Moot Court Programs 2016–2017

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Dear Class of 2019:

In the spring, you will take the second half of the Legal Practice Workshop. As in the fall, you will receive one (1) point of credit for this course. A requirement of the Workshop is that, in addition to the coursework, you participate in one of the Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison moot courts or in one of the approved international moot court programs listed below. Most of you will satisfy this requirement through participation in the 1L Foundation Moot Court. Through that program, you will receive a problem in January and, working in pairs, write several drafts of an appellate brief. You will then orally argue your position before a panel of alumni and student judges.

You may also satisfy this requirement through participation in one of the following:

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Moot Court
- Environmental Law Moot Court
- European Law Moot Court (EU)
- Frederick Douglass Moot Court
- Jessup International Moot Court
- LaLSA Moot Court
- National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court
- Vienna International Arbitration Moot Court (Vis)
- Williams Institute Moot Court*

Enrollment for each of the programs listed above is limited. These programs have their own timetables, which are set by the sponsoring organizations. For some of the programs, you will begin writing your brief in the fall semester. However, regardless of the timetable or other requirements of the particular program in which you participate, you will need to attend and complete satisfactorily the corresponding Legal Practice Workshop section, which runs through the entire spring semester. As part of this course, you will revise your brief under the supervision of a student editor and instructor, in order to satisfy the 1L requirements.†

I hope that you have an engaging and rewarding moot court experience!

Sincerely,

Ilene Strauss
Director, Legal Writing and Moot Court Programs

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† The arrangements for the international programs—EU, Jessup, and Vis—are somewhat different, so you should consult with the student coordinators and the supervising faculty members of those programs.
The Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison Moot Court Program

1L Foundation Moot Court

Beginning in January, each 1L participant researches and writes an appellate brief under the close supervision of an upper-class student editor and an instructor. The problems are designed by the editors and in the past have involved a range of legal issues, including First Amendment violations, trademark infringement, libel, securities fraud, employment discrimination, and criminal law. The editors and instructors work with the participants through all stages of the research, drafting, and revision process. Later in the semester, students will present oral arguments on their briefs before panels of alumni attorneys and student judges. The 1L Foundation Moot Court is an excellent opportunity for 1L students to develop and apply the research and writing skills acquired in the fall semester, while offering students practical training in brief writing, revision, and appellate advocacy. The structure and pace of the course allow students to create polished writing samples while reflecting on the purpose of various components of an appellate brief.

Satisfactory completion of the 1L Foundation Moot Court fulfills the moot court requirement and is mandatory for those not participating in an equivalent specialized moot court program.

Eligibility
All 1L students are eligible to participate in the spring, and no application is required. Foundation Moot Court is mandatory for those not participating in an equivalent specialized moot court program.

Requirements
Satisfactory completion of an appellate brief and oral argument

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The Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association, is a moot court devoted to issues of intellectual property law. Last year’s problem, for example, dealt with the patentability of an internet-enabled voting machine. Through participation in the AIPLA Moot Court, students will learn the basics of intellectual property law and the appellate procedures of the Federal Circuit.

Requirements
While the AIPLA Moot Court problem will address issues in intellectual property law, no formal background in science, technology, copyright, or other IP areas is necessary. Team selections will be made based on the completion of application materials and an enthusiasm for intellectual property and/or public speaking. Intellectual property is a growing practice within the legal profession that touches upon a variety of industries, including science, technology, healthcare, media, entertainment, sports, and finance, among others. Many private law firms report a growing need for intellectual property departments, while both cases and transactions more frequently feature an intellectual property component. Our internal moot court curriculum is designed so that team members will first receive exposure to intellectual property law and public speaking, at which point they will be prepared to address the AIPLA Moot Court problem.

Schedule
To determine which teams will attend the regional competition in March 2017, we will judge students’ legal writing and oral advocacy skills based on the submission of the first LPW memo and hold oral arguments based on a patent-related prompt in mid-October. All students must compete in the internal competition.

The four students that perform the best in the internal competition will advance to the regional competition, where they will represent Columbia Law School against teams from other schools. Regional competitors, in teams of two, write an appellant and an appellee brief over winter break. Each team will work closely with the editors and coaches, who will assist with research and the brief-writing process. The regional competition will be held this March in Boston. The top teams from each regional competition advance to the national competition, where students argue before the Federal Circuit for the championship title and a prize of $2,000. Last year, the team of Antonia Hyman and Christine Chen reached the semifinals at regionals, and Antonia received the award for Best Oral Advocate. Last year’s team of Jordyn Eisenpress and John Fraser received the award for Best Appellant Brief and won the regional competition. Columbia also advanced to the national competition. Columbia was the only school represented by 1Ls at either the regional or national competition.

