**ELSA**

**Rules of Client Interviewing Competition**

§1. **General Provisions**

1.1. The Client Interviewing Competition (CIC) is a simulation of the first consultation with a fictional client, designed to test participants' ability to interact with clients and identify key legal issues.

1.2. The competition aims to develop soft skills such as active listening, client communication, issue-spotting, and teamwork, which are not typically part of regular university curricula.

1.3. Each case in the competition will be brief but requires thorough preparation, as the client sets the requirements and academic level of the competition.

§2. **Structure of the Competition**

2.1. Each round simulates an initial client interview where teams must demonstrate their ability to: - Build rapport and maintain professionalism. - Actively listen and ask effective questions. - Identify key legal issues. - Organize their approach in a logical and structured manner. - Work collaboratively as a team.

2.2. The time allocated for each interview will be specified before the competition and enforced by the competition organisers.

2.3. Judges will provide feedback after each round to help participants improve their skills.

§3. **Team Composition and Judges**

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§4. **Scoring Criteria**

4.1. Teams will be judged based on the following criteria:

* **Building Rapport & Professionalism (10 points)**: Greeting, tone, body language, and confidence.
* **Active Listening & Questioning (10 points)**: Clarity, use of open-ended questions, and responsiveness.
* **Legal Understanding & Issue Spotting (10 points)**: Ability to identify key legal issues.
* **Structure & Organization (10 points)**: Logical flow and time management. -
* **Teamwork & Collaboration (10 points)**: Coordination and balance between team members.

4.2. The maximum total score per team is 50 points.

4.3. Judges will provide general feedback, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

§5 **Moderation and Decision-Making**

5.1. The moderator ensures fair and orderly conduct throughout the debate.

5.2. The judges’ decision is final and cannot be appealed.

5.3. The winning team is determined based on the highest total score.

§6. **Miscellaneous**

6.1. The competition may be held in-person or online, depending on organizational circumstances.

6.2. ELSA reserves the right to amend these rules if necessary, with prior notice to participants.

6.3. Participation in the competition implies acceptance of these rules.

§7. **GDPR Information Obligation**

7.1. By participating in the Client Interviewing Competition, participants agree to the processing of their personal data for the purpose of organizing and conducting the competition.

7.2. Personal data collected includes names, contact information, and any necessary details required for competition management.

7.3. The data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and will not be shared with third parties without consent.

7.4. Participants have the right to access, rectify, or request the deletion of their personal data by contacting the competition organizers.

7.5. Data will be stored only for the duration necessary to fulfill the competition's objectives and legal obligations.