

2016-2017 MOOT COURT NEW MEMBER APPLICATION:
CASE COUNSEL AND TEAM MEMBERS

What position(s) are you applying for? (Check both if applicable)

Case Counsel _____

Competition Team _____

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Phone: _____ Preferred E-mail: _____

USF ID Number: _____ Current Year in School: _____

Full Time / Part Time (circle) *If PT, are you planning on moving to full time next year? YES / NO*

LRWA Professor: _____ LRWA Grade(s): Fall _____ Spring (if 2L or PT 3L) _____

GPA: _____ Class Percentile: _____

How many units do you expect to take next year? (F) _____ (S) _____

Maximum units for a FT student are 16, 11 for PT.

Case Counsel receive 1 unit per semester.

Team Members receive 2 units during the semester they compete and are also required to take the 3-unit Appellate Advocacy Class in the Fall.

All Case Counsel and Team Members are required to enroll in the Advocate of the Year Competition (1 unit) during the Fall semester.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION FORM;
- A SIGNED COPY OF PAGE(S) 5 AND/OR 6 OF THIS APPLICATION;
- ATTACHED SHEETS WITH ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-6 (see below);
- A CURRENT RESUME;
- A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT PRINTED FROM "USF CONNECT."
- LRWA WRITING SAMPLE (Please indicate the semester it was written. If you are a 2L or 3L, a more recent writing sample may be used).

Instructions for Turning in Your Application:

Applications are due no later than **7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 13th**. You will submit **both** a hard copy and an electronic copy.

- Hard copies should be turned in to the Faculty Services Office, KN 300. ***Do not staple the application together. Instead, use a paperclip or binder clip.***
- Electronic copies of the application AND ALL attachments **MUST be in ONE merged PDF document saved as "[YOUR LAST NAME] MOOT COURT PROGRAM APPLICATION"** and should be emailed to usfmootcourt@gmail.com by 7 pm also.

Interviews will take place sometime between **April 18 – April 20** in the Moot Court Office (Zief 11).
These dates subject to change.

I represent that all of the above information is true and correct and I agree that the Registrar may verify my cumulative GPA and academic standing.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Instructions: If applying for a competition team, please also complete the following on pages 2-3:

In which advocacy/trial competitions are you interested? *See descriptions of competitions in Moot Court Program Information Packet.*

Please indicate whether you are interested or would not be interested in competing in the following competitions:

Team	Interested	Would not be interested
Civil Trial* (Fall)		
Criminal Trial* (Fall)		
Tang (Fall)		
Criminal Procedure (Fall)		
Lefkowitz (Spring)		
NAAC (Spring)		
Brown Admiralty Law (Spring)		
Wagner (Spring)		
Asylum & Refugee (Spring)		
UCLA Williams Institute Gender and Sexuality Law**		
Pepperdine Entertainment Law**		
Whittier National Juvenile Law**		
Tulane Sports Law**		
Pace Environmental Law**		

* Students participating in the criminal or civil trial teams

- o Must already have taken Evidence **and**
- o Must take in Fall 2016 or must have already taken Applied Evidence, **and**
- o Must take in Fall 2016 or must have already taken Trial Practice Class (or already participated in IAP over the summer)

This means that 1Ls will not be considered for trial teams.

Interested students may apply at this time, but Trial Team members will not be selected until after the completion of IAP in June 2016. Students interested in a trial advocacy team are therefore strongly encouraged to participate in IAP in June.

Once selected for a trial team, students must enroll in Applied Evidence. Trial team members are not required to take Appellate Advocacy.

** Indicates "Potential Competition." Participation will depend on various factors including program resources and number of interested students.

Note: You should not mark interest solely in competitions that we are not guaranteed to participate in.

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Instructions: If applying for a competition team, please also complete the following (cont'd):

**Have you taken or will you be enrolled in any of the following courses next fall?
 (Check all that apply.)**

Course	I have taken or will be enrolled:
Copyright/Trademark	
Employment/Labor	
Intensive Advocacy Program (IAP)	
Maritime Law	
Criminal Procedure	
Environmental Law	
Juvenile Law	
IP Survey	
Patent	
Trial Practice (Civil or Criminal)	
Immigration	
Applied Evidence	
Sports Law	
Sexuality Law	
Int'l Law/Human Rights	
Other class relevant to a competition:	

Have you previously participated in AYC? If so, when? _____

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Instructions: For both Case Counsel and Competition Team applicants, answer the questions below on a typed separate sheet of paper and attach your answers to the application packet.