Application Process
We will select at least twelve students for the AIPLA moot court this fall. Applications will be distributed at our information session on September 16. Interested students who are not able to attend the information session should contact Alie Bornstein directly for application materials. Applications will be due when moot court rankings are due.

**AIPLA Information Session**
Wednesday, September 14
12:10–1 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.

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Environmental Law Moot Court

The Environmental Law Moot Court (ELMC) Competition is a great way to fulfill your 1L moot court requirement while working on a fascinating legal issue. Past years’ problems have covered various areas of environmental law and have involved statutory, constitutional, and international issues. They have required students to consider: whether a Clean Air Act permit is needed to build a particular biomass facility, a dispute over which federal agency should regulate waste dumped into water bodies, the ability to sue a carbon dioxide emitter for contributing to global warming, and constitutional limits on water pollution regulation. Every year the problem spans a multitude of legal areas including, but not limited to: evidence, property, administrative, and constitutional law.

Informational Meeting
The first general interest meeting for ELMC will be held Tuesday, September 13th at 4:30 p.m. Up to 12 1L students may participate in ELMC, which will be divided into two teams. One team composed of three students will attend the Pace National Environmental Moot Court Competition at Pace Law School from February 23–25. The other team of nine students will participate in an internal oral argument round in mid-March. ELMC is one of the few moot courts where competitors for the Pace event are selected at the beginning of the fall semester, rather than in the spring.

Internal Program
The internal Columbia environmental law moot court is noncompetitive. The oral argument round will be judged by professionals and experts in the area of environmental law. This option is recommended for those students who wish to fulfill their moot court requirement and improve both writing and oral skills in a noncompetitive program.

Application: National Program
Students wishing to participate in the Pace competition should submit an application via email to Michael Lanci by 5 p.m., September 19th. All those who submit an application will be contacted to set up a time for a brief audition and interview with the editors. Last year the team of Michael Lanci, Tony Raduazo, and Young Choi reached the semifinals of the national competition. Columbia was the only school represented by 1Ls at the national competition.

Application: Internal Program
Students interested in the internal program may opt out of the application process. These students may sign up to join at our informational meeting or by email to Michael Lanci by 5 p.m., September 19th. If interest exceeds the maximum of 12 students, a short statement of interest will be requested from those who do not submit applications for Pace.

Though it is not required that students applying to the internal program apply to be a member of the external team, interest in the program has far exceeded available spots in previous years. In the event that spots for the internal team are similarly limited,
preference will be given to those who express interest by applying to the external team. Therefore we strongly encourage students interested in the internal program to apply to the external team as well.

**Important Dates**

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Frederick Douglass Moot Court
Sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association

Become an Outstanding Advocate
The Frederick Douglass Moot Court team is looking for 1Ls from all backgrounds that are excited about developing their writing and advocacy skills. Topics generally concern constitutional law issues affecting minorities, and in recent years have included: cruel and unusual punishment, due process, ineffective assistance of counsel, the Defense of Marriage Act, minority voting rights, classification of NCAA athletes as employees, affirmative action, torture, felon disenfranchisement statutes, and racial profiling.

Become Part of a Winning Legacy
Frederick Douglass (Fred Doug) Moot Court is truly a team—and in fact the largest competitive team at Columbia Law School. Team members work closely together throughout the year and inevitably develop a tangible identity within the Law School. Fred Doug 2Ls and 3Ls remain actively and enthusiastically involved, serving as coaches, editors, and judges. This loyalty and support is integral to our team’s long tradition of excellence and success in competition. Last year, our team took first place at the regional competition along with winning best petitioner brief. At the national competition, our team placed first in the country, with a competitor winning the best oral advocate award. In prior years we have had similar success, including winning the national competition, sweeping regionals by winning all individual awards, as well as taking first, second, and third place at the competition. Additionally for the past three of five years, our competitors have received Columbia’s Simon H. Rifkind Prize for best first-year moot court performance.

Make the Most of Your Moot Court Experience
You can expect Frederick Douglass Moot Court to be a substantial time commitment, but you can also expect huge returns on your investment. You and your partner will work with 2L editors who will workshop your brief several times before submission, making the final product an excellent writing sample for employers. Once the second semester begins, your focus will turn to oral advocacy. You will be expected to master both sides of the problem—an incredibly rewarding challenge. Each team will complete numerous practice sessions in the weeks leading up to the regional competition. During those sessions, panels of student judges, all Fred Doug alumni, will challenge your arguments and provide extensive individual feedback. After all this prep work, you will feel prepared to field tough questions asked by attorneys, professors, and judges during the regional competition. You will be astonished by how confident you become in the hot seat, both in the courtroom and classroom.

