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- 16th GIL Moot Court Competition, 2026
- National Judgement Writing Competition, 2026
- National Client Counselling Competition, 2026

THEME: Criminal Law, Family Law, Cyber Law and IPR Law



 27th February - 1st March 2026



Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat, Delhi-NCR



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Geeta Institute of Law, as part of its continuous commitment to advancing legal education and fostering academic excellence, takes immense pleasure in announcing the National Law Fest 2026, to be held on 27th February- 1st March, 2026. The Fest will host a series of prestigious and intellectually stimulating events, including the:

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Over the years, the GIL Moot Court Competition has earned a distinguished reputation for its innovative and challenging propositions, rigorous judging standards, and transparent, student-centric administration. Each edition has witnessed remarkable participation from reputed institutions across the country, resulting in a consistently enriching and competitive academic environment.

The Law Fest aims to bring together students, academicians, legal practitioners, and policy thinkers on a common platform to promote scholarly engagement, practical legal skills, and constructive dialogue on contemporary legal issues. This multifaceted platform encourages participants to think critically, articulate effectively, and engage meaningfully with the evolving dimensions of law.

We wholeheartedly invite your esteemed institution to participate in this national event. Your presence will significantly contribute to the intellectual vibrancy and collaborative spirit that the Law Fest upholds.

Kindly confirm your participation through provisional registration by the notified date in the brochure.

For any queries related to the competitions or fest details, you may write to us at:

lawfest@geetalawcollege.in

We eagerly look forward to your participation and to hosting your institution at the National Law Fest 2026.

ABOUT GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW

Geeta Institute of Law holds the unique distinction of being one of the most prestigious law institutes in the country. It is strategically located on NH-44, G.T. Road, Panipat, just a 50-minute drive from Delhi. The Institute has been affiliated with Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra since 2007 and is duly approved by the Bar Council of India.

Geeta Institute of Law is part of the renowned Geeta Group of Institutions—a leading force in Haryana's educational landscape and a catalyst for literacy-driven transformation in the region.

Geeta Institute of Law is set to achieve greater heights, driven by a vision of global academic excellence and rooted in the timeless philosophy of Karma. The Institute represents the realization of aspirations and ambitions, offering a world-class professional curriculum within a vibrant and intellectually stimulating campus environment.



GEETA GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, GEETA UNIVERSITY

Geeta University comes from the Lineage of Geeta Group of Institutions, A giant educational hub with presence since 1985.

Geeta Group of Institutions have laid the runway for thousands of dreams taking off to the destination of careers with the journey marked with expertise, experience and excellence. Today Geeta University is the culmination of aspiration, ambitions and an honest attempt at creating a world class professional curriculum spread over an invigorating campus environment.

With the idea of bringing radical changes into the Legal Education in India to make it more modern, socially relevant economically viable, professionally job oriented best efforts are being made to revise the Syllabus and the new Course Curriculum as and when required we have included in our syllabus i.e., Competition Law, Cyber Law, Banking and Law, Mines Law, Maintenance Law, Banking and Insurance Law, International Trade Law, etc. keeping in view the modern needs of the society.





S.P. BANSAL

CHAIRMAN (GGI)

CHANCELLOR

(GEETA UNIVERSITY)

Dear Participants,

It gives me immense pleasure, as the Chancellor of Geeta University and Chairman of Geeta Group of Institutions, to present the brochure for our upcoming **The Legisthon-National Law Fest 2026**, hosted by Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat (Delhi-NCR). On behalf of the entire institution, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all the participants joining us for this prestigious academic celebration.

The Law Fest brings together three major intellectual platforms — the 16th GIL Moot Court Competition, the National Judgment Writing Competition, and the National Client Counselling Competition. These events are designed to promote analytical thinking, structured reasoning, persuasive advocacy, and holistic legal understanding among budding legal professionals across the country.

This Fest is not merely a competition; it is a testament to your hard work, discipline, and commitment to the study of law. Each event provides you with an opportunity to challenge yourself, refine your skills, and engage meaningfully with the complexities of the legal profession. I am confident that the participants will demonstrate excellence, enthusiasm, and integrity throughout the Fest.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Moot Court Society, faculty members, student volunteers, and coordinators whose tireless efforts and unwavering dedication have made this national event possible. Their commitment to academic excellence is truly commendable.

Once again, I welcome you all to Legisthon, the National Law Fest 2026. May this Fest be an enriching, inspiring, and memorable experience for every participant.

Best wishes for your performance and growth.



NISHANT BANSAL

Vice Chairman (GGI) &
Pro-Chancellor (Geeta University)

Dear Participants,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to **The Legisthon-National Law Fest 2026**. This Fest reflects our constant endeavour to nurture legal talent by providing platforms that encourage critical thinking, practical learning, and intellectual discipline. The three competitions—Moot Court, Judgment Writing, and Client Counselling—represent essential dimensions of the legal profession, and I am confident that each of you will gain valuable insights through this academic journey. I extend my best wishes to all participants and appreciate the dedicated efforts of the organising team in bringing this event to fruition.

Dear Participants,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to **The Legisthon-National Law Fest 2026**, hosted by Geeta Institute of Law. This Fest is designed to help young legal minds explore advocacy, structured reasoning, and client interaction—skills that form the foundation of a successful legal career. I encourage all participants to engage wholeheartedly, learn from every round, and uphold the spirit of professionalism and integrity. My sincere appreciation goes out to the faculty coordinators and student organisers for their commitment and hard work.



