

# LOYOLA

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# LOYOLA MOOT COURT PROGRAM: Information Team Meeting

**April 6, 2022: 12 pm on ZOOM**

### LOYOLA MOOT COURT PROGRAM TRYOUTS INFORMATION 2023-2024

**April 6 at 12 pm in Information Session on the Teams (zoom below) and Tryouts will be held VIA Zoom April 20-22nd:** The Loyola Moot Court Program will hold an information session to provide more detailed information about all of the moot court teams, describing subject matter, the competition requirements, prerequisites and time commitments to participate in the various competitions. In this session the students will also learn about the oral auditions and the written application. The Information Session will be recorded and the recording will be posted on the Loyola Moot Court Program Brightspace page.

#### **April 6, Information session zoom link:**

Moot Court Program Information Meeting: 4/6  
Time: Apr 6, 2023 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://lmula.zoom.us/j/82975172139>

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Find your local number: <https://mula.zoom.us/j/82975172139>

The written **application** will consist of a questionnaire in which the students provide their contact information and briefly describe their background and any prior participation in collegiate moot court, mock trial, debate or other team or collaborative efforts. Students will also be required to submit a resume and a writing sample (15-page max). The application will also require a student to rank (from 1-4) the moot court teams in order of the student's interest preference. (In other words, if the student's first choice would be on the HNBA team and second choice National Sports Team, then the student would rank the HNBA #1 and National Sports Team#2.) The students will submit the written application **in the Application Dropbox prior no later than 4-17-23 at 5pm PST**

**Beginning April 6, 1pm:** Students can download the tryout materials and the written application and sign up for an audition time on space Brightspace, Groups file. **NOTE: All 2023-2022 Moot Court Teams will be using this written application and oral audition process to choose teams, EXCEPT the Scott Moot Court Honors Board and the Entertainment Moot Court Program.** The oral audition materials will be a moot court problem which will consist of a short fact statement and two issues with a list (closed universe) cases students can use to prepare for the 6-minute oral argument. Every student will be presenting/arguing on the same side of the issue during the oral argument and only one student will argue in each time slot.

**April 20 (Thursday) 5pm-8pm, April 21 (Friday) 5pm-8pm and April 22 (Saturday) 9am-4pm Oral Argument Tryouts will occur on Zoom (link posted on the Brightspace page):** Students will sign-up for one argument time on Brightspace. More information on how to sign-up for an audition and how the auditions will be conducted using Zoom will be provided at the 4/6 information session. Students will have 6 minutes to argue and shown time cards indicating the time they have remaining: 3 min. 1 min and stop. The tryouts will have 1-2 judges who will ask the student questions about the problem. The arguments will be recorded on audio/video for the use by team coaches/faculty advisors to review in selecting the team members.

**Post-Audition:** Coaches/faculty advisors will individually review the applications and information gleaned from the oral argument auditions and then invite to students to serve on the teams. The students stated preference/rankings to be placed on a team would be given primary consideration in extending invitations.

# TEAMS RECRUITING FROM THE TRYOUTS

## LOYOLA MOOT COURT PROGRAM: TENTATIVE<sup>1</sup> COMPETITION TEAMS 2023-2024

### **Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition (2 Units Spring P/NP):**

The Hispanic National Bar Association sponsors an annual moot court competition made up of approximately 30 schools from around the country. The competition problem is prepared by the HNBA and typically involves issues of Constitutional Law, often coupled with a statutory claim. The location of the competition varies each year.

The competition requires participants to write a brief and compete in a series of appellate arguments. The team consists of 2-3 members, who should expect to spend the necessary time to research and draft a brief during the end of the fall semester and during the winter break. The brief will be submitted in early February and then the team members will spend 5-8 hours per week in oral argument and attending class sessions on oral argument. The argument rounds are typically held in early April. The team is open to upper division, day and evening students (rising 2D, 3D, 3E & 4E). There are no course prerequisites, however, Appellate Advocacy and Constitutional Law are recommended.

Coach: TBD Faculty Advisor: Professor Gary Williams

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate in the course component as well. The course component requires that the students participate in the week-long Moot Court Summer Writing Program, which takes place in the week before school begins in the evening. The course component also requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.

### **National Environmental Moot Court Competition (1 Unit Fall and 1 Unit Spring, P/NP):**

The National Environmental Moot Court is a nationwide competition held at Pace University in New York. Typically, around 72 law schools participate. A

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<sup>1</sup> These competitions may be subject to change. Sometimes competitions are unexpectedly cancelled for reasons beyond LLS' control. If you earn a spot on a team and the competition is cancelled LLS will endeavor to find another team for you.

team of two-three students writes a brief in during the fall (October and November) that addresses a multi-faceted environmental law problem. Students then prepare for oral arguments during the spring semester and the competition is held at Pace University in mid-February. Each team in the competition is guaranteed at least three oral arguments in the first round. The Appellate Advocacy is a prerequisite and Environmental Law and Administrative Law are helpful to students on the team. The team is open to upper division students (rising 3D, 3E and 4E).

Coach: Brian Hembacher Faculty Advisor: Professor Rebecca Delfino

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate in the course component as well. The course component requires that the students participate in the week-long Moot Court Summer Writing Program, which takes place in the evening the week before school begins. The course component also requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.