Application Information
Information session: Tuesday, September 13th, 12:10–1:10 p.m.

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Latino/a Law Students Association (LaLSA) Moot Court

The LaLSA Moot Court program offers law students the opportunity to develop brief-writing and oral advocacy skills while exploring complex contemporary issues in asylum law. Every year, thousands of refugees apply for asylum in the United States to escape persecution in their home countries. The LaLSA Moot Court will focus on the legal issues that affect those asylum claims. Students will compete in the Tenth Annual Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition hosted by UC Davis School of Law.

The Competition
We are looking for twelve dedicated first-year law students of all backgrounds. Three student coaches and two student editors will assist selected students. During the fall semester, students will participate in oral advocacy and legal research training and will also be invited to various social events to build relationships with team members, coaches, and editors. The competition problem will be released in early December, and students will write the first draft of their briefs during the winter break.

The final draft of the brief will be due in mid-January after a weeklong boot-camp on legal research and writing and oral advocacy. During this time, students will begin practicing their oral arguments in preparation for the internal competition, which will be judged by respected practitioners, professors, and judges in late January. The three winning teams will represent Columbia Law School in the national competition, which will be held during the first weekend of spring break in Northern California.

The Application
Students will be chosen based on two criteria: (1) a 250-word statement of interest and (2) an oral presentation. The statement of interest should discuss why students wish to join the LaLSA Moot Court team, what they can contribute to the program, and any experiences relevant to the selection process, including previous work or volunteer experiences. The oral presentation will require students to choose a side in an asylum issue and defend their position before the student coaches and editors. The issue will be thoroughly explained in the application materials, so no outside research will be necessary.

Important Dates
September 13 Application released
September 15 LaLSA Moot Court informational session
September 18 Written application due by email
September 20–22 Oral argument try-outs

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Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) Moot Court

The National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) has hosted a national moot court competition since 1993, offering students from all backgrounds a great opportunity to gain experience in the truly unique, multidisciplinary, and challenging field of Federal Indian Law. Recent topics in the area of Federal Indian Law include marijuana legalization, the “Baby Veronica” child custody case, the current Washington Redskins name change controversy, and casino gambling regulations.

After a few primer classes on basic Federal Indian law, participants spend part of the fall semester or winter break working with their partner to write a brief based on a problem published in November by the host school. Briefs are due in January, after which teams practice with their coaches and editors for oral argument twice each week. All participants will attend the national competition in early March 2017. Each team argues at least twice at the national competition—once on the side for which they wrote their brief and once on the opposite side. Judges consist of high-profile Native Law practitioners and academics, tribal justices, and state and federal judges. Sixteen teams are selected to advance beyond these preliminary rounds and are assigned different sides to argue for up to five additional elimination rounds. Scores at the competition combine teams’ brief scores with their scores for oral argument. Prizes are awarded for best brief, best individual oralist, and best performance.

University of California Los Angeles in Los Angeles, California will host the competition this year. Columbia Law School teams are consistently among the top teams at the national competition. In 2016, four Columbia teams advanced to the round of sixteen, and one team advanced to the round of eight; a Columbia team member also won overall best oralist. In 2015, two Columbia teams advanced to the round of sixteen and one team finished in the top 4. In 2014, two Columbia teams advanced to the round of sixteen. In 2013, three Columbia teams advanced to the round of sixteen, one Columbia team finished 2nd place overall, and one team was awarded 2nd place best brief. In 2012, a Columbia team finished 3rd overall.

Three Important Points
• First, EVERYONE is eligible to participate and encouraged to apply. You do not have to be Native American, and most past participants have had little to no exposure to Federal Indian Law prior to joining the team.
• Second, EVERYONE who participates will compete in the national competition in Los Angeles. We do not have an elimination round at Columbia before the national competition to reduce the number of teams we send.
• Third, 1L students receive credit for the NALSA Moot Court, and are exempt from the Foundation Moot Court requirement. 2L and 3L students may receive minor writing credit for their brief work.
Projected Timeline

