

INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

May 23 - 28, 2021

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AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

CONCURSO INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS



COMPETIÇÃO DE JULGAMENTO SIMULADO DO SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DIREITOS HUMANOS



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
COLLEGE OF LAW

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

IACHR Inter-American
Commission on
Human Rights



26 YEARS



50+
*Participating
Countries*



360+
*Participating
Universities*



4800+
Competitors



2000+
Coaches



1600+
Teams



40+
*Universities
Participated for
10+ Years*

PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES

ANGOLA	ECUADOR	PUERTO RICO
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	EL SALVADOR	ROMANIA
ARGENTINA	FRANCE	RUSSIA
AUSTRALIA	GEORGIA	SINGAPORE
BAHAMAS	GERMANY	SPAIN
BARBADOS	GHANA	SRI LANKA
BELGIUM	GREECE	ST. KITTS & NEVIS
BELIZE	GRENADA	ST. LUCIA
BOLIVIA	GUATEMALA	ST. VICENT AND THE GRENADINES
BRAZIL	HONDURAS	SURINAME
CAMEROON	INDIA	SWITZERLAND
CANADA	JAMAICA	THE GAMBIA
CHILE	MEXICO	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
COLOMBIA	NICARAGUA	UNITED STATES
COSTA RICA	NIGERIA	URUGUAY
DOMINICA	PANAMA	VENEZUELA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	PARAGUAY	
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,



It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 26th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition on May 23 – 28, 2021 at American University Washington College of Law. Since its inception in 1995, the competition has brought thousands of students, legal practitioners, and human rights advocates from the Americas and beyond to debate the most pressing human rights issues of our time. Through the integration of technology-enhanced courtrooms and the work of the Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law's dedicated faculty and staff, the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition offers you a high-impact quality educational experience in furtherance of justice in multiple national and international settings. I sincerely hope you will be available to take part in this exciting competition.

Sincerely,

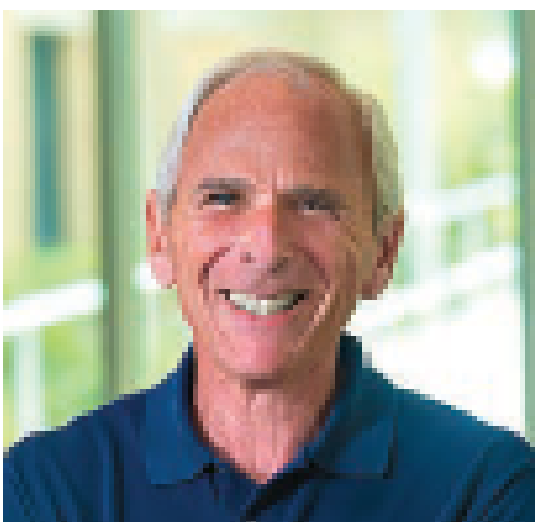
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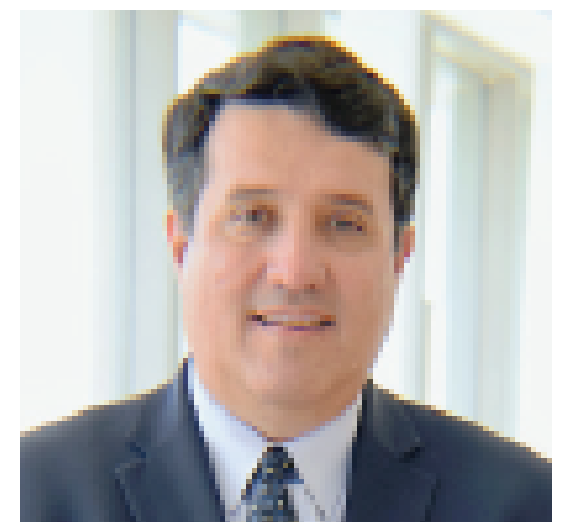
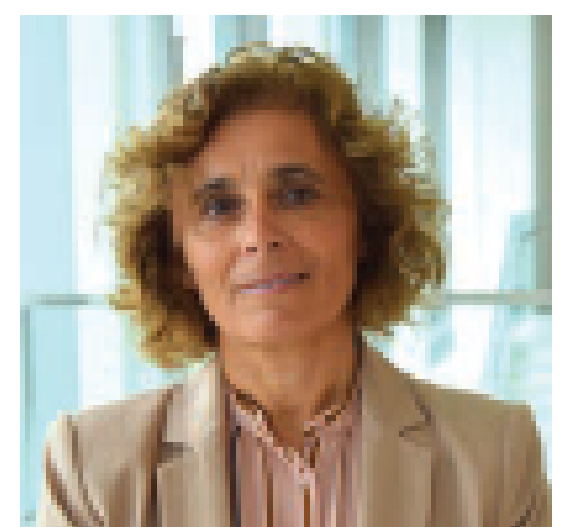
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Washington College of Law

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS AND CO-DIRECTORS



We are excited to celebrate the 26th Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. The case for the 2021 Competition, which focuses on the topic of "Human Rights and States of Emergency: Unexpected Crisis and New Challenges" will be written by Carlos Ayala and Santiago Martinez. The relationship between States of Emergency, Unexpected Crisis, and International Human Rights Law, and the emerging challenges in this relationship are important topics within the Inter-American system. We are excited to be a part of the effort to feature this issue more prominently. Just by participating in the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, you will have the opportunity to build on the skills that will help you in your legal careers and connect with human rights experts from around the globe. We hope to welcome you as a participant in our 26th Celebration of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.