ANKUSH BANSAL

Vice Chairman (GGI) &
Pro-Chancellor (Geeta University)



Dr. SUBHASH MITTAL

Professor & Principal
Geeta Institute of Law

Dear Participants,

I extend a warm welcome to all the participants of the **The Legisthon-National Law Fest 2026**, at Geeta Institute of Law. This Fest is a significant academic initiative that aims to provide students with meaningful exposure to advocacy, research, and client interaction—skills essential for a successful legal career. The competitions curated this year reflect our belief in learning through experience and challenge. I congratulate the Moot Court Society for their commendable efforts and wish every participant a rewarding and

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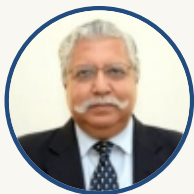
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WORD FROM DIGINITARIES

It's always pleasure to meet any educational institution and interact with young minds who are future of our nation. In fact it is a learning process for us as well. We come to know in which direction the youth of the country is thinking and moving, this is my visit in the institution after 15 years. A lot of new developments and achievements which are result of hard work. All the best.



Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge Supreme Court of India



Feeling Privileged to be a part of the moot court competition held today in this esteemed institution. May this institution may grow and grow more. With best wishes.

Hon'ble Justice Manisha Batra Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana

"This is my first visit to Geeta Institute of Law. I am extremely happy to see such a good institution. I Congratulate to all students that they have such a good faculties and wish them best of luck in their life."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana



"The students are well trained and have a hunger for learning. The college has made sure that the students have best available Faculty and abundance of study material at their disposal. I wish then all the best."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Paramjeet Singh, High Court of Punjab & Haryana

"I find Geeta Institute of Law an excellent institution for imparting Legal Studies. Students here are used to latest Gazettes and have an excellent faculty for their benefit."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Garg, Judge (Retd.), High Court of Punjab & Haryana



"It was wonderful to be today at the esteemed Geeta Institute of Law. Attending the International Seminar about cyberspace was really a golden chance to share Knowledge and experiences."

***Mr. Osman Mohammed Elbashir Mohammed
Minister, Plenipotentiary (Deputy Head of Mission), Embassy of the Republic of Sudan***

"Good Legal Institute. Hardworking Students with dedicated faculty - All the Best."

Prof. (Dr.) S.C. Raina, Vice Chancellor, (Former), HP National Law University, Shimla.



"I visited Geeta Institute of law to deliver a lecture about legal education in Poland. I am really pleased and grateful for your hospitality club and students were interested in Knowing more about Poland."

***Dr. Judyta Latymowicz
Partner & Head of India Desk at Smart Lawyers Group Poland Co-Chair, Polish Divison, INALP***

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MOOT COURT AT GIL



1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition 2025

- This year marks a landmark moment for Geeta Institute of Law as we proudly launched our first-ever International Moot Court Competition, expanding our legacy beyond national boundaries. For the first time, we welcomed international teams, adding global diversity, higher competitiveness, and enriched learning for all participants.
- This international edition represents a new chapter for GIL, showcasing our growing academic stature and commitment to fostering global legal engagement.
- The initiative reinforces Geeta Institute of Law's vision of becoming a hub for international legal discourse and collaborative learning.

Guests For 15th National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Hon'ble Ms. Justice Manisha Batra, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana.
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Sh. Ashok Parija, Senior Advocate & Chairman, Bar Council of India (Former).
Advocate General, State of Orissa (Former).
- Sh. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate, Member, Bar Council of India, Chairman, Bar Council of Pb. & Hr. (Former).



Guests For 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble. Justice C.T. Ravi Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Hon'ble. Justice Jasgurpreet Singh, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Hon'ble Justice Chandra Dhari Singh, Judge, High Court of Delhi.
- Hon'ble. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court.
- Mr. PK Malhotra, former Secretary at the Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India.



Guests For 13th GIL National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh
- Mr. Partap Singh, Senior Advocate and Member, Bar Council of India
- Mr. Raj Kumar Chauhan, Senior Advocate and Co-Chairman, Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana
- Mr. Pradeep Rai, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Vice-President, Supreme Court Bar Association
- Prof. [Dr.] Devinder Singh, Chairperson, Department of Laws, Panjab University

Guests For The 10th Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge (Retd.), Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surinder Gupta, Judge (Retd.), Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh
- Prof. [Dr.] Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor (Former), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala
- Prof. [Dr.] Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla



WINNERS OF PREVIOUS MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS AT GIL



Winner of 15th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2025



Runners up of 15th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2025



Winner of 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Runners up of 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Winner of 13 GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2023



Runners up of 13 GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2023

GIL MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

GIL Moot Court Society very actively organizes workshops for students to train them for National Moot Court Competitions. As a result, Geeta Institute of Law has won Five National Moot Court Competitions at various Colleges and Universities.



Our Students Winner at Baba Mastnath Univeristy, Rohtak (2024)



Our student Runner-Up at Avantika Nyayshastra National Moot Court Competition, Ujjain 2024



Our Student Semi-Finalist at St. Soldier's Law College, Jalandhar



Our Student Semi-Finalists at Career Point University, Hamirpur



Our Students Winners at Amity University, Gurugram (2019)



Our Students Winners at University of Kashmir (2018)



Our Students Winners at SGT University, Gurugram (2019) Receiving Trophy from Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra Former CJI



Our Students Winners at Amity University, Noida (2018)

SCHEDULE

LEGISTHON, 2026: GIL LAW FEST

SR. NO	DATES	LIST OF EVENT
1.	1 st February, 2026	Deadline for Provisional Registration for all the events
2.	10 th February, 2026	Deadline for Registration (Soft Copy)
3.	14 th February, 2026	Deadline for Registration (Hard Copy)
4.	16 th February, 2026	Deadline for Seeking Clarification to Problem(s)
5.	18 th February, 2026	Release of Clarification (If Any)
6.	20 th February, 2026	Deadline for Submission of Memorials (Soft Copy) - Moot Court
7.	24 th February, 2026	Deadline for Memorial Submission (Hard Copy) - Moot Court
8.	25 th February, 2026	Draw of Lots (Virtual Mode)
9.	27 th February, 2026	<p>DAY 1 - Judgment Writing Competition and Client Counseling Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Preliminary Round - Client Counseling • Advanced Round - Client Counseling • Judgment Writing
10.	28 th February, 2026	<p>DAY 2 - Inauguration & Preliminary Rounds (Moot Court Competition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration and Kit Distribution • Inaugural Ceremony • Preliminary Round I & II- Moot Court • Researcher's Test (Moot Court)
11.	1 st March, 2026	<p>DAY 3 - Final Rounds & Valedictory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter Finals & Semi Finals - Moot Court • Final Round - Moot Court • Valedictory Ceremony & Prize Distribution (For all the events)

Rules And Regulations- Moot Court Competition

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Date and Venue:

16th GIL Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be held on 28th February to 1st March, 2026.