**National Sports Law Moot Court Competition (2 Units: Spring-P/NP):**

The Sports Law Moot Court Competition is a national moot court appellate competition that focuses on contemporary legal problems confronting the sports industry. Hosted by Tulane Law School, the competition draws law schools and moot court programs from across country and takes place in New Orleans, during Mardi Gras. Students will analyze a fact pattern, analyze the law, gather facts, determine a strategy, and prepare written and oral appellate arguments.

The competition will requires participants to write a compelling written brief and compete in a series of appellate arguments. The team consists of 2-3 members, who should expect to spend the necessary time to research and draft a 35 page brief during the end of the fall semester and during the winter break, and in the month prior to the competition, spend 5-8 hours per week in oral argument preparation and attending class session on oral argument. Upper division, day and evening, students (rising 2D, 3D, 3E & 4E) are welcome to participate. The pre-requisite is Appellate Advocacy and Constitutional Law are recommended.

Coach: TBD Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Delfino

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate

in the course component as well. The course component requires that the students participate in the week-long Moot Court Summer Writing Program, which takes place in the evening the week before school begins. The course component also requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.

**Scott Teams Open to Rising 2D, 2E and 3E Students:**

**Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition Team (2 Units: Spring-P/NP):**

The Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition is a nationally recognized appellate moot court competition. The problem is drawn from a real case in the California Court of Appeal and is based on California law. The team will consist of two to three members who will research and write the brief and participate in at least two rounds of oral argument at the competition. The problem, which will consist of two issues related to California substantive or procedural law, is released in late December and the students draft the brief during January and February. The brief is usually due in late February and the students prepare for oral arguments by practicing (5-8 hours) several times a week and on the weekend during March. The oral rounds of competition will be held in April in a California city.

The team is open to rising 2Ds, 2E and 3E students. Students who are selected for the team must enroll and complete Appellate Advocacy with Professor Delfino during the summer session or the fall semester prior to the competition. Traynor team members will also automatically be invited to join the Scott Moot Court Honors Board and will be eligible to be on a Scott Moot Court Competition team—the ABA-Advanced Team, National Moot Court Team, the National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team or the Environmental Moot Court Team the following year as rising 3Ds, 3Es or 4Es.

Coach: TBD Faculty Advisor: Professor Rebecca Delfino

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate in the course component as well. The course component requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.

**Federal Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition Team (2 Units: Spring- P/NP):**

The Younger Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association sponsors the Annual Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition, each spring in Washington, D.C. The moot court problems in the competition involving questions of federal statutory or constitutional law and often present issues of first impression or instances where the federal circuit's decisions are in conflict. Several aspects of the competition make it one of the premier moot court competitions in the country. First, every round of the competition is held at a courthouse. Second, all of the individuals who serve as judges in the competition are actual judges, practitioners, or scholars, which reinforces the "real world" experience for competitors. Third, 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, each participant in the competition receives a free one-year law student membership in the Federal Bar Association.

The team will consist of two members who will research and write the brief and participate in at least two rounds of oral argument at the competition. The competition problem is released in late December and the students draft the brief during January and February. The brief is usually due in late February and the students prepare for oral arguments by practicing (5-8 hours) several times a week and on the weekends during March. The oral rounds of competition will occur on a weekend in mid-late March in Washington, D.C.

The team is open to rising 2Ds, 2E and 3E students. Students who are selected for the team must enroll and complete Appellate Advocacy with Professor Delfino during the summer session or the fall semester prior to the competition. FBA team members will also automatically be invited to join the Scott Moot Court Honors Board and will be eligible to be on a Scott Moot Court Competition team—the ABA- Advanced Team, National Moot Court Team, National Criminal Procedure Moot Court or the Environmental Moot Court Team the following year as rising 3Ds, 3Es or 4Es.

Coach: TBD Faculty Advisor: Professor Rebecca Delfino

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are

applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate in the course component as well. The course component requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.

**American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition: ABA-Team 1 (2 Units: Spring- P/NP):**

The ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) is a moot court competition that emphasizes the development of oral advocacy skills through a realistic appellate advocacy experience. It is the largest, and most competitive moot court competition in the country, with over 220 teams competing from more than 100 law schools. ABA Moot court competitors participate in a hypothetical appeal to the United States Supreme Court raising questions of federal statutory or constitutional law. The competition involves writing a brief as either respondent or petitioner and then arguing the case in front of the mock court. The ABA Team-1 (consisting of 2-3 students chosen from the Moot Court Program open auditions) will work with the ABA-Advanced Team (consisting of 3 students chosen from students who participated in the Scott Moot Court Competition or who have previous moot court team competition experience) to represent the law school in the ABA competition regional.

ABA Team-1 is open to rising 2Ds, 2E and 3E students. Students who are selected for the team must enroll and complete Appellate Advocacy with Professor Delfino during the summer session or the fall semester prior to the competition. The team members will also automatically be invited to join the Scott Moot Court Honors Board and will be eligible to be on a Scott Moot Court Competition team—the ABA- Advanced Team, National Moot Court Team or the National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team the following year as rising 3Ds, 3Es or 4Es.

Coach: TBD Faculty Advisor: Professor Rebecca Delfino

NOTE: Because the units earned for participating on the team are applied to the six-unit experiential course graduation requirement, students must participate in the course component as well. The course component requires that participants attend several supplemental class sessions focused on oral argument skills after the brief is submitted during the semester the students prepare for oral argument.