

First Year Tournament Information Session

November 12, 2018

3:30 PM

**A video recording of this information session is available to WCL students
upon request.**

First Year Moot Court Competitions

What is Moot Court?

- Simulated appellate court
 - Not trial or negotiation
- Compete in competitions around the world
- Host competitions at WCL
 - Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition (Wex)
 - Alvina Reckman-Meyers First Year Moot Court Competition (Alvina)
 - Moot Court Honors Society Spring Qualifying Tournament (SQT)
 - Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Jessup)

What is Alvina?

- Open only to First Year Students at WCL
- Fun opportunity to practice oral argument
 - Closed universe problem
 - No writing required
 - The record and briefs outline arguments and are provided
- Great preparation for SQT and Legal Rhetoric Appellate Argument
 - Low stakes
 - Judges give great feedback
 - Guaranteed two moots (arguments)

What is SQT?

- Spring Qualifying Tournament
- Open to 1Ls, 2Ls, and Part-Time 3Ls
- Two components:
 - Brief Writing
 - Oral Arguments
- Registration begins Monday after *Alvina* (January 14th)
- SQT Oral Arguments are on Sunday, February 10th
- Questions? MootCourtSQT@gmail.com

How does *Alvina* work?

- Each competitor assigned to either the Petitioner or Respondent's argument
- Argue in front of a panel of three judges
 - Judges are members of Moot Court Honor Society
 - Judges give lots of constructive feedback to each competitor
- Day 1 – Preliminary Arguments
- Day 2 – Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Finals
 - Final is open to the public and in the Weinstein Courtroom
 - Outstanding advocacy at *Alvina* can help in SQT

Important Dates

- December 9, 2018 — Alvina Registration closes
- December 21, 2018 — Problem is released
- January 12–13, 2019 — Tournament

Joint Honor Society Information Session

This Thursday, November 15th

Weinstein Courtroom

12:00 PM and 10:00 PM

Questions?

- Alvina: FirstYearCompDirectors@gmail.com
- **How to register:**
 - \$15.00, non-refundable
 - wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt (or just Google “Alvina WCL”)
 - Link through WCL Daily Bulletin
- Social Media
 - WCL Moot Court Honor Society (Facebook)
 - [wclmchs](#) (Instagram)