

**MEMORANDUM TO ALL COMPETITORS**  
**2005 MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY SPRING QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

The Moot Court Honor Society Spring Qualifying Tournament is the competition in which students compete for available spaces on the Inter-School Moot Court Team. In order to participate, students must research and prepare their own briefs, as well as plan and present oral arguments on a model case chosen by the Spring Tournament Committee. Everything contained within this memorandum is subject to the Tournament Instructions, Bylaws and Procedures found at [http://wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/2004-05/spring\\_qualify.cfm](http://wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/2004-05/spring_qualify.cfm).

**I. Important Dates**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Wednesday, February 2	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Cafeteria
	Thursday, February 3	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cafeteria
<b>Session on Brief Writing and Advanced Oral Advocacy Skills</b>	Wednesday, February 9	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Room 402 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Room 603
<b>Briefs Due</b>	Thursday, February 17	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Moot Court Office, R. 542
<b>Oral Arguments</b>	Saturday, February 26	Register at 8:00 a.m.
<b>Results Announced</b>	Sunday, February 27	

## **II. Competition Format**

1. Each participant has been assigned to represent either the Petitioner or Respondent in a model case selected by the Spring Tournament Competition Committee.
2. Participants are required to research a model problem and prepare a 10 page brief (subject to specific requirements and restrictions) arguing their side of the case. See the 2005 Spring Competition Instructions.
3. Participants are also required to prepare a twelve (12) minute oral argument that they will present before a panel of judges. Neither side will have the opportunity for rebuttal. During the morning round of the tournament, competitors will argue "On Brief," which requires them to argue the side (either Petitioner or Respondent) they have prepared in their submitted brief. In the afternoon round, competitors will argue "Off Brief," which requires them to argue on behalf of their opposing side (either Petitioner or Respondent).

## **III. Basic Instructions**

1. Participants are bound by the Washington College of Law Honor Code and must read the following **prior to** beginning the 2005 Spring Qualifying Competition Problem:
  - ❖ 2005 Spring Competition Instructions
  - ❖ 2005 Spring Competition Procedures
  - ❖ 2005 Spring Competition By Laws

The above may be accessed at: [http://wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/2004-05/spring\\_qualify.cfm](http://wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/2004-05/spring_qualify.cfm).

2. Participants may not attend oral arguments at the Supreme Court, nor may they obtain any documents (briefs, amicus briefs, motions, etc.) filed in relation to similar or actual cases. A willful violation of any of these provisions constitutes a violation of the WCL Honor Code.
3. There is a \$15 fee for all competitors.

## **IV. Additional Information**

1. All general questions should be directed to the Spring Tournament Committee via e-mail at SpringQT@gmail.com (please indicate in the subject line the nature of your question).

**NOTE:** The Spring Tournament Committee **does not** keep a record of the Blind Grading Number assigned to each participant. **It is your responsibility to keep a record of this information.** Should you lose your blind grading number, use the number assigned to you by the registrar's office LAST semester. Your blind grading number is attached to this memo.