

INTER - AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMPETITION

MAY 22 - 27, 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 27th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition on May 23–27, 2022. Since its inception in 1995, the competition has brought thousands of students, legal practitioners, and human rights advocates from the Americas and beyond to debate the most pressing human rights issues of our time.

Through the integration of technology-enhanced courtrooms and the work of the Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law’s dedicated faculty and staff, the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition offers a high-impact quality educational experience in furtherance of justice in multiple national and international settings.

I sincerely hope you will take part in this exciting competition.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.
Dean
American University
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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS AND CO-DIRECTORS

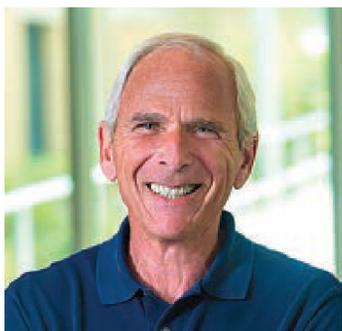


We are excited to celebrate the 27th Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition that this year focuses on the topic of “Climate Change and Human Rights: Impacts, Responsibilities, and Opportunities.”

At the Academy, we echo the words of the author of the 2022 hypothetical case, Astrid Puentes Riaño. “It is essential for new generations of lawyers to understand Climate Change, learn about it, and contribute to solutions.” We are delighted to be a part of the effort to feature this issue more prominently.

Just by participating in the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, you will have the opportunity to build on the skills that will help you in your legal careers and connect with human rights experts from around the globe. We hope to welcome you as a participant in our 27th Celebration of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

Sincerely,



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Co-Director

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Co-Director





2022 COMPETITION THEME:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: IMPACTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Hypothetical Case Author: Astrid Puentes Riaño

About the Competition:

As the world's only trilingual (English, Portuguese, and Spanish) moot court competition on the Inter-American System, the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition creates extraordinary opportunities for law students from across the globe to gain expertise in the Inter-American human rights legal system. Participants engage in research, write a legal memoranda based on a hypothetical case, and present oral arguments before attorneys and leading figures in the human rights field acting as Judges of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights. Throughout the event, participants are also offered unique opportunities to interact with fellow law students, faculty, and human rights practitioners from the hemisphere. Over the years, the Competition has greatly contributed to the strengthening of human rights legal education as well as to the establishment of a network of engaged human rights professionals throughout the Americas and beyond.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 - Online Registration Opens

DECEMBER 10, 2021 - Human Rights Day – Hypothetical Case Available

JANUARY 10, 2022 - Publication of the Official Version of Hypothetical Case

JANUARY 19, 2022 - Clarification Questions on Hypothetical Case Due

MARCH 11, 2022 - Team Registration Deadline

MARCH 25, 2022 - Team Memorial Deadline

APRIL 8, 2022 - Observer Registration Deadline

APRIL 8, 2022 - Bailiff Registration Deadline

MAY 3, 2022 - Judge Registration Deadline

MAY 22, 2022 - Competition Check-in and Opening Ceremony

MAY 23 - 27, 2022 - Oral Rounds





WAYS TO PARTICIPATE



COMPETITOR

Current law students studying for a Juris Doctor (J.D) or its international equivalent are eligible to participate in two-person teams representing their schools through written and oral arguments



BAILIFF

Anyone interested in receiving a front-row seat to the Competition's oral rounds is invited to participate as a bailiff. Bailiffs are responsible for keeping time and order during the 90-minute oral rounds.



COACH

Each team may have one or two coaches, who are usually international law professors or attorneys with expertise in the field. Coaches assist teams with registering, fundraising, and obtaining official approval for their team's participation, as well as developing research strategies.



OBSERVER

Deans, professors, and others affiliated with legal education or human rights law may attend as observers to learn about the Competition model, the Inter-American legal system, and issues surrounding the theme of that year. Observers may attend all Competition events, but do not present arguments.



JUDGE

Lawyers from various countries who have ample experience in international law and/or human rights contribute to the Competition as volunteer judges. They participate by grading written memorials or by judging the Competition's oral rounds.

COMPETITION PARTICIPANT ASSOCIATION

All former participants are invited to join the Participant Association. By doing so, they can connect with the distinct network of Competition alumni from around the world, learn how to coordinate relevant events at their respective universities, and share ideas on how to improve the Competition with the moot court coordinators. For more information, please visit the Competition website.



For More Information Visit Our Website:

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/hracademy/moot/>





27 YEARS

1996-2021

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES:



50+
Participating
Countries



365+
Participating
Universities



4900+
Competitors



2060+
Coaches



1650+
Teams



50+
Universities
Participated
for
10+ Years

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OTHER ACADEMY PROGRAMS

LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law directly addresses the need for specialized training in international human rights law in the United States and around the world today. The program is designed to provide both, theoretical studies and practical skills. Students will benefit from a curriculum with over 50 human rights courses offered every year and taught by expert faculty. The LL.M. Program offers an individualized curriculum in English or Spanish through three diverse tracks: residential, hybrid, or online. Admissions are open for Fall and Spring.

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The Human Rights Essay Award

An annual writing competition that encourages lawyers to produce scholarly work in international human rights law. The Academy grants two awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. Winners receive a scholarship to attend the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and their articles are eligible to be published in the American University International Law Review. The award is open to lawyers around the world. However, only participants with a law degree are eligible to enter the competition.

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Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The Program gathers more than 150 participants from more than 25 countries with different levels of professional experience for an intensive 3 weeks of full immersion into the world of human rights. Participants can choose from 20+ courses in English and Spanish (All courses can be taken for ABA credit). The program provides the unique opportunity to learn and interact with judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Special Rapporteurs and Committee members of the United Nations, members of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, experts from prominent NGOs and professors from all over the world. The Program takes place the week following the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

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Human Rights Summer

This annual event features conferences, workshops, and a film festival. During the Human Rights Summer, the Academy provides a forum for education and discussion of human rights theory. Participants have the opportunity to share first-hand experiences, as well as network with fellow practitioners, scholars, and activists in the field. All panels are open to the public.

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