

Saul Lefkowitz IP Moot Court Competition

The Saul Lefkowitz Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition is an appellate advocacy competition run under the auspices of the International Trademark Association (INTA). Problems emphasize trademark and unfair competition law and policy. Problems are mailed to the school in early October, and competition rules may be found at <http://www.inta.org>. Up to two teams of up to four students per team (two students per team is preferred) may participate from William Mitchell each year. William Mitchell covers reasonable travel expenses and pays a *per diem*.

There are two levels of competition during Spring semester: regional, and national. Each team researches and writes a complete brief for one (assigned) side of the case, which is submitted in mid January (Spring Semester), based on a problem which publishes the previous September (Fall semester). Each team also prepares oral arguments for both sides of the case. Oral arguments for the regional level are held in late February, and for the national finals in mid-March. At the regional level, teams may receive recognition for first, second or third place, for writing the best brief, or for best oralist team. The first place winners of the four regional competitions advance to the national finals held in late March in Washington, D.C. At the national finals, teams may be recognized with cash stipends awarded to the first place team, the team that authors the best brief, the best individual oralist, and the first place team's school. Teams arguing in the final round of the national finals present their arguments to actual judges from the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Students may earn up to two pass/fail credits for participation in the Saul Lefkowitz IP Moot Court Competition. Please note that this competition extends over both Fall and Spring semesters. Students selected to participate in this competition must commit to participate from September (Fall semester) until the following February (Spring semester) or March (if advancing to the national competition) in order to receive credit for the class. ***Students interested in competing in this competition must take the course IP Appellate Advocacy, offered only during Spring semester.***