

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What format should we use for the brief, including font size and font type?

A: Although the Rules of the Burton D. Wechsler Competition stipulate that the format for the brief should follow the format used by the United States Supreme Court, Courier New is the only font that consistently adheres to the rules requirement that each line contain no more than 10 characters per inch. When the Supreme Court mentions “roman type” in its rules, that applies to the small booklet briefs and not filings on 8.5x11 inch paper, and also includes many fonts, not simply Times New Roman. **Thus, for purposes of this competition, teams should use Courier New 12 in order to adhere to both the spacing and character requirements set forth in the competition rules. The spacing requirements are stringent and will be measured by the brief graders for accuracy, so please note these requirements carefully.**

Q: What will our schedule be like during the competition weekend?

A: The schedule of events is available on the Burton D. Wechsler competition homepage of our website: www.wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/