

The University of Oklahoma College of Law
Advocacy Competition Program 2016-2017
Application for Team Membership

RETURN TO ROOM 3034 (Professor Smothermon) or email csmothermon@ou.edu
Applications are due by 10p.m. on Friday, May 6

NAME: _____
2016-2017: 2L _____ 3L _____

TELEPHONE: Home: _____ Cell: _____

EMAIL (print legibly): _____

(Check all that apply)

I wish to be considered for:

Moot Court Teams _____

Mock Trial Teams _____

Skills Teams _____

I would like to compete:

Fall semester _____

Spring semester _____

Either semester _____

Descriptions of the competitions are on the forum and on the bulletin board outside Professor Smothermon's office, room 3034. Here is a list of *possible* competitions for next year. We will participate in most, but not all of these competitions.

Moot Court teams include: National Moot Court, ABA Appellate Advocacy, Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Trademark/IP, Frederick Douglass, National Native American, Hispanic Bar, Jessup International, Health Law, Tax Law, First Amendment, Civil Rights

Mock Trial teams include: American Association of Justice, National Trial Team, Thurgood Marshall, White Collar Crime, ABA Labor Law

Skills teams include: ABA Negotiation, ABA Arbitration, ABA Client Counseling, ABA Mediation, Energy Law Negotiation, BLSA International Negotiation

I am especially interested in the following competitions (in order of preference):

I would like to be on a team with the following people (in order of preference):

Some competitions require membership in the student division of the sponsoring organization. This can be accomplished after you are selected for a team. Are you currently a member of a student organization whose activities are relevant to any of the competition teams (AAJ, BLSA, NALSA, APALSA, ILSA, ADR Society, etc.)

Some competitions have brief deadlines in January. Are you willing to devote significant time between semesters to work on a brief? _____ Where you will be staying between the Fall and Spring semesters? _____

Have you taken or are you enrolled in, any classes relevant to participation on a moot court, mock trial, or skills competition team? This includes Evidence, Trial Techniques, Interviewing, Negotiation and Counseling, ADR, Clinic. If yes, please list the class, your grade, and your instructor. _____

If you have written a paper for any classes in law school other than LRW, please indicated the class, your grade, and the instructor

3Ls, who was your professor and what was your grade(s) in the first year research and writing class? 2Ls, who is your LRW professor?

Please list your prior experience in moot court, mock trial, debate, or other relevant competitions. Include participation and success in the 1st year/2L/3L moot court competitions:

You may be required to attend pre-problem seminars dealing with the mechanics of competition. Are you willing to attend those seminars? _____

Current Law School GPA: _____ Undergraduate GPA: _____

If you are selected as a member of a moot court, skills, or trial team, you can receive one hour of pass/fail credit. To receive credit you must enroll in the competition course, however, you are not required to enroll in this course to be a team member. Whether you enroll or not, you will be expected to make all required practice sessions, some of which will be held during school hours and some of which may be at night or on the weekend.

Competition team members are required to attend the Honors Workshop relating to your competition. These workshops are in the early fall semester. Additionally, moot court team members are required to participate in the Calvert Moot Court Competition in the fall semester, and trial and skills team members are required to participate in the All School Negotiation Competition in the fall. Professor Smothermon will grant waivers to these requirements for good cause shown.

Auditions for mock trial teams will take place during the mid-fall semester. Moot court applicants will be asked to submit a writing sample and oral argument for coaches to review.

When traveling to a competition, you will have to miss regular classes. These absences are generally not excused. Consequently, you will need to plan for these absences from class. Your airline tickets will be purchased by the College of Law in advance of the competition. If you drop from the team after the tickets have been purchased, you will be required to reimburse the College of Law for your ticket. You will have to sign a form acknowledging this agreement. Also, when traveling, you will be required to pay for all of your expenses other than your airline ticket and will be reimbursed after you return to Norman. It typically takes two weeks to be reimbursed.

At the bottom of this page, and on the back of this page, you may provide additional information that you wish the competitions committee to consider. THIS CAN INCLUDE TEAMMATE PREFERENCES. HOWEVER, SELECTION OF TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

I have read and completed the above Advocacy Program Application regarding the 2016-2017 Moot Court, Trial, and Skills Competition Teams, and acknowledge and agree to comply with the expectations of participation in the program.

Printed Name

Signature

Date