

**ALVINA RECKMAN-MYERS FIRST YEAR COMPETITION**  
**INFORMATION SHEET**

Thank you for your interest in the Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Competition. Your competition directors are B. Cory Schwartz and Jahmila Williams and they can be reached at FirstYearCompDirectors@gmail.com with any questions regarding the competition.

**The Problem:**

- You will be provided with a motion, opposition to the motion, denial of motion from the district court, and an order granting appeal from the circuit court.
- No outside research is permitted. You may only use authorities cited in the problem.
- There is no writing component.
- You will be randomly assigned to either petitioner or respondent when you register.

**Important Dates:**

- Registration will be held from November 16, 2009 to November 23, 2009. There is a **\$15 registration fee**.
- The problem will be posted on December 21, 2009. ***The last day that you may drop from the competition without a penalty is January 22, 2010.***
- The competition will be held on January 30, 2010 (Saturday); January 31, 2010 (Sunday); and February 5, 2010 (Friday).

**Structure of the Competition:**

- The First Round will take place on January 30, 2010 throughout the whole day.
- The Quarterfinals will be held the following morning, January 31, 2010 for the top 32 qualifiers.
- The Semifinals are held the afternoon of January 31, 2010 for the top 16 qualifiers.
- The Finals are held the following Friday, February 5, 2010 for the top 4 finalists.
- You will be scored on the organization of your argument (Roadmap), the clarity and persuasiveness of your arguments, your presentation, and your responsiveness to questions. You will receive feedback at the end of each round.

**What to Expect on the Day of Competition:**

- For the First Round, you will argue twice in either the morning or afternoon session.
- You should wear a suit and look professional.
- One petitioner and one respondent will argue in each room before a panel of professors, practitioners, and students.
- You will each get 15 minutes to argue. The Petitioner should be prepared to give a recitation of the facts. The Petitioner may also reserve up to 3 minutes for rebuttal. There will be a bailiff to keep track of your time.
- You may bring materials with you to the lectern. However, these materials should be contained in a plain folder and preferably taped to its surfaces.
- You will be randomly assigned to your opponent. You may not pair up with a friend.
- Room 100 or 101 will be the waiting room. Food/coffee will be provided throughout the day.

**Snow Policy:**

- If there is **heavy** snow the day of the competition, we may cancel and post an alert on the competition web page.