September 14, 2016  Moot court application released
September 14, 2016  Information Session at 6:30 p.m.
September 24, 2016  Moot court application due by 8 p.m. Interviews (which are NOT oral tryouts) to take place over the course of the following two weeks.
November 2016  Problem published on NNALSA website
January 2017  Briefs due
January–February 2017  Oral argument practice with NALSA coaches
March 2017  Participate in the national competition held at UCLA in Los Angeles, California

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THE PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON MOOT COURT PROGRAM
The Williams Institute Moot Court (Williams) is the only national moot court competition dedicated to the areas of sexual orientation and gender identity law. It offers students the opportunity to analyze unique and challenging issues of constitutional law affecting the LGBTQ community. Previous legal topics have included an affirmative action program based on sexual orientation in government contracting, discrimination based on religious beliefs, the intersection between discrimination based on orientation and discrimination based on sex, and the rights of transgender people in prisons.

Program Structure
Twelve students will participate in Williams at Columbia. Students of any background who have an interest in constitutional law, appellate advocacy, or issues of sexual orientation and gender identity are encouraged to apply. Over the course of the fall semester, we will hold a few workshops to discuss the development of law related to sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as the fundamentals of appellate advocacy.

We will select three students to compete in the external Williams Institute competition at UCLA Law School (the "external team"). The remaining nine members of the program will participate in a round of internal, moot court arguments at Columbia Law School in the spring. The external team will return to Columbia a few days before classes begin in January to participate in brief-writing and oral argument workshops with the editors and coaches. They will submit a brief to the national competition at the end of January and travel to sunny Los Angeles in late February to participate in rounds of oral argument before judges and legal professionals. If the team advances to the final round, they will return to UCLA in April to compete again.

Application Process
We will select students for the program based on a statement of interest, a brief writing prompt, and a 5-10 minute oral argument. After those twelve have been selected, we will ask students who are interested in competing on the external team to submit their first LPW memo to determine who will participate in the national competition.

Timeline
Information Session/Application Released: Thursday, September 15th at 12:10 p.m.
Written Application Due: Wednesday, September 21st at 11:59 p.m.
Oral Tryouts: Tuesday, September 27th - Thursday, September 29th
Decisions Released: Monday, October 3rd

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THE PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON MOOT COURT PROGRAM
European Law Moot Court

The European Law Moot Court deals with current issues in European law. This moot court is an exciting chance to tackle questions of current legal, social, and practical significance emerging from European integration and political changes in Europe.

Working on the moot court exposes team members to issues beyond what they would normally see in the 1L curriculum, giving team members a unique and valuable opportunity to learn about another legal system in depth. For instance, last year’s problem dealt with the right to property, the EU emissions trading scheme, and an interpretive conflict between the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights. The previous year’s problem touched on EU competition law, State aid rules, and environmental and jurisdictional issues in the context of a public tender.

Schedule
There are three stages to the competition—the submission of written pleadings, the oral rounds in cities across Europe and around the world, and the oral finals at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Because the written pleadings are due at the end of November, the teams begin working on their briefs at the end of September. This work is especially exciting for our 1L members, as it will give them exposure to brief writing before any of their peers, while allowing them to finish moot court work with time to focus on finals and enjoy their winter break. Two teams of three to four students work on two written briefs—one for the applicant’s side and one for the defendant’s.

If a team’s written pleading is selected by the regional moot court committee, the team will advance to one of the regional finals across Europe in February. Columbia has gone to the regional finals every year it has participated in the competition, and the Law School graciously funds the trip to Europe. Last year, both teams advanced to the semi-finals of their regional round, which were held in Athens, Greece and Helsinki, Finland. The previous year, the teams advanced to Prague, Czech Republic and Bremen, Germany. Regionals in 2017 will be held at The Hague, Paris, Naples, or Gothenburg. The judges include prominent scholars of European law as well as officials and judges from the European Court of Justice. Not only did team members gain invaluable experience in conducting oral arguments, but they were also able to meet with governmental officials, tour the host countries, and meet with other competitors from all over Europe and America. Columbia Law School students have frequently won the best oralist award at regional finals.

The top team from each regional final as well as one individual team member then advance to the All-European Final, held at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg in March or April. Last year, Columbia won first place at the All-European Final for the first time in the competition’s history.

Application Process
We will be selecting six to eight team members for the 2016–17 competition (two teams of three to four members each). We encourage 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to apply. For
native English speakers, knowledge of French at any level of competency is highly desirable, though not necessary. Native languages other than English are also an asset. Previous exposure to European law and/or previous experience with public speaking or debate will be considered assets, but are by no means required. We strongly encourage any interested students to apply.

