

2008 Client Counseling Competition Memo

TO: Client-Actors

FROM: Client Counseling Board

RE: Client Counseling Competition Introductory Memo

DATE: December 16, 2007

Welcome and thank you for volunteering to participate as a Client-Actor in the law school's 2008 Client Counseling Competition (CCC). We are excited about this year's competition and hope that you are too.

Enclosed, please find the final schedule and instructions for the competition. Please let us know if you have any conflicts or questions as soon as possible. Also, there are still actor spots available for all four-time slots, so if you have any friends who are still interested in participating, please have them e-mail us before December 31, 2007.

Competition Format: The CCC involves two-member student-attorney teams in interviewing and counseling a prospective client at the initial consultation. As the Client-Actor, you will be given a fact summary, which provides the answers to the Attorney Team's questions. The client fact patterns are confidential and will be put in your student folder. **Please keep the information confidential to assure a fair competition.** You may be invited by the Judges to sit-in on the post-interview critique, but you are not obligated to stick around. The legal problems this year involve **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties** issues, though you need not be familiar with the law to serve as a Client-Actor. Enclosed you will find:

- 1) Introductory Memo
- 2) Client Schedule – be sure to double check your assigned time slot and mark your calendar now. If there is a problem with your assignment, please let us know **ASAP!**
- 3) Competition Participation Instructions

You will receive your fact patterns the day of each round. The fact patterns are only a page, so please memorize them prior to the interview. Arrive **15 minutes** prior to your scheduled time to check-in. Pay attention to the attorneys and to things you may have done differently. If you stay for the evaluation, listen to the judge's tips. But most importantly, have a little fun!

On behalf of the participants, the Client Counseling Board, and everyone involved with the Client Counseling Competition, thank you again for your participation! The competition could not be a success without you and we hope you will find this to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Please feel free to contact Ms. Ginger Smallwood at the Law Clinic Office at 274-1911 or the CCC Board by e-mail at clientcc@iupui.edu if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in January and thank you for helping to make this a successful endeavor!

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Client-Actors Schedule

Group 1A: Monday – Wednesday - Wednesday
6:30pm Wednesdays and Monday
Beginning January 14th

Glen Koch
Carra Tinges
Megan Piazza
Paul Narney
Anna Ly-Pham

Group 1B: Monday – Wednesday - Wednesday
7:45pm Wednesdays and Monday
Beginning January 14th

Petra Emerson
Jamie Harvey
George Howarah
Jia Li
Maria Richardson
Catherine Sabatine
Ellie Webster
Guquan Yang
Jenna Zent

Group 2A: Tuesday – Thursday - Tuesday
7:00pm Tuesdays, 6:30pm Thursday
January 15th

Sonia Brown
Amelia Deibert
Heather Edmands
Emina Hadzic
Andrew Heaton
Susan Kindig

Group 2B: Tuesday – Thursday - Tuesday
8:15pm Tuesdays, 7:45pm Thursday
January 15th

Alex Beatty
Cathy Brownson
Melissa Burnsworth
Kathleen Casey
Parvenay Darabi
Miriam Huck
Whitney Luallen
Tiffany Munsell
Josh Oren
Tony Pearson
Caroline Rashidfarokhi

**Please note that for Groups 2A and 2B, Tuesdays start later than Thursdays. Thanks for your participation!*

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Client-Actors Instructions

Please review the following information before the competition begins. Please note that if there are any reminders or changes over winter break, you will receive e-mail correspondence from the board.

1. **BASIC COMPETITION FORMAT.** Each two-member student-attorney team will compete three nights in a two week time period. The teams will be competing on their abilities as client interviewers and will be judged by area attorneys, judges, and other alumni. The interview will be conducted as a real-life situation simulation where *you* are the client actor.
2. **UNDERSTANDING OF TIME.** The attorneys are allotted **45 minutes total** for the interview and post-interview review, after the client has left the room. The attorneys are the ones who dictate how much time they will spend on each portion but they will not be allowed to exceed this 45 minute limit. After they have completed the interview, the judges will call them back into the room for an evaluation. Normally, actors are invited to stay and listen for pointers, but this is up to the judges.
3. **THE CLIENT-ACTOR ROLE.** All interview rounds will be based on **Civil Rights & Civil Liberties** issues, since this is the topic for this year's competition. These hypothetical fact patterns (one for each of the three rounds of the competition) are distributed by the American Bar Association and are to be kept confidential. You will receive that round's fact pattern the first day of that round in your mail folder. Please note that the student attorneys are only given a one-line prompt to your situation and know nothing else so please **do not** share this information with anyone.
 - Preparation. Prior to the competition, you should become thoroughly familiar with your client role as described in the script. Within the framework of the script, it is entirely up to you how you will play the part. Some actors really get into their roles and some are tight-lipped with facts. Please remember that the attorneys are in a competition and that as a client, you want the attorneys' help.
 - During the Interview. It is important that you become familiar with the hypothetical facts of the case. **It is crucial that you act your part in the same way with each team if you are playing the client more than once**
4. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Remember that the scripts you receive are confidential. You may bring the script to the interview with you for reference, but make sure that you keep it with you at all times. Do not discuss the problem between rounds with any team.
5. **DAY-OF PROCEDURES.** Please arrive **15 minutes** prior to your scheduled interview time and check in at the Law Clinic Reception Desk (Room 111). Upon arrival, you will be given a brief orientation. Note that you may wear whatever clothing in which you feel the most comfortable; casual clothing is fine.

INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION. Please remember that the students and lawyers (as judges) are depending on you. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please contact the school as soon as you know that you will not be able to participate. The Law School Clinic contact number is 274-1911 or e-mail the CCC at clientcc@iupui.edu. Thanks, again!