

## The Order of Barristers 2026 Application

Deadline: **Friday, April 10, 2026 – 5 p.m.** via email

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization that encourages oral advocacy and brief writing skills through the University of Washington School of Law advocacy programs. The Order provides national recognition for individuals who participate and excel in advocacy programs at their respective schools.

### Application Deadline

Please respond to the questions below to apply for selection to the University of Washington Chapter of The Order of Barristers. Completed applications must be submitted by email no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026**. Send your application as an attachment in **PDF format** to the MCHB Advisor, **Carolyn Kennedy** at [ckenn2@uw.edu](mailto:ckenn2@uw.edu).

### Eligibility

Applicants must be graduating 3Ls who have competed in at least two different moot court, mock trial or comparable advocacy competitions (including ADR). Participating in the same competition in two different years (e.g., competing in the Appellate Advocacy Competition during both 1L and 2L years) does not fulfill this requirement. Students are not required to be a Moot Court Honor Board member to apply.

### Submission Details

The information you submit will be treated as confidential and will be viewed only by the MCHB advisor and faculty members on the Selection Committee. Please provide the requested information in the general format provided. In other words, do not submit a narrative letter. Instead, you should submit a formatted list, organized by numbers and bullet points, with the information requested. Individual members of the Selection Committee may not be familiar with the nature of every competition or the responsibilities of every administrative position. To the extent that information would assist the Selection Committee, please provide it.

**Please submit ALL information including the authorization as ONE .pdf document.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application, application process, or selection, please feel free to reach out to Carolyn Kennedy at [ckenn2@uw.edu](mailto:ckenn2@uw.edu)

**Note:** Letters of recommendation from team coaches or advocacy/skills professors are *not required* (and rarely included) but will be reviewed by the Selection Committee if submitted. Any recommendations should be sent *directly by the recommender to the MCHB Adviser*. The Selection Committee may contact coaches or professors for evaluation of your performance.

Be sure to review, sign, and submit the authorization form at the end of this application.

1. **General Introductory Information** – Please provide the following information:
  - Your name (*Full name as you would like it to appear on your certificate*)
  - Your e-mail
  - Your date of graduation
  
2. **Participation in regional/national competitions** – For each such competition, please provide the following information:
  - Name of the competition
  - Date(s) of the competition
  - Individual awards/ranking
  - Team awards/ranking
  - Brief description (one or two sentences) of the competition, including the number of teams that participated and the number of teams that advanced.
  - Brief description (one or two sentences) of your individual work, role, and time commitment, including your role in drafting any written portion of the competition.
  - Any coaches or advisers (and contact information)
  - Any additional information that might assist the Selection Committee in understanding and evaluating your participation in this competition.
  
3. **Participation in in-house University of Washington School of Law competitions** – For each such competition in which you competed, please provide the following information:
  - Name of the competition
  - Year of the competition
  - Individual awards/ranking
  - Team awards/ranking
  - Whether the competition involved a written component and, if so, a description of that component
  - Any additional information that might assist the Selection Committee in understanding and evaluating your participation in this competition.
  
4. **Contribution to School of Law’s Moot Court program** – For members of MCHB, please provide the following information:

- MCHB Executive Board Office held (if any), along with a brief description (one or two sentences) of your responsibilities and accomplishments in office.
  - MCHB Competition Committee position(s) held (if any), along with a brief description (one or two sentences) of your responsibilities, the size of the competition, the format of the competition, and the time you spent assisting with the competition.
  - Any additional information related to your contribution to moot court and mock trial activities at the School of Law
5. **Activities that contribute to the instruction of advocacy skills for law students** – Please provide the following information:
- Any practice rounds you judged for other law students, along with the competition for which the law students were preparing.
  - Any times you served as a bailiff/timekeeper for a competition.
  - Any times you served as a witness for a mock trial competition or a trial advocacy class.
  - Any times you participated in a mentoring group or a training for a competition.
  - Any other information related to your participation in activities that contribute to the instruction of advocacy skills for law students.
6. **Law school courses** – For each of your law school courses pertaining to written advocacy, oral advocacy, or trial skills (including Spring Quarter LARW, Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Pre-Trial Practice, Interviewing & Counseling, Negotiations, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Advanced Legal Research, advocacy-based clinics, advocacy-based externships, or others), please provide the following information:
- Course name (and instructor)
  - Year/Quarter
  - Grade
  - Brief description (one or two sentences) of course activities related to advocacy.
7. **Additional information (optional)** – Please provide any additional information that might assist the Selection Committee in evaluating your application. Include only activities related to your time here at the School of Law. If provided, this additional information should be brief—preferably no more than a single paragraph.

8. **Authorization** – You may print, sign, and scan the following authorization and include the signed authorization with your completed application materials. Alternatively, you may use a digital or PDF signature. If you double-click above the signature line, you should be able to digitally sign the document on Word.

I hereby authorize the Selection Committee to contact the coaches, advisors, and instructors listed above for the purpose of discussing my performance on moot court teams or in class. If I have submitted any written letters of recommendation with my application, I understand that the recommendations should be sent *directly by the recommender to the MCHB Adviser* and will only be viewed by the faculty members on the Section Committee for purposes of the application process.

This application fairly and accurately represents my participation in the listed activities. I authorize the *verification of my participation in the MCHB-related activities I have listed.*

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Name