1. Why do you want to become a case counsel and/or team member? What moot court related experiences have you participated in that have made you interested in applying? If applicable, how have you shown your interest in USF's moot court program (bailiffing, etc.)?
2. Please explain what you hope to get out of your participation in the Moot Court Program? (e.g., have fun, gain skills, professionally network, compete/challenge yourself, etc.)
3. Describe any relevant team, group, teaching, mentoring or coaching experiences you have had **in the last five (5) years** and how those prepared you for the positions for which you are applying.
 - For example, if you coached soccer last year and you had to mediate a difficult conflict between two players, tell us about that experience, what you learned, and how it will prepare to be a moot court program member.
4. In the next academic year, do you plan to work or participate in any of the following activities: tutoring, internship, judicial externship, clinical program, law review/journal? If yes, please indicate which activities and how many hours per week/units per semester. Also include any specific time constraints for the academic year (including holiday and spring breaks) and any concerns you may have with the schedule requirements for participating as case counsel or team member.

If applying for Case Counsel, please also answer question five (5).

5. If applicable, please describe any relevant writing experience, apart from LRWA or Moot Court (legal or otherwise), including any publications or awards for written work.

If applying for Competition Team, answer questions six (6) and seven (7) and see page seven (7) for final assignment.

6. Being on a competition team takes so much time and effort. How dedicated are you to being a team member? Do you work with others well? Are you willing to devote up to twenty hours per week as your competition approaches?
7. Why are you interested in the competitions you said you were interested in above? Are you open to anything?

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MOOT COURT PROGRAM MEMBER CONTRACT

COMPETITION TEAM MEMBER:

I understand that Program membership is a yearlong commitment. As a Team Member, regardless of which semester I compete, I understand that I may have weekly team commitments at which my attendance is required.

As a team member, I understand that once my competition problem is released, I will no longer have the opportunity to voluntarily remove myself from the program, barring extreme, unforeseen circumstances. Furthermore, I understand I will be required to devote considerable time to the program, which will require significant time commitments as well as group meetings. **I understand that some of these time commitments may occur during winter break for brief writing and/or spring break for oral argument practice and/or competition travel.**

As a Team Member, I understand that externships are discouraged during the semester in which my competition competes in oral argument. I understand that in order to participate in any internship, externship or employment in the semester in which my oral argument occurs, I must first receive the express permission of the Moot Court Board.

I understand that team placements, once made, are tentative and an offer to be on a specific team does not guarantee that I will actually compete on that team and that I may be moved as circumstances require. I also understand that the various competition rules may be modified year-to-year without advanced notice to the Moot Court Board and that team placement is based on the rules from the previous year. Therefore, team membership may need to be modified based on new developments in team rules.

I understand that brief writing and oral argument responsibilities may need to be divided amongst an uneven number of team members. As such, I understand that some team members may be responsible for larger portions of the brief or may argue more than others, however, I will commit to being an equitable participant on my team.

I understand that team participation and membership in the program is contingent upon successful completion of Appellate Advocacy or Applied Evidence (for trial teams). Further, I understand that selection and team placement is contingent upon, among other considerations, performance in Appellate Advocacy as shown through class attendance & participation, the final brief and oral argument, and performance in the Advocate of the Year Competition (AYC) or the Intensive Advocacy Program (IAP).

I agree that if, subsequent to being selected and accepting a position in the program, I am no longer able to participate, I will notify the Moot Court Board **immediately**. **This includes but is not limited to a change in academic eligibility, transfer to another law school and time conflicts.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

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CASE COUNSEL:

I understand that Program membership is a yearlong commitment. I understand that I will have Program commitments in both semesters of the year.

I understand that I will be required to devote considerable time during the fall semester to the development of my topic and Bench Memo. I also understand that during the spring semester I will be required to devote considerable time in the LRWA class to which I am assigned. **I understand that some of the time commitments may occur during winter break and/or spring break for Bench Memo writing and class preparation.**

I agree that if, subsequent to being placed in the program, I am no longer able to participate, I will notify the Moot Court Board **immediately**. This includes but is not limited to a change in academic eligibility, transfer to another law school and time conflicts.

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COMPETITION TEAM APPLICANTS – 1-2 MINUTE ARGUMENT PRESENTATION:

The Board would like all Competition Team applicants to prepare a 1-2 minute introductory statement and roadmap taken/adapted from their First Year Moot Court Oral Argument. Applicants will be expected to present this brief argument in front of the Board as a part of their 10-minute interview. These short presentations will better allow the Board to place applicants on teams with complimentary personalities and skillsets, giving each program member the opportunity for success.

“Scoring” will not be based on legal analysis, but rather presentation style and ability to form cohesive and concise arguments. Although notes will be permitted, applicants should be mindful that this is an exercise in presentation skills and reading from notes is not encouraged. Applicants’ oral argument performances will be weighed in addition to overall performance in the interview and application. No single portion of the application process is dispositive.