National Client Consultation Competition in Ukraine, 2018

Background

NCCC is being held in Ukraine since 2006 with a five-year break during 2010-2014. But since 2015 the Competition is organized annually by the Association of Legal Clinics of Ukraine in partnership with Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation.

This year Competition

National Client Consultation Competition in Ukraine 2018 took place during 2-4 of March in a town Irpin at the State University of Fiscal Service of Ukraine, whose team won the NCCC in 2017.

Teams, comprised of two legal clinic student consultants were selected on registration basis. In 2017 the number of applications was overwhelming – **37 teams wanted to participate!** However, there was a possibility to only admit 20 pairs of students. So twenty teams from all over Ukraine were competing to become a winner and represent Ukraine in ICCC 2018.

The Competition model was pretty much the same as it is in the International round – two quarterfinals, semifinal and final rounds.

Second year in a row our colleagues from Poland have come to participate in Ukrainian National Competition as Judges. But this year they have also brought a team of students who acted as an exhibition (non-competing) team in an open additional round.

The very next week, Poland had its first NCCC where I also participated as a judge, and ‘exhibition team’ students – as participants of their own Competition.
And 2018 Ukrainian Round Winners

While 20 teams competed in quarterfinals, 9 in semifinals – 4 teams performed as finalists. Team from Legal Clinic “Pro Bono” of the National University of Ostroh Academy – Kateryna Valko and Khrystyna Shevchuk – won National Client Consultation Competition in Ukraine, 2018.

This same University was the first one to launch NCCC in 2006 and then to revive it in 2015, where it was held three times till 2017.

We are now impatiently looking forward to meeting every other participant of the brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition 2018!

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