INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
MOOT COURT COMPETITION

May 23 - 28, 2021

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1995-2021

CELEBRATING

COMPETIÇÃO DE JULGAMENTO SIMULADO DO SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DIREITOS HUMANOS
26 YEARS

50+ Participating Countries

360+ Participating Universities

4800+ Competitors

2000+ Coaches

1600+ Teams

40+ Universities Participated for 10+ Years

PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES

ANGOLA
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SURINAME
SWITZERLAND
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
UNITED STATES
URUGUAY
VENEZUELA
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 tak part in this exciting competition.

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Robert Dinerstein
Acting Dean
American University
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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