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**CLIENT INTERVIEW COMPETITION**

**JUDGING GUIDELINES 2024**

**GRAND FINAL**

**Background**

* The Competition takes place in a mock environment where teams of two student competitors, playing the role of lawyers, are visited by a potential client (a student actor) for a preliminary meeting. After their meeting, competitors have a short post-interview reflection with a senior partner at a law firm (played by a judge) to discuss the facts of the case, and whether the firm should take on the client.
* There is no legal knowledge required as part of the competition, and competitors are discouraged from mentioning specific legal terms and areas of law.
* Competitors are scored out of 30, based on: problem analysis, discovery of secret facts, working atmosphere, structure, teamwork & professionalism, as well as their post-interview reflection.

**Structure of the Competition:**

1. Each team will interview the client for **15 minutes**
	* Judges should knock on the table when there is one minute remaining. Teams may keep their own time (e.g. with their phones).
	* Although 15 minutes has been designated to interview the client, teams may conclude the interview before such time is up and will not be penalised for doing so. However, if a team exceeds the 15 minutes, judges are entitled to impose a penalty.
2. After the interview, competitors will have **2 minutes** to debrief alone.
	* The Judges and the client are to leave the room and start a 2-minute timer once they have closed the door behind them.
3. Competitors will have **5 minutes** to hold a post-interview reflection with a judge to introduce the client, discuss the facts and consider whether the firm should take on the client.

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