

**APPLICATION FOR 2018-2019 MOOT COURT PROGRAM:  
CASE COUNSEL AND COMPETITION 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

USF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Time / Part Time (circle) *If PT, are you planning on transferring 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. A **minimum GPA of 2.4 is required with good standing to apply.***

**\*Applications are due by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 12th.** Please submit an electronic copy of the application and ALL attachments as **ONE PDF document to [usfmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:usfmootcourt@gmail.com).**

**\*Title applications "[First Name Last Name] – New Member Application."** For example, John Smith would title his/her/their PDF **John Smith – New Member Application.**

Interviews will take place before the end of April in the Moot Court Office (Zief 11).

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

- (1) A completed and signed application form;
- (2) A signed copy of page(s) 4 and/or 5 of this application;
- (3) Typed responses to questions 1-7 (see below);
- (4) A current resume;
- (5) A copy of your transcript printed from "MyUSF";
- (6) A legal writing sample indicating the semester it was written.

***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 \_\_\_\_\_

**IF APPLYING FOR A MOOT COURT COMPETITION TEAM, PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Please rank the following competition teams in order of interest, with “1” being your first choice, and denote teams in which you are unwilling to participate with “x.” Please do not rank any “potential” competitions in your top 3.

*See descriptions of competitions in the Moot Court Program Information Packet.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Trial*	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Trial*	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure (NCPT)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lefkowitz	<input type="checkbox"/> Tang	<input type="checkbox"/> Tulane Sports Law **
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Admiralty Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Wagner	<input type="checkbox"/> UCLA Gender and Sexuality Law**
<input type="checkbox"/> NAAC	<input type="checkbox"/> HNBA**	<input type="checkbox"/> Pepperdine Entertainment Law**
<input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Refugee	<input type="checkbox"/> Rich**	<input type="checkbox"/> Whittier National Juvenile Law**
<input type="checkbox"/> Pace National Environmental Law**	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

**\*Evidence and participation in either IAP or Trial Practice are a pre-requisite OR co-requisite for membership on a Trial Team.** Interested students may apply at this time, but Trial Team members will not be selected until after the completion of IAP in June 2015. Students interested in a trial advocacy team are therefore strongly encouraged to participate in IAP this June. If selected students have not yet completed Evidence and do not, or are unable to, enroll in the class their fall semester, they will be removed from the team. Once selected for a trial team, students must also enroll in Applied Evidence.

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Copyright/Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> IP Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Int’l Law/Human Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Advocacy Program (IAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial Practice	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied Evidence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Law	
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexuality Law	

**Have you previously participated in AYC? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_**

**CASE COUNSEL AND COMPETITION TEAM MEMBERS:** Type responses to the questions below.

1. Why do you want to be a case counsel and/or team member? Indicate whether you have a preference, and explain why.
2. What do you hope to get out of your participation in the Moot Court Program?
3. Describe any relevant team, group, teaching, mentoring or coaching experiences you have had that prepare you for the positions for which you are applying. Include sport teams, debate teams, school-related activities such as membership in any student organizations, and any previous Moot Court or public speaking experience.
4. If applicable, please describe relevant writing experience, apart from LRWA or Moot Court (legal or otherwise), including any publications or awards for written work.
5. 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.
6. **For Case Counsel applicants:** What are your plans for this summer? Will you be in the Bay Area?
  - a. What research have you done into the time commitment and workload required from a Case Counsel?
  - b. Please share any suggestions you have to improve the First Year Moot Court Program.
  - c. Please describe your ideas for future First Year Moot Court topics, and address whether you are comfortable working with a topic assigned to you by your LRWA professor?
  - d. Please explain whether you are willing to work for an LRWA professor other than your LRWA professor?
7. **For Competition Team applicants:** What are your plans for this summer? Will you be in the Bay Area?
  - a. What skills, interests, or experiences demonstrate your qualifications to compete on the teams for which you have applied? Please write about each competition in which you are interested, and rank them in order of most to least interested.

# 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.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

## MOOT COURT PROGRAM TEAM MEMBER CONTRACT

### CASE COUNSEL:

I understand that Program membership is a year-long commitment, and therefore 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 the writing of my Bench Memo. I understand that writing and editing the Bench Memo will likely continue late into the Spring semester. 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, and that my professor may require I hold office hours/practice sessions outside of class time. I understand I will be required to provide a one-hour one-on-one session to each first-year student in my LRWA class during a two-week period.

I understand that I will be attending First Year Moot Court weekend to coach the students in my LRWA class.

**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 subsequent to being placed in the program I will maintain reasonable communication with my fellow Case Counsel, LRWA professor, and the Moot Court Board.

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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Signature of Applicant

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Date

## **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.

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.