



7TH ANNUAL MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Moot court is a two-person appellate court exercise; a chance for students to engage in a legal give-and-take with real lawyers and judges. Moot Court provides an opportunity for students to hone their legal critical thinking and speaking skills. Procedurally, the students prepare to argue the case to the United States Supreme Court. The Case Materials include the facts, the record on appeal, and the issues for which the US Supreme Court granted certiorari.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All Maryland high schools are invited to participate. The competition is limited to a maximum of twelve teams, with the first team from each of the eight Maryland Judicial Circuits being admitted to the competition.

Please visit the MYLaw website at <http://www.mylaw.org/my-moot-court.html> for additional information about this process.

In order to compete, a team would need, at minimum, one teacher and three students (two to compete; one to sub in as an alternate, but the alternate may only participate in the event of an emergency).

WHEN & WHERE

The 2018 Moot Court Invitational will take place on **Saturday, November 10th, at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.** Competitions will begin at 9am and end at 5pm. **Teams are requested to arrive by 8:15am.**

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition consists of 5 rounds of matches. All teams in the competition compete in the first two non-elimination rounds at 9:00am and 10:45am. The quarterfinal matches for the top-scoring eight teams from the first two rounds take place at 12:30pm. The semi-final matches for the final four teams take place at 2:15pm, and the final round at 4:00pm.

During the first two rounds, each team will argue the Petitioner side and the Respondent side one time.

9:00-10:00am Round 1
10:45-11:45am Round 2
11:45-12:30pm Lunch*
12:30-1:30pm Quarterfinals
2:15-3:15pm Semifinals
4:00-5:00pm Finals

*Lunch will be served to all teams and coaches.

COMPETITION RULES

Each side will be represented by two attorneys. One attorney will address the first certified

question. The other attorney will address the second certified question. The same two students must compete in all rounds in which its team participates.

Each side gets a total of 25 minutes of argument. The 25 minutes of argument is divided as follows: 20 minutes for Petitioner's main argument, 25 minutes for the Respondent's argument, and 5 minutes for the Petitioners' rebuttal argument.

The first 2 minutes of the Petitioner's main argument and the last 2 minutes of the Respondent's argument will be "protected time" during which the judges will not ask questions. At any other time in the arguments, the judges are permitted to ask questions.

The judges will score each team's arguments based upon the extent to which those arguments demonstrate knowledge of the applicable law, knowledge of the facts of the case, and presentation skill.

There is no written submission (briefs) allowed from either side.

Attorneys may not make objections, or otherwise interrupt the presentations of opposing counsel.

The judges will consider the extent to which a team has failed to adhere to the rules in calculating their score. Attorneys can use any of the facts set forth in the Case Materials (collectively referred to as "the record" in the case) in their argument. The only cases that may be used by student attorneys to support their arguments are those included. Please refer to our website for additional rules and details.

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