Geeta Institute of Law, Behind Geeta Sarovar Portico, G.T. Road, Samalkha, Panipat - 132101. (HR), India

1.2. Eligibility:

The Competition is open for bonafide students pursuing 5 Years and 3 Years LL.B.Courses.

1.3. Language:

The language for the Competition shall be English only.

1.4. Team Composition:

Each team shall consist of three members (two speakers and one researcher).

The researcher will only be allowed to argue instead of a speaker, with prior permission of the Principal - Geeta Institute of Law.

No cross institutional teams are allowed.

Only one team from every institution is allowed.

1.5. Clarifications

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition may be sought by sending an e-mail to:

lawfest@geetalawcollege.in

on or before 16th February, 2026. Clarifications send after this date shall not be entertained.

1.6. The Oral rounds shall comprise of:

(I) Preliminary Round (Two) (ii) Quarter – Final Round (One)

(iii) Semi – Final Round (One) (iv) Final Round (One)

1.7 Accommodation:

The participants would be provided accommodation on sharing basis at the premises of the Institute/any other suitable premises during the competition. Please note that separate accommodation will be provided for girls and boys.

NOTE: We will not allow any additional Member for accommodation during the moot court competition.

1.8 Transportation:

Pick and Drop facility would be given to the teams from Panipat only

1.9 Dress Code:

The participants shall be in Formals inside the Court Room.

For Male(s):

White Shirt and Black Trouser along with Black Tie, Black Blazer and Black Shoes.

2. REGISTRATION PROCESS:

2.1 Registration:

The teams should provisionally register through email by sending a mail to:
lawfest@geetalawcollege.in / by filling the google form :

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRvwZbgy1VmftBCMs4h9KYDJrISSKc6rd1rToqX1sqdOMJRQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

(I) With subject "Provisional Registration for _____ Competition of the National Law Fest, Legisthon, 2026 By 1st February, 2026. Please mention your name, college name, contact details in provisional registration.")

(II) The soft copy of the registration form along with the demand draft/NEFT Details of Rs.6,000/- drawn in the name of "Geeta Institute of Law", payable at Panipat to be sent via mail to: lawfest@geetalawcollege.in on or before 10th February, 2026.

(III) The hard copy of the Registration forms and demand draft shall be posted to the below mentioned address on or before 14th February, 2026.

(IV) The hard copy of Registration forms and demand draft shall be posted to:
Principal, Geeta Institute of Law, Behind Geeta Sarovar Portico, G.T. Road, Samalkha,
Panipat -132101, Haryana, India
Contact: 99960 33743

(V) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted unless the same has been communicated to the Organizers of the moot court a week prior to the event.

(VI) No certificates shall be provided until the completion of the Competition. The same shall be provided only after the Valedictory Ceremony on 1st March 2026. Certificates shall not be posted to any team.

(VII) Each Team will be allotted a code after the Hard copy of Registration form and DD/ Payment have been received by Geeta Institute of Law.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

2.2 Registration Fee:

Rs. 6000/- for each participating team consisting of 3 members. (With accommodation)

Mode of Payment

The mode of payment shall be Demand Draft/ NEFT/RTGS/IMPS transaction.

Bank Account Detail:

Name- "Geeta Institute of Law" Bank: HDFC BANK

Branch: SAMALKHA, PANIPAT, HARYANA (132101)

Account Number: 13251450000062 **IFSC Code:** HDFC0001325

3. RULES REGARDING MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorial must be strictly followed.

3.1 General Rules:

- A. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.
- B. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed.
- C. One advance soft copy in PDF format must reach the organizers latest by 20th February, 2026 on lawfest@geetalawcollege.in
- D. 12 hard copies (6 copies from each side) of the memorials should reach the organizers latest by 24th February, 2026 at the aforementioned address. Printing on both sides of the paper is allowed.
- E. Identity of the Institution should not be revealed anywhere in the memorial as well as in any Annexure. Violation of this provision will result in penalty including disqualification. The Organizer's decision shall be final in this regard.
- F. There should be no difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Written Submission: The hard copy of written submission must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in non-evaluation the memorial disqualification from the Competition. Plagiarism of only up to 15% is allowed, exceeding which can lead to negative marking.

Note: Memorials submitted after 24th February 2026. shall not be considered for evaluation.

3.2 Format of Memorials

- A. Written submissions shall be printed on white standard A4 size paper.
- B. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5. The font of the footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
- C. Memorials should have one inch margin on all sides of each page.
- D. The Colour of the cover page must be Blue in case of Appellant/Petitioner/Prosecution and Red in case of Respondent/Defendant/Defence.

E. Body of Memorial shall include:

(I) The Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the written submission, Name, Year of competition, and team Code on top right corner;

(II) Table of Contents

(III) List of Abbreviations

(IV) Index of Authorities

(V) Statement of Jurisdiction

(VI) Statement of Facts

(VII) Statement of Issues

(VIII) Summary of Arguments

(IX) Arguments advanced/detailed arguments.