Our application timeline is as follows:

**September 14, 2016**  Information session at 5 p.m.

**September 20, 2016**  Resume, brief statement of interest (1 paragraph), and a 1 to 2 page writing sample of your clearest academic or professional writing to Emily Hush or César Rivière.

**September 23, 2016**  Top candidates notified and invited back for oral tryouts ASAP thereafter, and subsequently notified of acceptance.

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INTERNATIONAL MOOTING COMPETITIONS
Jessup International Law Moot Court

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world’s largest moot court, with participants from more than 550 law schools across over 90 nations. The competition simulates a dispute between two countries before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the judicial arm of the United Nations. Recent topics have included the legality of mass surveillance, arbitrary detention, the right of self-determination, the threat or use of force, international protections for cultural property, international environmental regulation, and the law of the high seas.

Columbia Law School Jessup Team

The Columbia Law School Jessup team has been one of the most successful in the history of the Jessup competition, frequently winning national championships and advancing to become finalists or competition winners at the international level. Team members have also received numerous awards for their written submissions and individual accolades for being the best oralists at the preliminary and final rounds. This past year, the team became the first team since 1998 to win the top international honors for both of its written submissions. Team members have also received recognition from Columbia Law School for their work with the Jessup team. Since 2010, team members have been named Archie O. Dawson Prize (which recognizes proficiency in advocacy) winners four times, and David M. Berger Prize (which recognizes educational excellence in the field of international law) winners six times.

This year, the Columbia Law School Jessup team seeks to recruit three (3) new members. Joining as a 1L requires a two-year commitment. Participation in Jessup fulfills the 1L moot court requirement and, as a 2L, may fulfill the minor writing requirement and earn course credit. All Columbia Jessup team members write a portion of the memorials and argue before the judges during competition rounds.

Application Process

1Ls applying for the Columbia Jessup team will be requested to submit a short written brief arguing one side of a hypothetical contentious case before the ICJ. If selected to advance to the oral rounds, candidates will be requested to present a 10-minute argument for the opposite side of the same case. Candidates will occasionally be interrupted by judges with questions relating to their arguments. Participation on the Columbia team is a tremendously rewarding experience that gives students access to exceptional coaching in legal writing and oral advocacy, a forum for intellectually stimulating discussions on issues of international law, and an opportunity to meet law students and practitioners from around the world. Participants will also have access to a superb network of current and former participants, including alumni at numerous law firms, international organizations, nonprofits, and across the federal government.

Important Dates

While subject to minor adjustment, we ask that you please keep the following tentative recruitment dates in mind:
September 13, 2016  Moot court lunch and release of application materials
September 15, 2016 at 8 p.m.  Jessup information session
September 24, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.  Candidates’ written briefs due
September 28–30, 2016  Oral auditions (with possible interviews on the 25th)
October 5, 2016  Announcement of new team members

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INTERNATIONAL MOOTING COMPETITIONS
Vienna International Arbitration Moot Court (Vis)

What We Do
We represent Columbia Law School at the annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, one of the most prestigious law school moot court competitions in the world and dubbed the “Olympics” of international commercial arbitration. The competition attracts about 300 law schools from around the world.

The Vis Moot is based on a hypothetical private contractual dispute in international trade. It involves the submission of two written memos and an oral competition held in March or April in Vienna, Austria. Columbia Law School has a long tradition of sending a team to Vienna and is one of only four schools to have competed every year since the Moot’s founding.

The preparation for the written memos begins in the fall. In spring, the team participates in a number of pre-moots held at law schools and law firms in New York and Washington, D.C.. In the past, the Columbia team has also entered pre-moots held in European cities such as Paris, Dusseldorf, Budapest, and The Hague.

Columbia has consistently performed well at the Vis Moot, winning the inaugural moot in 1994 and the award for best Claimant Memorandum in 2006. Over the years, team members have consistently taken home speaking and brief awards from the Vienna competition.

The Columbia Vis team’s participation is made possible through the generous support of the Dean’s Office, Student Services, Professors George Bermann and Alejandro Garro, and Columbia’s international network of alumni and former Vis Moot participants.

How to Join
1L students at Columbia Law School may apply to join the Vis team at the beginning of each school year. There are no course or language pre-requisites. The team will release applications in mid-September and will hold two to three days of tryouts soon afterwards. Participation in Vis satisfies the moot court component of the Legal Practice Workshop. The Vis team expects 1Ls to stay on as competitors and coaches during the 2L year.

Information Session
September 15, 2016
12:10–1 p.m.

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