**UW Moot Court Honor Board**

**Standards of Conduct**

The University of Washington School of Law Moot Court Honor Board (MCHB) is committed to providing our students (“*student participants*”) with robust experiential learning opportunities that develop advocacy skills through practice, competition, and connection with Washington legal community members who participate in MCHB events (“*community participants*”). In order to do this, we hold our student and community participants to high professional standards.

The following list presents the standards of conduct that MCHB expects from all participants. MCHB requires all student and community participants to respect and abide by these standards if they wish to engage in any event hosted or organized by MCHB.

A reported violation of the marked standards of conduct (“\*”) may result in a review by the MCHB board. The MCHB board reserves the right to take appropriate action, including temporarily or permanently banning student or community participants from any or all MCHB events for failure to comply with these standards of conduct.

**General Standards for Everyone:**

* \* Participants shall refrain from disrespectful and disruptive behavior towards community participants, student participants, and volunteers acting as witnesses or bailiffs.
* \* Participants shall refrain from making disparaging personal remarks toward opposing counsel.

**Standards for Student Participants:**

* Students are expected to be prepared for the competition by having put appropriate effort into applicable research, writing, strategizing, and presentation.
* **\*** Student participants shall be courteous and respectful towards the community participants, opposing counsel, parties, and other witnesses as they would in a legitimate legal setting.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

* + Profanity
	+ Harassing or intimidating others (such as physical or verbal threats, sexual harassment, etc.)
	+ Discriminatory behavior (such as racial slurs, misgendering, etc.)
* **\*** Student participants shall impress upon witnesses and bailiffs the need to be courteous and respectful towards the community participants, opposing counsel, parties, and other witnesses. Student participants are responsible for the conduct of witnesses and bailiffs that they bring to the competition. Any misconduct from the aforementioned will be attributed to the student participant.
* Student participants must give credence to competition- or problem-specific rules defined by MCHB when applicable.

**Standards for Community Participants:**

* **\*** Community participants shall be courteous and respectful towards the student participants, other community participants, and witnesses, bailiffs, and other volunteers as they would in a legitimate legal setting.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

* + Profanity
	+ Harassing or intimidating others (such as physical or verbal threats, sexual harassment, etc.)
	+ Comments about attire, appearance, or other immutable characteristics
	+ Discriminatory behavior (such as racial slurs, misgendering, etc.)
	+ Inappropriate personal or derogatory questioning
	+ Vindictive scoring or adjudication
* **\*** Community participants shall act neutrally and impartially while presiding in our competitions in a judicial role. Adjudication of student participants shall not be based on the merits of any case; adjudication shall be based on performance alone.
* Community participants shall take note of the power dynamics at play in their role in the competition environment, and take care to avoid taking advantage of (or appearing to take advantage of) those dynamics.
* If a community participant knows or has a pre-existing relationship that would undermine the participant’s ability to be neutral, the community participant must recuse themselves and ask to be placed with another team.

If you believe that this standard of conduct has been violated in any manner, whether by a student participant, community participant, or any other involved individual, please contact Kolby Cameron at **mchbdev@uw.edu** with information about the transgression. MCHB will do its best to keep identities confidential. If you wish to file a completely anonymous complaint, we urge you to report the complaint in a post-competition survey, however it may limit the role we can play in resolving the complaint.

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