(X) Prayer

(XI) Compendium, if any

(XII) Exhibits (Optional)

F. Memorials should be in spiral binding.

G. Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.

H. The memorial shall not contain any photographs/sketches.

3.3 Criteria for Memorial Evaluation:

The evaluation will be done on the following parameters:

A. Knowledge of Facts and Law: 25 marks

B. Extent and Use of research: 25 marks

C. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 20 marks

D. Clarity and Organization: 10 marks

E. Correct Format and Citation: 10 marks

F. Grammar and Language: 10 Marks

Note: All memorials received within time schedule will be evaluated by the Memorial Evaluation Committee (MEC) to be constituted by the Convener of the Moot Court Competition and Principal, Geeta Institute of Law.

4.1 General Procedure:

A. The Researcher needs to be present with the speakers during all the rounds.

B. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges. Such notes shall be passed through the court clerks present in the court room.

C. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadget is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.

D. Participants may use their own bare acts, printouts and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.

E. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.

F. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- a. Preliminary Round (Two);
- b. Quarter-finals;
- c. Semi-finals;
- d. Final.

4.2 Preliminary Round (s):

A. Draw of Lots will be held on 25th, February, 2026 and the teams are requested that in all probability to kindly report the venue in time as per the time schedule. Moot Court Society (MCS) retains the right to choose if the team is not present during registration.

B. Preliminary rounds will be held on 28th February, 2026.

C. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds, once for the Prosecution/Defense.

D. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Quarter Finals/ Semi Finals/ Final Rounds, subject to their qualification.

E. Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 to remain the same throughout the competition.

F. Top eight teams shall qualify to the quarterfinal rounds. The qualification to the Quarter finals will be based on:

(I) On the basis of Total Aggregate Score in the preliminary rounds (Both Round).

A. The top eight teams with higher aggregate score in both preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter final rounds.

B. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of-Oral Score of Speaker 1; and Oral Score of Speaker 2 in both Preliminary Rounds.

(ii) In case of a tie in score, team with more number of wins in preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarterfinals.

(iii) Further, in case of a tie in score as well as in number of wins, memorial marks of two teams will be considered.

(iv) In the exceptional case of a tie in all of the above the qualification of team will be based on draw of lots/ by toss of coin.

B. The Best Speaker (male) and the Best Speaker (Female) Award will be awarded on the basis of the scores awarded to the individual Speakers in the Preliminary Rounds. Individual Aggregate Score shall be determined as the sum of the following:

- (a) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round I;
- (b) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round II.

C. Teams will be provided with their opponent team's memorials after the conclusion of draw of lots.

(I) Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the preliminary round to the Court- clerks is compulsory.

4.3 Quarter Final Round:

- A. Quarter Final Round shall take place on 1st March, 2026.
- B. The teams will be provided with their opponent's memorial after the declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Round.
- C. Quarter Final Round shall be knock out round.
- D. The Winners of the Quarter-final shall advance to the Semi-finals.

4.4 Semi Final Round

- A. The Semi Final Round shall be held on 1st March, 2026
- B. Semi Final Round shall be knock out round.

4.5 Final Round

- A. The Final Round shall be held on 1st March, 2026.
- B. Final Round shall be knock out round.

4.6 Time Scheme for Oral Rounds

At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Clerk as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/surrebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.

A. Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds

-Each side shall get a maximum time of 30 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 18 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Surrebuttal is 1 minute Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 12 minutes exclusive of time taken for Rebuttals and Sur- rebuttals.

B. Semi Final Rounds

Each side shall get a maximum time of 45 minutes to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Surrebuttal is 2 minutes. Each speaker is required to speak for a minimum of 20 minutes exclusive of time taken for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.

C. Final Round

The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Semi-finals. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition.

5 Anonymity

- A. Student Counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the name of the institution shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.
- B. Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's college at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches, or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or college seal etc.)
- C. Any revelation of college/institution/university name shall be made at team's own risk. No related complaints will be entertained thereafter.

5.1 Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

Maximum scores for the court rounds will be 100 marks per speaker. The court rounds will be judged on the following parameters:

- (I) Knowledge of Facts and law: 20 marks
- (ii) Application of law to Facts: 15 marks
- (iii) Extent and Use of Research: 15 marks
- (iv) Ingenuity and Ability to Answer questions: 10 marks
- (v) Grammar, Style, Poise, Court Etiquettes and Demeanor: 10 marks
- (VI) Proper and Articulate Analysis: 10 marks
- (VII) Time Management: 10 marks
- (VIII) Clarity and Organization: 10 marks

5.2 Scouting

- (I) Teams will not be allowed to observe/sit the oral round of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- (II) Any team can file a written complaint with the Organizers, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Organizers will be final.
- (III) The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the oral round and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

6. RESEARCHER'S TEST

The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 28th February, 2026.

- A. In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test.
- B. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the question paper.
- C. The Researcher's Test shall be objective as well as subjective with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Problem.

D. The duration of the Researcher's Test shall be 30 minutes.

E. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets/written material is strictly prohibited during the Researcher Test.

F. Score of the Researcher's Test shall be computed as the total score in Researcher's test.

G. The Winner of the Test shall be determined on the basis of highest score attained.

NOTE: The Speakers of any team will not be allowed to sit in the Researcher Test in any case.

7. AWARDS

Winning Team Award:

(a) Winner Trophy Award

(b) Cash Prize of Rs. 31000/-

Runner up Team Award

(a) Runner up Trophy Award

(b) Cash Prize of Rs. 15000/-

Teams qualifying for Semi-finals

Each Team member shall be awarded with a trophy as a token of appreciation.

Best Memorial Award

Rs. 3,100/- with Trophy

Best Speaker Award

Rs. 3,100/- with Trophy

Best Researcher Award

Rs. 3,100/- with Trophy

*All the Participants will get participation certificates post the Valedictory Ceremony.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 General Etiquette:

A. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers. Distance to the Judges during the Moot Court Competition is to be maintained with in and outside the Court room.

B. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

8.2 Interpretation of the Rules:

A. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

B. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final.

C. The Organizer's reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at any time during the competition.

D. Any dispute arising in the moot court rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective court room.

E. In any kind of conflict, the decision of the Principal, Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat would be final.

F. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

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Moot Proposition

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PRATISHTHANAGAR

Criminal Appeal No. 17 of 2025

Civil Appeal (IPR) No. 41 of 2025

(Clubbed)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FACTS

Background of Parties

1. Ananya Mittal, aged 16 years and 3 months at the time of her death, was the only child of late film producers Raghav and Meera Mittal, who died in a car accident when she was five. She inherited significant intellectual property, including rough drafts, treatment notes, and concept papers of several unproduced films.

2. After her parents' death, Ananya was raised by her paternal uncle Mr. Rishabh Mittal (45) and his wife Mrs. Kavita Mittal (42).

- Rishabh is the Managing Director of Mitari Productions, a mid-sized yet reputed film production house in Mumbai and Pune.

- Ananya was treated as the future creative head of the company, and she worked closely with the writers' team.

3. Ananya was academically bright, pursuing online schooling due to flexible film schedules. She was learning creative writing, cinematography, and film editing. She also maintained a private blog under the pseudonym "A.MindUnscripted".

Initial Online Friendship

4. In February 2024, Ananya joined InstaChat, a popular social networking platform. Through a film-discussion group, she interacted with Arjun Sharma (21), a resident of Gurugram.

- Arjun had completed only a diploma in video editing and was working part-time at a wedding-cinematography studio.

- He portrayed himself online as an "aspiring filmmaker".

5. Over 6 months, their friendship strengthened.

- They exchanged daily texts: on filmmaking, personal struggles, trauma of losing parents, ambitions.

- Arjun often mentioned his financial difficulties.

- Forensic cyber reconstruction later revealed 7,826 chat messages, 312 voice notes, and 53 video calls between February–September 2024.

6. By August 2024, Arjun allegedly began asking Ananya for personal photographs. Some photographs recovered showed her in casual attire; however, several photos exchanged between them are missing from cloud backups.

7. Arjun allegedly created a “secondary InstaChat account” under the username @JustYourFriend. Digital forensics show that this account was logged in on Arjun’s device, though he denies ownership. Messages from this account often pressured Ananya to “trust Arjun blindly”.

Transition from Online to Offline Relationship

8. In September 2024, following repeated arguments with her uncle about “too much restriction”, Ananya insisted that Arjun move to Pune. Her uncle had warned her about online friendships.

9. Arjun shifted to Pune on 2 October 2024.

- The rent for the studio apartment (Rs.19,500 per month) was paid via Ananya’s account.
- Building entry logs show Arjun staying there regularly.

10. Neighbours reported frequent arguments—mostly regarding finances and Ananya’s demanding schedule.

Marriage Controversy

11. On 19 December 2024, Arjun claimed they married at Shree Sharada Devi Temple with only two strangers as witnesses.

- No photographs, no registration, no priest statement produced.
- Ananya’s phone shows a single deleted video from that date (later unrecoverable).

12. The prosecution claims that Arjun coerced Ananya into this alleged marriage using emotional manipulation and threats relating to compromising images.

13. Ananya’s guardians were unaware of this marriage.

Ananya’s Film Project “SHEESHMAHAL”

14. “SHEESHMAHAL” was the dream project left behind by Ananya’s parents.

- She spent nearly 8-10 hours daily working with the writing team.
- She maintained a private cloud folder containing script drafts, scene breakdowns, budgets, & location plans.

15. A junior assistant later testified that Arjun often visited the office and showed unusual interest in the project, asking detailed questions.

16. On 5 March 2025, Arjun allegedly accessed Ananya’s laptop.

- Forensic logs show an external device was connected around 3:15 AM.
- The entire script folder was copied.
- Arjun denies this, claiming the logs are fabricated.

17. On 20 March 2025, JSD Studios announced a film “Crystal Palace” with a plot strikingly similar to “SHEESHMAHAL”.

- Rishabh filed an IPR complaint on 25 March 2025.
- Digital trail recovered from Arjun’s bank shows a credit of Rs.10 crores from JSD Studios labelled “Consultancy Charges”.

Pregnancy & Breakdown of Relationship

18. On 12 April 2025, Ananya’s medical report confirmed that she was 16 weeks pregnant. The doctor testified that the girl appeared distressed and expressed that she was “not mentally ready”.

19. Ananya allegedly confided in her friend Neha (voice note recovered):

“He forced himself sometimes... I said NO... He keeps saying it’s my duty if I love him.”

20. In the same period, Ananya refused Arjun’s repeated requests for money. Arjun’s chats (partially recovered) show escalating aggression:

“Return my sacrifices OR I’ll return yours to the world.”

“You know what I have. Don’t push me.”

Events Leading to Death

21. On 4 May 2025, CCTV footage from the building lobby shows Arjun leaving the apartment at 10:47 PM after a heated argument (audio from corridor CCTV indicates shouting).

22. On 5 May 2025, at around 7:30 AM, the housemaid Savita found Ananya’s room locked from inside. After no response, she alerted Mrs. Mittal.

- They broke the latch.
- Ananya was found lying on the floor, with a scarf tied loosely around the neck, and several items scattered—chair fallen, phone cracked.

23. Initial forensic findings:

- No forced entry.
- Ligature mark was incomplete, raising questions about suicide vs. homicide.
- Time of death: between 12:30 AM – 2:00 AM.
- Fingernail scrapings found skin fragments, not conclusively identified.
- Her phone showed signs of recent data erasure.

