NLUs) and international universities, colleges, and centres to encourage research and innovation in the field of ADR. In the future, CCADR will conduct certification, online training, diploma/degree programs, and specialized courses in the field of ADR.

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Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution
(CCADR)

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

National Client Counseling Competition aims to promote greater skill, knowledge and interest among law students in the preventative law and counseling functions of law practice. It will help the participants to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship in the law office. The Competition will provide a platform for a valuable educational and cultural interchange between students, law teachers, and legal practitioners. This competition aims at enhancing skills relating to the initial interview with a person playing the role of the client, addressing the client's legal and non-legal needs, the advocate-client relationship, building rapport, determining client goals, considering applicable law, etc.



TIMELINE

1

22nd September, 2023 Last day
of registration

2

20th September, 2023
Release of Proposition

3

25th September, 2023
Last date for clarification

5

6th October, 2023
Preliminary Round 1 & 2

6

7th October, 2023
Semi-Finals & Final round

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. Each team, in the preliminary rounds, will have a total of 45 minutes. This shall be further divided into: Client Consultation Period & Post Interview Period.
2. The Client Consultation Period shall be followed by Post Interview Period.
3. Client Consultation Period: In this period, each team shall be given a slot of 30 minutes. The 30 minutes time period shall be termed as “Client Consultation period”. The participants are expected to extract the relevant information, make an outline of the problem and make legal suggestions for its resolution to their client.
4. At the end of Client Consultation Period the client shall leave the consultation room.
Post Interview Period:
This 15 minutes period shall be termed as “Post Interview period”. Participants shall discuss the interview with the judges. The participants shall use this time to assess the interview and discuss future strategies for dealing with their client's problem.
5. It is on the discretion of the teams to decide as to “How will they share the work”. The teams may use a part of the post interview period to explain their future work plan to the judges. The judges shall question the teams during this period.

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SEMI-FINAL ROUND

1. After the preliminary round, top 4 teams shall qualify for the semi-final round.
2. The semi-final round shall be on Knock out Basis.
3. There will be 2 consultation rooms out of which only one team from each consultation room shall qualify for the final round.
4. The team scoring the highest points in the preliminary rounds shall be paired with the teams having the lowest points.
5. In the semi-final round, 50 minutes shall be provided to the participants.
Client Consultation Period (30 minutes) and Post Interview period (20 minute) shall be allotted to each team.
6. Each team shall be given only one chance for the semi-final round.
7. The top 4 teams in the semi-final round shall qualify for the final round.

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FINAL ROUND

1. After semi-final round, 2 teams shall qualify for the final round.
2. In the final round, teams shall be allotted a total time period of 60 minutes, which shall be divided as follows:
Client Consultation Period shall comprise of 40 minutes, while Post Interview Period shall consist of 20 minutes.
3. After all the teams have finished their respective sessions; the judges in each group shall privately consult in order to evaluate the teams. Clients may, at this time, be invited to Participate in the judges' consultation period. However, his/her opinion shall not be determinative.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Each Team will be judged by a panel of two judges for preliminary rounds and two/ three or more judges for the Semi-final and Final rounds. Each panel of judges may be from among the following categories: Practicing Lawyers, Academicians, Judges, Counselors and Psychologists.
- In order to preserve anonymity, each team will be identified by an Alpha- Numeric code, which will be provided to each team during registration process.
- Each judge will evaluate for a maximum of 100 marks independently. The scores of all the judges for each team will be added and then listed according to the team scores (best team scoring highest points). The aggregate score of both the team members shall be considered.

AWARDS

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Winners– Rs. 20,000 + Certificate of Merit + Trophy.

2

Runners Up– Rs.15,000 + Certificate of Merit + Trophy.

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Best Counselor – Rs. 5,000 + Certificate of Merit + Trophy.



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Registration Fee: INR Rs. 3500