

## **Moot Court Competition Teams**

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### **Chicago Bar Association (CBA):**

Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Chicago Bar Association. Among recent topics: whether an extra-jurisdictional arrest performed by a security officer violated the Fourth Amendment; whether a state could broadcast the execution of a condemned prisoner live over the internet, and whether such a broadcast violated the First Amendment rights of the prisoner.

- Approximate Competition Dates: November

### **Health Law:**

The National Health Law Moot Court Competition focuses on timely issues relevant to law and medicine: whether a state can involuntarily test individuals for sexually transmitted infections and criminalize consensual sexual conduct which transmits HIV from one person to another; whether a state can deny a proxy's request to refuse artificial nutrient hydration from an incompetent patient; whether an ER doctor's instructions to take a patient to a different hospital violated the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Early November

### **Appellate Lawyer's Association (ALA) National Moot Court Competition:**

Students who compete in the ALA National Moot Court Competition focus on topic of general legal interest. In recent years competitors have argued: Whether the Evans DNA Collection Act violates the Fourth Amendment and whether a city's family code violates the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Early November

### **Thomas Tang:**

Sponsored by the NAPABA and APALSA, the Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition examines issues of importance to the Asian-American community.

Participants are not required to be of Asian descent or members of APALSA. Many recent topics include important and burgeoning issues of constitutional law, including a problem based on the Supreme Court case *Carpenter v. United States*.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals September/October; Nationals Late October/Early November

### **Family Law:**

Students participating in the National Child Welfare and Adoption Law Moot Court Competition argue current critical issues concerning child welfare and adoption law. Among recent topics: the constitutionality of a state law requiring transfer of frozen embryos by adoption procedures; whether a putative father should be afforded counsel under the protections of the Due Process Clause in involuntary parental termination proceedings.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Mid-March

### **Thurgood Marshall:**

The NBLSA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition examines relevant legal issues in the African-American community: whether sentencing guidelines and the disparity in sentences for cocaine possession violates the due process and equal protection clauses, and whether kneeling is protected expression under the First Amendment.

- Eligibility Requirements: Team members must be members in good standing of BLSA
- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals Late January – Late February; Nationals Early to Mid-March
- **2 spots available**

### **Jessup (International Law):**

The Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition looks at international law and treaty interpretation issues, including the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, state responsibility for a recently-privatized pharmaceutical company, and the legality of peacetime espionage by naval drones. Students argue as if they are before the International Court of Justice. Winners of regional rounds advance to Washington, D.C. in April for International Rounds.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals February/Early March; Internationals Early April

### **Saul Lefkowitz (Trademark and Unfair Competition Law):**

The Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition is an annual event honoring Saul Lefkowitz, whose entire distinguished career was dedicated to the development of trademark and unfair competition law. Two teams from each of the four regional competitions will advance to the National Finals in Washington, D.C. in March.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals Early to Mid February; Nationals Early March

### **Wagner (Employment):**

The Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition is one of the most distinguished competitions in the nation. In recent years sitting United States Supreme Court justices have been among the final round jurists. One recent topic: whether a company can prevent a labor union from distributing information to non-unionized company employees, using a lawfully obtained list of company e-mail addresses.

- Eligibility Requirements: Team members must have already completed or enroll in *Labor Law, Employment Law* or *Employment Discrimination* for the fall semester.
- Approximate competition Dates: Early to Mid-March

**HNBA:**

The National Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court Competition is open to members of HNBA. This competition focuses on problems of concern to the American Hispanic community. Recent topics include racial profiling in traffic stops based on ethnicity & appearance, as well as First Amendment rights of journalists and whether Fifth Amendment due process extends to revocable press credentials.

- Eligibility Requirements: Team members must be members of HNBA
- Approximate Competition Dates: Mid-March

**Siegenthaler-Sutherland Cup (First Amendment):**

One of the nation's top constitutional law competitions, this event features a current First Amendment controversy. Past topics have involved the enforcement of a protest policy creating free speech zones for protestors at a Town Hall Meeting and whether government speech extends to social media.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Mid-March

**Anderson Center Seventh Circuit Competition:**

The Anderson Center Seventh Circuit Moot Court Competition presents a unique problem comprised of issues involving both substantive law and professional ethics, permitting law students to explore the critical intersection between advocacy and professionalism. This competition team will be comprised of only Weekend JD students.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Early to Mid-March

**Federal Bar Association (WJD Only Team):**

This The Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court competition is hosted by the Federal Bar Association in Washington D.C. . All of the individuals who serve as judges in the competition are actual judges, practitioners, or scholars. This reinforces the “real world” experience for competitors. Competitors have an opportunity at the awards reception that immediately follows the final round of the competition to network with federal judges and practitioners, who travel from around the country to attend the Federal Bar Association’s Leadership Summit. Finally, as an added bonus, the FBA is now offering Law Student Membership to new applicants for free! This Membership includes up to three years of associate membership while the student is enrolled in law school and the first year of their professional membership after graduation.

- Approximate Compensation Dates: Mid March
- Team composition: 8 people total (4 competition oralists, 2 oralists who will be waitlisted to compete, and 2 alternate team members)

### **American Bar Association (ABA):**

The ABA's National Appellate Advocacy Competition focuses on topics of general interest. Among recent topics: whether solitary confinement of minor violates the Eighth Amendment; if felon disenfranchisement laws violate the Fourteenth Amendment; and whether the search incident to arrest doctrine should be modified to ask whether evidence may be found in the vehicle. Winners of regional rounds advance to nationals in mid-April.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals February – Early March; Nationals Early April
- Oralist Preference given to Returning 3L students and Top 20 Intraschool students
- This is a 3L specific team, but there is a brief writer position open to 2Ls

### **Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Competition (“Houston”)**

The Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship is one of the most prestigious competitions in the country. The competition designed to recognize a law school's sustained excellence in moot court. Participating schools qualify for the Championship through their performance in moot court competitions and must be ranked in the Top 16 programs from the previous academic year.\*

- Approximate Competition Dates: January/February
- Oralist Preference given to Returning 3Ls and Top 20 Intraschool students
- This is a 3L specific team

\*If Loyola is not invited to the Championship, another competition will be assigned to the team.

### **National Moot Court Competition**

The National Moot Court Competition is sponsored by the New York City Bar Association's National Moot Court Competition Committee and the American College of Trial Lawyers and is one of the longest-running and honored competition of its kind. Since 1950, the competition have promoted the appellate advocacy arts of intellectual rigor, legal research and persuasive argument. This historic competition allows student advocates to hone their appellate advocacy skills before prominent members of the legal profession. Every year, over 120 law schools compete in regional rounds throughout the United States, with winners advancing to final rounds at the New York City Bar Association.

- Approximate Competition Dates: Regionals November **and** Nationals Late January/Early February
- Oralist Preference given to Returning 3L students and Top 20 Intraschool students
- This is a 3L specific team

