



**Summary of Major Rule Changes
2020-21 Client Counseling Competition**

Three-Person Teams and Alternates: The Client Counseling Competition, along with other ABA Law Student Division competitions, have opened up the participation process so that more students might benefit from the client counseling competition experience. Beginning with the 20 – 21 competition year, competition teams may now consist of three members and each interview during the competition may be conducted by any two of the three-member team. Additionally, the two team members conducting the interview may change between rounds or between flights of the preliminary round. Any students registered for the competition and designated as alternates at the time of checking into the competition may be substituted in for a team member who becomes incapacitated during competition due to an unforeseeable circumstance. Once an alternate is substituted onto a team, the incapacitated member is thereafter barred from competition and the substituted member has the same ability to be rotated into client interviews as if they were an original part of a team. A competition team can never consist of only one member. It is therefore advantageous to register as many competitors by the deadline date as may be needed to fill a three-person team and alternates.

November Team Registration Deadline	January Competitor Registration Deadline	Check-in at Regional Competition	During Competition
Name of School & Number of Teams	Name of Competitors (Minimal: 2 per team; no Maximum)	Allocation of Competitors to Teams and Alternate Status	Team Membership cannot change but interview team can
EXAMPLE			
Ace School of Law	Students A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I	Team 1: A, B, F and Alt. I*	Prelim. Profile 1: A & F Prelim. Profile 2: B & F
Two Teams		Team 2: C, D, G and Alt. E**	Prelim. Profile 1: C & D Semi-Final Profile: C & G
		*If I gets substituted in for A (or B or F) I is thereafter a permanent part of the team and A is no longer a part of the team.	*Any alternate substituted onto a team can be rotated within Profile Interviews as if an original member of the team
		**If E gets substituted in for C (or D or G) E is thereafter a permanent part of the team and G is no longer a part of the team.	

Memo-Writing Round at National Competition: The Client Counseling Competition has added a memo-writing round to the National Competition in addition to the three preliminary interview rounds. Details of this round are found in the Competition Rules along with the evaluation criteria for grading the memos. The memo may be written by any two of a three-person team in the competition.