

Swiss Client Interview Competition 2014/15

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The Swiss Client Interview Competition (SCIC) is a law student program that provides talented Swiss law students training and coaching in client consultation skills. Candidates studying at various Swiss universities applied individually and were selected based on applications as individuals, followed by a computer-based examination where they had to prove their English knowledge as well as their general legal knowledge. In the end, twelve students were chosen to participate in a seminar on client consultation, held at the University of Lucerne.

Jane Jarman, a Solicitor in England & Wales and reader at the Nottingham Trent University, held the seminar. The candidates trained the client interview during the whole day, sometimes as a lawyer, sometimes as a client in order to get the other students to exercise. In the evening, the organisers announced the eight individuals who qualified to participate in the finals of the SCIC. It was up to them to team up in couples.

The finals of the SCIC took place in November 2014 in the offices of CMS von Erlach Poncet AG in Zurich. Every team had to compete twice, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Judges, actors and the candidates had lunch together, which gave the students the possibility to talk to and learn from qualified lawyers with years of experience. At the end of the day, the jury selected and announced one team to represent Switzerland in the International Client Consultation Competition in April 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska (USA).



Candidates of the Swiss Client Interview Competition 2014/15 (from left to right): Gabriel Jaccard, Alexandra Winter, Reto Walther, Tilla Caveng, Lukas Strickler, Corina Goldener, Paolo Krasnic, Sandro Satoshi Porro.

Tilla Caveng
Lukas Strickler
Winning Team of the 2014/15 SCIC