



2017 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition Chicago, Illinois November 3-4

THE COMPETITION

The Appellate Lawyers Association (ALA) will be sponsoring its annual moot court competition on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

ALA members act as judges for one of the only Midwest competitions held at every level in working courtrooms. The final round is scheduled to be held in the ceremonial court room of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Past judges for the final round include: Judge Diane Wood, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. and Judge Edmond E. Chang, U.S. District Judges for the Northern District of Illinois; Justice Anne Burke and Justice Mary Jane Theis, Supreme Court of Illinois; Justice Brent E. Dickson, Supreme Court of Indiana; Justice David Prosser, Jr., Supreme Court of Wisconsin; Justice Robert Cook, Justice Donald C. Hudson, Justice William E. Holdridge, and Justice M. Carol Pope of the Appellate Court of Illinois.

Recent participating schools include University of Wisconsin Law School, Baylor Law School, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, University of Illinois College of Law, St. Louis University School of Law, Liberty University School of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, DePaul University College of Law, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Barry University, Western State College of Law and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

First Place Overall Competition Winner

- Whitney Rutherford and Wesley Vorberger, Liberty University School of Law

Second Place Overall Competition Winner

- Ben Koenigsfeld, Eric Schanowski and Barrick Bollman, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Best Oral Argument

- Tim Barham, Baylor Law School

Best Brief

- Ben Koenigsfeld, Eric Schanowski and Barrick Bollman, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

2017 MOOT COURT QUESTION

In keeping with the ALA's attempt to formulate moot court problems that are "ripped from the headlines," this year's problem will involve an issue of statutory construction recently in the news.

NEW THIS YEAR

Due to increased demand, we will open the competition to as many as 24 teams in 2017, up from the 16 we have accepted in recent years. What's more, we're adding a quarterfinal round to accommodate the added participation, giving every participant a greater chance of advancing from the preliminary rounds.

REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form and mail to Appellate Lawyers Association Attn: Christine Teed, 1717 N. Naper Blvd., Suite 102, Naperville, IL 60563. Questions? Contact Christine at cteed@wmrhq.com or (630) 599-7103. There is a \$100 nonrefundable entry fee for participating in the ALA competition. **The registration deadline is August 18, 2017.**

TESTIMONIALS

“The Appellate Lawyers Association is moot court at its finest! I am fortunate to have met and competed with talented law students, intelligent attorneys, and prestigious judges from all over the United States. The entire process enhanced my appreciation for the courtroom, the appellate practice, and the law.”

Moot Court Student Participant

“The Appellate Lawyers Association Moot Court Competition offers law students an invaluable opportunity to hone their written and oral advocacy skills. As a legal practitioner, I look forward to attending each year to see what timely appellate issue has been selected for the competition. In this way, the competition serves not only as a practicum for future lawyers, but also as forum to educate practicing attorneys on newly emerging legal issues. The competition is well-organized and well-attended by law students and practitioners alike, who share a passion for appellate work.

Moot Court Faculty Advisor

“From the posh meet and greet in a renowned law firm's Chicago highrise to the final round being benched by no less than the sitting Illinois Solicitor General, ALA was a moot court dream... everything you secretly hope a competition will be, but wouldn't dare wish it out loud for fear of jinxing it. A superbly run legal proving ground.”

Moot Court Student Participant

“Using experienced appellate lawyers as judges is far more valuable to our moot court students than are trial-lawyer judges who often don't understand the difference between advocacy to a jury and advocacy to a panel of judges. Your judges were superb. I've never seen a more well-prepared group of judges.”

Moot Court Faculty Advisor

“The ALA Competition was a great experience with an interesting problem, a wonderful city, and fantastic judges.”

Moot Court Student Participant

“I enjoyed participating in the ALA competition this year. The judges that we argued before were particularly helpful with their feedback.”

Moot Court Student Participant

“ALA was an amazing experience that I will never forget. The issues on appeal were extremely interesting and I loved the challenge they posed in researching and crafting legal arguments. The competition was well run throughout its entirety. The experience and honor of arguing in the final round in front of Michael A. Scodro, Illinois' Solicitor General, Justice William E. Holdridge, Illinois Appellate Court Third District, and Justice Donald C. Hudson, Illinois Appellate Court Second District truly made all of the hard work worth it.”

Moot Court Student Participant



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Registration Form

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School Information

Name of Participating Law School: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Team Selection

One Team

Two Teams

Team 1 Member Names

Team 2 Member Names

Team 1 \$100 _____

Team 2 \$100 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Mail to :

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Checks should be made to: Appellate Lawyers Association

Lodging Options

Hotel Allegro
171 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois
312.236.0123
www.allegrochicago.com

Club Quarters
111 W. Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois
312.214.6400
www.clubquarters.com

Cancellation

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing by August 28, 2017.
The \$100 entry fee is nonrefundable.