Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Tournament

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Thank you for your interest in the Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Competition! The competition directors are Courtney Moran and Rafael Roberti, and they can be reached at *FirstYearCompDirectors@gmail.com*. You can also find information on the website: *http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/reckman_myers.cfm*.

THE PROBLEM

- You will be provided with the Record, which includes a newspaper article, complaint, answer, motion for preliminary injunction, opposition to the motion, district court order denying the motion, notice of appeal, and order granting the appeal.
- You will be arguing in front of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fiftieth Circuit.
- No outside research is permitted. You may only read and use authorities cited in the problem.
- There is no writing component.
- You will be randomly assigned to either Appellant or Appellee when you register.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration will be held from November 14–18, 2011. There is a non-refundable **$15 registration fee**. You may register at the tables in the lobby or online: *https://www.wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/rmregistration.cfm*.
- The problem will be posted on January 2, 2012.
- **The last day that you may drop from the competition without penalty is January 23, 2012.**
- The competition will be held on Saturday, January 28, and Sunday, January 29, 2012.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- The First Round will take place on January 28, 2012. You will argue twice in either the morning or afternoon session.
- The Quarterfinals will be held the following morning, January 29, 2012, for the top 32 competitors.
- The Semifinals will be held the afternoon of January 29, 2012, for the top 16 competitors.
- The Finals will be held the evening of January 29, 2012, for the top 4 competitors.
- You will be scored on the organization of your argument (roadmap), the clarity and persuasiveness of your argument, 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

- You should wear a suit and look professional.
- One Appellant and one Appellee will argue in each room before a panel of professors, practitioners, and students.
- You will each get 15 minutes to argue. The Appellant should be prepared to give a recitation of the facts. The Appellant may also reserve up to 3 minutes for rebuttal. A bailiff will 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.
- Food and coffee will be provided throughout the day.

SNOW POLICY

- If there is snow the day of competition, we may cancel and post an alert on the competition website.