Sincerely,

Claudio Grossman
Co-Chair

Robert K. Goldman
Co-Chair

Claudia Martin
Co-Director

Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón
Co-Director



2021 Competition Theme:

"Human Rights and States of Emergency: Unexpected Crisis and New Challenges"

2021 Hypothetical Case Authors:

CARLOS AYALA & SANTIAGO MARTINEZ

About the Competition:

As the world's only trilingual moot court competition on the Inter-American System, the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition creates extraordinary opportunities for law students from across the globe to gain expertise in the Inter-American human rights legal system. Participants engage in research, write legal briefs based on a hypothetical case, and present oral arguments before attorneys and leading figures in the human rights field.

Throughout the event, participants are also offered unique opportunities to interact with fellow law students, faculty, and human rights practitioners from the hemisphere. Over the years, the Competition has greatly contributed to the strengthening of human rights legal education as well as to the establishment of a network of engaged human rights professionals throughout the Americas and beyond.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Online Registration Opens

DECEMBER 10, 2020

Human Rights Day –
Hypothetical Case Available

JANUARY 20, 2021

Clarification Questions About
Hypothetical Case Due

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Answers to Clarification Questions
Available Online

MARCH 12, 2021

Team Registration Deadline

MARCH 25, 2021

Team Memorial Deadline

APRIL 9, 2021

Bailiff Registration Deadline

APRIL 9, 2021

Observer Registration Deadline

MAY 4, 2021

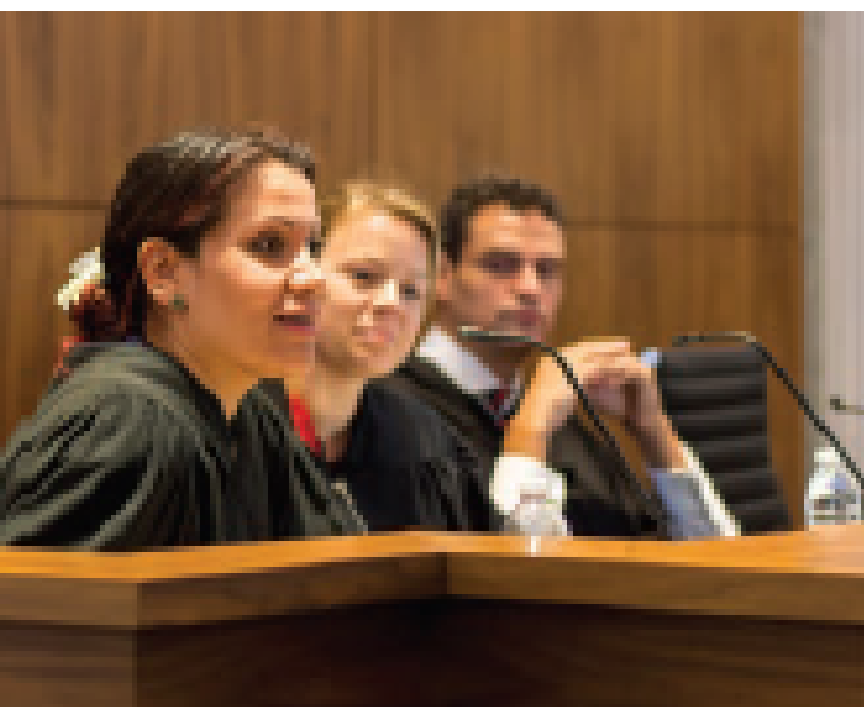
Judge Registration Deadline

MAY 23, 2021

Competition Check-in
and Opening Ceremony

MAY 23 - 28, 2021

Oral Rounds at American University Washington College of Law





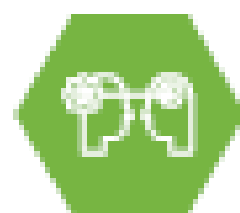
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

COMPETITOR



Current law students studying for a Juris Doctor (J.D.) or its international equivalent are eligible to participate in two-person teams representing their schools through written and oral arguments.

COACH



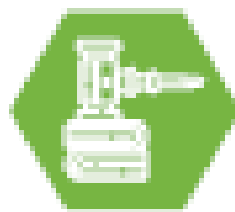
Each team may have one or two coaches, who are usually international law professors or attorneys with expertise in the field. Coaches assist teams with registering, fundraising, and obtaining official approval for their team's participation, as well as developing research strategies.

OBSERVER



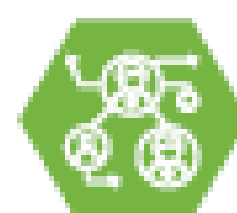
Deans, professors, and others affiliated with legal education or human rights law may attend as observers to learn about the Competition model, the Inter-American legal system, and issues surrounding the theme of that year. Observers may attend all Competition events, but do not present arguments.

JUDGE



Lawyers from various countries who have ample experience in international law and/or human rights contribute to the competition as volunteer judges. They participate by grading written memorials from their home city, or by traveling to Washington, D.C. to evaluate the Competition's oral rounds.

BAILIFF



Anyone interested in receiving a front-row seat to the Competition's oral rounds is invited to participate as a bailiff. Bailiffs are responsible for keeping time and order during the 90-minute oral rounds.

COMPETITION PARTICIPANT ASSOCIATION

All former participants are invited to join the Participant Association. By doing so, they can connect with the distinct network of Competition alumni from around the world, learn how to coordinate relevant events at their respective universities, and share ideas on how to improve the Competition with the moot court coordinators. For more information, please visit the Competition website.

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