Investigation & Evidence Controversies

24. On 6 May 2025, police arrested Arjun from a hostel in Pune.

25. Police recovered:

- His mobile phone with deleted chat logs (some recovered).
- A pen drive containing partial script files.
- Voice notes where he admits selling the script (defence claims voice cloning).

26. However, several electronic evidences lacked a valid Section 65B certificate.

- Some data was extracted using commercial software not approved by the cyber lab.
- The defence cited the Supreme Court 2024-25 rulings requiring strict 65B compliance.

27. During trial, the court discarded certain chats and calls as inadmissible, weakening the prosecution's murder theory.

28. Trial Court held:

- Arjun guilty of IPR theft
- Not guilty of murder (benefit of doubt due to weak electronic evidence)
- Guilty of abetment of suicide
- Guilty under IT Act for unauthorised access and data theft
- Child marriage issue: marriage held voidable but irrelevant to criminal liability

29. Both parties appealed to the High Court.

The appeals were clubbed, as the IPR findings and criminal charges were interconnected.

ISSUES BEFORE THE HIGH COURT

(SAME 4 ISSUES — but now supported by richer facts)

1. Whether the alleged marriage between a 16-year-old Ananya and 21-year-old Arjun is void or voidable under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, and what consequences follow for criminal and civil liability.
2. Whether the electronic evidence (chats, voice notes, CCTV audio, cloud-backed files, forensic recoveries) is admissible under Section 65B of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, in light of conflicting forensic procedures and missing certificates.
3. Whether the alleged sexual relationship between Arjun & Ananya amounts to rape under the exception clause for marital or consensual relationships with minors.
4. Whether Arjun committed offences under the IT Act and Copyright Act for accessing Ananya's devices, copying the "SHEESHMAHAL" script, and selling it for commercial gain.
5. Whether Arjun is criminally liable under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for Ananya's death — whether it constitutes murder or abetment of suicide — based on circumstantial, digital, and forensic evidence.

CLARIFICATIONS (UNCHANGED + MORE DETAILED)

1. Assume Ananya's age is conclusively 16.
2. The priest of the alleged marriage temple is untraceable.
3. Cloud data was partially corrupted before police seizure.
4. No suicide note was found.
5. Defence disputes authenticity of CCTV audio.
6. Paternity of the unborn child is not contested.
7. Parties may use international jurisprudence for cyber-law and electronic evidence.
8. Forensic teams are state-certified unless challenged by arguments.
9. The bench may rely on IPC case law where BNS interpretation is unclear.

GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW, PANIPAT
16th GIL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026
28th February-1st MARCH, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

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I. PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DETAILS

Name of University/College _____

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Name of Dean/HOD _____ Telephone No: _____

EMAIL: _____ Website: _____

Contact Person (A member of the team to whom all communication related to the competition shall be made)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

II. TEAM DETAILS

a) Details of Speaker 1

Name: _____

Father's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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b) Details of Speaker 2

Name: _____

Fathers's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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c) Details of Researcher

Name: _____

Fathers's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Payment: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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III. PAYMENT DETAILS/BANK TRANSFER :

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RTGS/NEFT Details (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____

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28th February-1st MARCH, 2026

TRAVEL PLAN

Name of the participating Institution: _____

Details of Team Members :

(a) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

(b) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

(c) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

Arrival Details :

Mode of Travel: Airways/Railways/Roadways: _____

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Bus/Travels Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Arrival Time:** _____

Departure Details:

Mode of Travel: Airways/Railways/Roadways : _____

Train Name: _____

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Seal and Signature of Dean/HOD

NOTE:

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- b) Please mention the name, father's name and the name of the institution on the reverse side of the original demand draft.
- c) The demand draft is to be send along with the registration form, to the following address:-
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Panipat-132101. Haryana
Behind Geeta Sarovar Portico, G.T. Road, Samalkha

DECLARATION BY THE TEAM MEMBERS

We hereby certify that the information given by us is true and complete in all material respect.
We also undertake to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Moot Court competition.

Signature of Speaker 1

Signature of Speaker 2

Signature of Researcher

Date: _____

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Judgment Writing Competition

A judgment represents the considered decision of a court, delivered with authority and guided by reason, fairness, and clarity. It marks the culmination of judicial proceedings, embodying the judge's analytical insight, interpretative skill, and mastery over law and fact. The art of judgment writing is therefore one of the most significant responsibilities entrusted to a judge, demanding precision, balance, and intellectual discipline.

Each judgment is a reflection of the judge's individuality—his or her reasoning style, method of articulation, and approach towards justice. While the substance of law remains constant, the manner in which a judgment is constructed varies from one judge to another, making judgment writing a unique blend of legal understanding and personal expression.

A well-crafted judgment is not merely a declaration of the court's decision; it is an intellectual product that stands as an example of judicial thought. It must speak with dignity, avoid unnecessary ornamentation, and yet remain persuasive and impressive. Its strength lies in its reasoning—clear, logical, and compelling enough to withstand scrutiny. The judge's exposition should exhibit clarity, coherence, and a sense of responsibility, for a judgment must not only do justice but also appear to have done justice.

This competition aims to cultivate these essential qualities among aspiring law students. It challenges participants to think like judges—evaluating facts, applying principles of law, weighing arguments, and crafting a reasoned, balanced, and articulate judgment. Through this exercise, participants gain deeper insight into judicial processes and develop skills crucial to their future roles in the legal profession.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Date and Venue:

The Competition shall be held on 27th February, 2026.

Geeta Institute of Law, Behind Geeta Sarovar Portico, G. T. Road, Samalkha, Panipat - 132101. Haryana, India

1.2. Eligibility:

The Competition is open for bonafide students pursuing 5 Years and 3 Years LL.B.Courses.

1.3. Language:

The language for the Competition shall be English only.

