



2023

Appellate Advocacy
Competition

PRESENTED BY UW MOOT COURT HONOR BOARD

How to Register

- ▶ Complete the registration form found at: <https://forms.gle/h2SJZm1pGpzevNNU9>
 - ▶ Fill out the registration form
 - ▶ You will then receive the competition packet within 24 hours
 - ▶ The competition materials will be sent via email to whichever partner completes the form; Please *forward that email to your teammate*
- ▶ If you don't have a partner, please email us at mchbinhc@uw.edu or fill out the form and indicate you need a partner.

ALERT

- ▶ If you register and change your mind, *that's OK!*
- ▶ **You can drop-out without penalty until April 12, 2023 @ 5:00PM**
- ▶ **If you drop-out after that deadline, you will be banned from competing in any MCHB hosted competition for 12 months unless the MCHB Executive Committee finds that you withdrew for “good cause.”**

Key dates

- ▶ Info Session: March 31, 2023 (12:30, Zoom)
- ▶ Registration Opens: March 31, 2023
- ▶ Registration Ends: April 5, 2023 (midnight)
- ▶ Mandatory Training: April 7, 2023 @ 12:30
- ▶ **Drop-out Deadline:** **April 12, 2023 (5:00pm)**
- ▶ **Brief Due Date:** **April 12, 2023 (5:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Competition Dates:** **April 17 - 20, April 24**

Key Dates

- ▶ Competition timeline
 - ▶ April 17 – Prelim Round 1
 - ▶ April 18 – Prelim Round 2
 - ▶ April 19 – Quarter Finals
 - ▶ April 20 – Semi Finals
 - ▶ April 24 – Finals

Overview of Key Rules and Requirements

- ▶ Each team consists of two people
 - ▶ You and a partner will argue a federal appeals case before a panel of judges in a mock appellate proceeding
- ▶ Each 2L/3L team must submit brief that is no longer than 25 pages (this is split between you and your partner) -
 - ▶ MCHB will determine a team's brief side randomly. The side on which a team will write the brief will not determine the argument side in any round.
 - ▶ **During the brief writing period, competitors may discuss the problem with their teammate only**, except the assistance normally provided to attorneys from reference librarians and court personnel.
- ▶ 1Ls are **not required** to submit a brief. However, awards are available for those that do.

Overview of Key Rules and Requirements

- ▶ Each partner will argue one of the two issues presented, such that both issues are argued, before a panel of judges.
 - ▶ Each team's argument side will be determined at random for the first night of preliminary rounds. Each team will then argue the opposite side on the second night of preliminary rounds
 - ▶ Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes to argue, which they may allocate between each partner as they see fit. Petitioner may use up to 5 minutes of their time for rebuttal.
 - ▶ NOTE: Each partner must argue for a minimum of 12 minutes.

Brief Requirements

- ▶ **Review Part II of the Competition Rules for full details and requirements**
- ▶ 25 pages max
 - ▶ Anything past that will not be considered as part of the grading
- ▶ In addition to the main argument section for each issue, each brief shall include:
 - ▶ i. Questions presented;
 - ▶ ii. A table of contents;
 - ▶ iii. A table of cited authorities (i.e. cases alphabetically arranged, constitutional provisions, statutes, treatises, and other materials) with references to the pages in the document where such authorities are cited;
 - ▶ iv. A statement of facts; and
 - ▶ v. A summary of argument.
- ▶ Formatting shall conform the requirements set forth in the Competition rules. If there is any ambiguity or question you have from the competition rules, refer to the FRAP for the 9th circuit: <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/uploads/rules/frap.pdf>
- ▶ Email a **word** version to the competition email address by April 12 at 5:00 PM
- ▶ **DO NOT** include your names; only your assigned team number.

Academic Credit for 2L/3Ls

- ▶ 2L/3L Competitors are eligible to receive **up to two (2) Law 600 Credits** for competing
 - ▶ Competitors are eligible to receive 1 credit for submitting a satisfactory brief that complies with the Falknor Competition Rules AND complete the preliminary round portion of competition.
 - ▶ Competitors are eligible to receive an additional 1 credit if they make it to the quarterfinal round. Instructions for how to register and receive credits will be distributed at the end of the competition.

Awards

- ▶ Champion Team
- ▶ Finalist Team
- ▶ First, Second, and Third Place Speaker in the Overall Competition
- ▶ First ,Second, and Third Place Brief

What's in it for me?

- ▶ Fame, fortune, glory ect.
- ▶ Lots of fun
- ▶ Academic Credit
- ▶ Chance to practice oral and written advocacy
- ▶ Opportunity to join MCHB
- ▶ Much easier to try out for National Competitions
- ▶ Networking with judges