1.4 .Accommodation:

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1.6. Dress Code:

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5. REGISTRATION PROCESS:

5.1 Registration:

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(I) With subject "Provisional Registration for _____Competition of the National Law Fest, Legisthon, 2026. By 1st February, 2026. Please mention your name, college name, contact details in provisional registration.")

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(V) Each Participant will be allotted a code after the soft copy of Registration form and Payment Proof have been received by Geeta Institute of Law.

5.2 Registration Fee:

Rs.1100/- for each participant (Without accommodation) Mode of Payment

The mode of payment shall be NEFT/RTGS/IMPS/UPI transaction.

Bank Account Detail for NEFT/RTGS/IMPS/UPI Transaction:

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Branch: SAMALKHA, PANIPAT,

HARYANA (132101)

Account Number: 13251450000062 IFSC Code: HDFC0001325

Rules & Regulations

Judgment Writing Competition – National Law Fest 2026

- The language for the Judgment Writing Competition shall be English only. Problem will be shared on or before 4 pm, 25th February, 2026
- The judgment must not exceed 3500 words. Judgments exceeding the limit will not be evaluated.
- An "alternative judgment" does not imply that the participant must take an opposite or contradictory stance; it simply requires an independent and reasoned judicial analysis.
- Participants must not copy, replicate, or merely rephrase any existing judgment. Original reasoning and articulation are essential.
- The purpose of this competition is to enhance the quality of legal research, analytical reasoning, structured thinking, and judicial writing. Participants are encouraged to demonstrate clarity, coherence, and depth.

- Participants may include additional clauses or reasoning in their judgments as they deem fit, provided such additions do not contradict, defeat, or alter the intention of the problem provided.
- The decision of the judges shall be final and binding on all participants.
- The use of mobile phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices during the on-campus round (if applicable) is strictly prohibited. Any participant found using or carrying prohibited devices shall be liable for immediate disqualification.
- Participants must use only their allotted Participant codes as identification. Use of names, institutional details, or any other identifying marks inside the judgment (other than the cover page) will result in disqualification.
- Geeta Institute of Law reserves the right to amend, modify, or introduce any rule at any stage of the competition without prior notice, if deemed necessary.
- All decisions taken by Geeta Institute of Law regarding competition rules, eligibility, submissions, evaluation criteria, and results shall be final and binding.

Winner

Rs. 5,100/- with Trophy

Time Slot Schedule

S. NO.	PARTICULARS OF EVENT	TIME DURATION
1.	Reading the Problem	30 minutes
2.	Writing Judgment	60 minutes

S. NO.	EVALUATION SCHEME FOR JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION	TIME DURATION
1.	Statement of Facts	20 Marks
2.	Statement of Rival Contentions & Framing of Issues	20 Marks
3.	Citing of Relevant Laws, Viz., Case-Laws, Statutes and Opinions of Jurists, Knowledge of Laws.	20 Marks
4.	Statement of Rival Contentions & Framing of Issues	20 Marks
5.	Critical Analysis and Problematizing the Judgment and Analytical Reasoning, Application of Laws, Appreciation of Evidences.	20 Marks
6.	Presentation, Style, Clarity, Appearance & Over-all Impression	20 Marks
	Total	100 Marks

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NATIONAL JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2026
27th February 2026

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Client Counselling Competition

National Law Fest 2026

The Client Counselling Competition aims to replicate the environment of a professional law office consultation, where participants step into the role of legal advisors and interact with a client facing a real-life legal issue. In this simulation, two law students, acting as attorneys, conduct an interview with an individual portraying the client. Their task is to identify and extract the relevant facts, understand the client's concerns, explore desired outcomes, and clarify the nature of the legal problem presented.

Participants are expected to guide the client with sensitivity, professionalism, and insight, offering a range of possible solutions or strategies that align with the client's expectations and legal position. After the client interview, the students engage in a post-consultation discussion (in the absence of the client), where they analyse the issues raised, reflect on their approach, and outline the legal and procedural steps necessary to address the matter effectively.

The entire exercise—comprising both the interview and the post-consultation period—lasts 25 minutes. Teams are evaluated by a panel of judges which typically includes experienced lawyers and a professional from counselling or allied fields. The presence of a non-lawyer evaluator brings an interdisciplinary perspective, enriching the assessment of communication style, empathy, problem-solving abilities, and client management skills.

Participants are assessed on criteria such as active listening, questioning techniques, professionalism, teamwork, planning, ethical awareness, and overall handling of the lawyerclient interaction. Once the evaluation is completed, the judges provide constructive feedback to help students refine their counselling approach and enhance their practical legal skills.

Through this competition, students gain a deeper understanding of client-centred advocacy and develop essential interpersonal and analytical abilities that are indispensable in legal practice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Postal Address:

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION

1. Eligibility & Team Composition

- Each Law School/College may nominate only one team.
- Each team shall consist of three (Two students as Advocate & 1 as Client)
- Only students enrolled in 3-year or 5-year LL.B programs may participate.
- Students pursuing LL.M or any other postgraduate law degree are not eligible.

2. Theme & Problem

- All client problems will be based on the theme:
“New Criminal Laws/ Family Law/ Contract”
- Each team will receive one problem for the Advance round and one problem for the final round (only for finalists).
- Problem for advance round will be released on or before 4 pm, 24th February, 2026, and problem for final round will be released 1 hour before the final round (Only with finalists).

3. Structure of the Competition

- The entire session will last 25 minutes, divided into:

A. Client Consultation Period – 20 minutes

During this period, participants are required to:

- Extract all relevant facts and concerns from the client.
- Understand the client's expectations and desired outcomes.
- Identify legal and non-legal issues involved.
- Provide possible solutions, alternatives, or strategies.
- Maintain professionalism, empathy, and client-centred communication.

B. Post-Interview Period – 5 minutes

During this period, participants must:

- Discuss their analysis of the interview.
- Outline the legal work and further steps to be undertaken.
- Summarize the issues requiring research or action.
- Respond to any questions raised by the judges.
- Teams may speak to each other aloud or dictate a file memorandum during this period.

4. Work Distribution & Team Dynamics

- It is entirely the team's discretion how they divide the roles between themselves.
- Judges will evaluate the coordination, balance, and teamwork displayed.
- Participants may briefly explain their work plan during the post-interview period.

5. Anonymity & Identification

- Every team will be assigned an alphanumeric code at the time of registration.
- Teams must identify themselves only by this code during all rounds.
- Any disclosure of the institution's name will result in a 5-mark penalty.

6. Prohibitions & Misconduct

- Scouting is strictly prohibited and attracts a 5-mark penalty.
- Participants must not communicate with any client other than the one assigned.
- Any such communication will be treated as misconduct and will lead to disqualification.
- Use of mobile phones or electronic devices during the round is prohibited.

7. Judging Panel

- Each session will be judged by a panel comprising one or two or three experts, drawn from:
 - Judges
 - Practising Lawyers
 - Academicians
- At least one non-law counsellor may serve on the panel to offer an interdisciplinary perspective.
- Judges and teams must mutually agree on the start time of the interview.

8. Use of Materials & Props

- Teams may use books, notes, office props, or other materials to conduct the interview.
- Props such as files, dictaphones, bookshelves, or office items may be used to simulate a real consultation room.

9. Time Management

- Judges may allow limited extra time beyond 20 minutes for the consultation, at their discretion.
- However, judges may penalize teams that exceed the time unnecessarily.
- All rounds will end strictly at 25 minutes, regardless of the stage of consultation.

10. Judging Standards

Teams will be evaluated on the following parameters:

1. Establishing a Professional Atmosphere

- Building rapport, explaining the lawyer-client relationship, demonstrating sensitivity & professionalism.

2. Listening & Questioning Skills

- Understanding the client's narrative, feelings, and expectations through effective questioning.

3. Identification of Client Goals

- Clarifying the client's needs, objectives, and emotional concerns.

4. Problem Analysis

- Analysing the situation from legal and non-legal perspectives; identifying all relevant issues.

5. Legal Advice & Alternatives

- Providing accurate, appropriate advice and offering feasible options or strategies.

6. Conclusion of the Interview

- Summarising the discussion, offering reassurance, and clarifying next steps.

7. Teamwork

- Coordination, balance of participation, and collaborative counselling.

8. Ethical & Professional Conduct

- Handling moral or ethical concerns responsibly; maintaining client trust.

9. Post-Interview Reflection

- Assessing the interview, identifying strengths and weaknesses, outlining the legal work ahead.

10. Tie-Breaker Rule

If a tie persists:

- The team scoring higher in Judging Standard Point 5 will be ranked higher.
- If still tied, evaluation will proceed to Point 4, then Point 3, and finally Point 7, until a clear winner emerges.
- If the tie still persists, the Organizing Committee shall reserve the discretionary rights.

11. Finality of Decision

- The decision of the judges and the Organising Committee shall be final and binding on all participants.
- Geeta Institute of Law reserves the right to modify, clarify, or amend the rules at any stage, if necessary.

J. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

In case of any questions / clarification regarding the competition, feel free to Contact with us:

Award

1. Best Team Rs. 11,000 With Trophy
2. Runner-Up Rs. 3,100 With Trophy
3. Best Counsel Rs. 1,100 With Trophy
4. Best Client Rs. 1,100 With Trophy

GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW, PANIPAT
THE CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION, 2026
27TH FEBRUARY, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in block letters)

INSTRUCTIONS: All participating teams are requested to fill in the details in capital letters and a scanned copy of the filled form should be mailed to lawfest@geetalawcollege.in to expedite allotment of the team code. Please read the Rules and Regulations of the competition before submitting this registration form

I. PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DETAILS

Name of University/College _____

Address: _____

Name of Dean/HOD _____ Telephone No: _____

EMAIL: _____ Website: _____

Contact Person (A member of the team to whom all communication related to the competition shall be made)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

II. TEAM DETAILS

a) Details of Counsel 1

Name: _____

Father's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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b) Details of Counsel 2

Name: _____

Fathers's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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c) Details of Client

Name: _____

Fathers's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Payment: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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III. PAYMENT DETAILS/BANK TRANSFER :

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TRAVEL PLAN

Name of the participating Institution: _____

Details of Team Members :

(a) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

(b) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

(c) **Name:** _____ **Contact No** _____

Arrival Details :

Mode of Travel: Airways/Railways/Roadways: _____

Train Name: _____

Flight Name: _____

Bus/Travels Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Arrival Time:** _____

Departure Details:

Mode of Travel: Airways/Railways/Roadways : _____

Train Name: _____

Flight Name: _____

Bus/Travels Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Arrival Time:** _____

Seal and Signature of Dean/HOD

NOTE:

- a) The registration fee shall be Rs. 2,100/- (Without Accommodation) The Participation Teams are required to submit registration fee through a Demand Draft in favour of "Geeta Institute of Law" payable at Panipat or through NEFT/ RTGS/IMPS.
- b) Please mention the name, father's name and the name of the institution on the reverse side of the original demand draft.
- c) The demand draft is to be send along with the registration form, to the following address:-
Principal, Geeta Institute of Law,
Panipat-132101. Haryana
Behind Geeta Sarovar Portico, G.T. Road, Samalkha

DECLARATION BY THE TEAM MEMBERS

We hereby certify that the information given by us is true and complete in all material respect.
We also undertake to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Moot Court competition.

Signature of Counsel 1

Signature of Counsel 2

Signature of Client

Date: _____

Seal and Signature of Dean/HOD

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