SIU National Health Law Competition

This is an appellate litigation clinic with a healthcare related problem that is often intertwined with questions of constitutional law. For example, previous problems have addressed religious exemptions from vaccination requirements and rights to medical privacy.

Selection Process: Coaches will look at grades and prior advocacy experiences. Team member selections are then narrowed down based on student’s paper submissions (resume, cover letter, transcripts) with the selection being done through interviews.

Coach/Inquiries: This competition is coached by Professor Pope and Joseph Van Thomme. Any specific questions regarding this competition should be directed to Professor Pope at thaddeaus.pope@mitchellhamline.edu.

This is a fall competition; the 2017 team has already been selected.

Estimated timeline for Fall 2018

April 2018 – solicit applications
May 2018 – select team of 2
August 2018 – problem is released
August – September 2018 – students write an appellate brief
Early October 2018, 90-minute oral argument moots every week
1st week of November, 2018 – competition is Friday & Saturday at Southern Illinois University Law School

L. Edward Bryant, Jr., National Health Law Transactional Law Moot Court Competition

The Transactional Competition seeks to expose law students to the core competencies of the corporate and regulatory practice of health care law. Students will be challenged to apply corporate lawyering skills by providing legal advice on a potential business opportunity to a hypothetical health care client. Three-person teams of JD students will prepare a legal memorandum that summarizes their legal and business advice for the client. Students will then appear in a boardroom environment before distinguished attorneys and health care executives serving as the client’s "Executive Management Team" to present their analysis of the client's position and recommendations on how the client should proceed.
Coach/Inquiries: Competition is coordinated by Professor Thaddeus Pope, the faculty advisor for this competition. The Competition will be coached by a transactional healthcare attorney. Any inquiries can be directed to Professor Pope at thaddeus.pope@mitchellhamline.edu.

Selection Process: Please send a resume, transcript and cover letter to Professor Pope by September 25. Please address in your cover letter your experience with (1) health law, (2) the healthcare industry, (3) business law, and (4) business. You do not personally need experience in all four. But the team as a whole does. So, your letter will help us form a balanced competitive team.

Timeline:
January & February – write client memo
February & March – practice oral presentations to client board
Mid-March 2018 – competition in Chicago

MHSL IP Institute Moot Court Program
(Giles Rich & Saul Lefkowitz)

The Moot Court program of the IP Institute is unique among the Moot Court programs at MHSL and many other law schools because it is coupled with a course on IP Appellate Advocacy that is offered each Spring Semester. The end result is, even if you are not selected to be on an IP Moot Court team, you will learn the ins and outs of appellate advocacy.

Students who enroll in the IP Appellate Advocacy course each Spring are eligible to be selected for one of the IP Moot Court Teams that compete in the following academic year. At least one team is always formed to compete in the Giles Rich Memorial Moot Court competition, which focus on patent law. Our Giles Rich team(s) are also eligible to compete in the local “MIPLA Cup” Moot Court competition (sponsored by the Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA)), with the winning and second place teams receiving a monetary prize.

Depending upon student demand and interest, the IP Institute also regularly fields teams for the Moot Court competitions in the areas of Trademark Law and Art & Entertainment Law

For more information about the IP Institute’s Moot Court programs, please contact Professor Sharon K. Sandeen at Sharon.sandeen@mitchellhamline.edu.

The 2017/2018 teams have already been selected for both IP competitions.

Mediation Representation Competitions

1. ICC 13th Annual International Commercial Mediation Competition
When: February 2-7, 2018
Where: Paris, France. ICC Headquarters and surrounding premises
Who: Students and coaches from law schools and other faculties, as well as professional mediators and academics from around the world. One team of two students will be selected to compete. Students alternate portraying the role of lawyer and client.

2. ABA Representation in Mediation Competition

The goal of the ABA Representation Mediation Competition is to enhance students’ knowledge of ADR, specifically mediation. In ten Regional Competitions, approximately 110 teams from 59 law schools compete for the right to advance to the National Finals. Up to two teams of two students will be selected to compete. Students alternate portraying the role of lawyer and client.

Regional competition – TBD (February or March of 2017)
National finals – TBD April 2018 (in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Conference)

Students must have taken, or be concurrently enrolled in, a mediation course to compete in these mediation competitions.

Credits: Students earn two credits in the spring semester. Students must be available to meet weekly for practices beginning in September and continuing through the competitions in spring semester. (Additional practice sessions will be added as required nearer the competition.)

Coaches: Professor Sharon Press, Dean Lynn LeMoine,

Tryouts: Will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017. There is one spot left on this team for 2017-2018. Email lynn.lemoine@mitchellhamline.edu for more information.

Mock Trial Competitions

The Mitchell-Hamline Mock Trial Team is looking for members. The team has made it to nationals three times over the last five years. Students who make the team will earn 2 credits, work hands-on with experienced attorneys and judges, and gain invaluable trial experience.

The team: The team consists of about 10-12 2L and 3L students.

The competitions: The team competes at two competitions The American College of Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition (ATLA) and the American Association of Justice Mock Trial Competition (AAJ). The regional ATLA competition is in February and the regional AAJ competition is in March. The national competitions for both ATLA and AAJ are in April. Most students will be assigned to one competition, but a few may compete at both. At both competitions students work with a partner to present a full trial. At the AAJ competition students will also play a witness.
The practices: Practices are usually held on Saturdays in January and February with additional practices one to two evenings per week. There will also be some practices over winter break.

The coaches: Judge Cindy McCollum: Cynthia.mccollum@courts.state.mn.us. Attorney Katie Lockwood: Kathryn.lockwood@pubdef.state.mn.us. Any questions about the tryouts or competitions can be directed to either Cindy or Katie.

The tryouts: Tryouts for the Mitchell-Hamline Mock Trial Team will be held sometime in September or October 2017. Prior to their tryout, each student should email a brief memo to Cindy and Katie regarding why the student is interested in and qualified for mock trial. Include relevant classes and experience such as mock trial, theater, or public speaking. Each student will attend a 15 minute tryout where they will perform an opening argument and a cross examination. One of the coaches will play the witness for cross. The case problem for the tryouts will be provided and students can obtain a copy when the sign up for a tryout. Information regarding the location and timing of tryouts will be made available in the fall.

National Native American Law Students Moot Court

This is an appellate moot court competition designed for students who are either (1) interested in the field of Federal Indian Law or (2) who are Native American law students. This is a national competition that typically attracts 60-75 teams from around the country each year. Mitchell Hamline teams have had great success in this competition; we won the competition in 2014 and 2015, and we also won the best brief awards in each of those years.

Pre-Requisites: Students much have (1) taken Federal Indian Law or be taking it in the Fall 2017 semester; (2) be a member of the Mitchell Hamline NALSA Chapter (email Chapter President Dominic Terry (dominic.terry@mitchellhamline.edu) to obtain information on the groups’ listserv and friend out information about upcoming events and meetings; and (3) take Advocacy or be taking it in the Fall 2017 semester.

Selection Process: Interested students should email Professor Colette Routel at colette.routel@mitchellhamline.edu by September 30. Emails should include any information the student would like the coaches to consider in determine whether they should be selected compete (e.g., a brief statement on your interest in the field, why this competition appeals to you, you other time commitments during the Spring 2018 semester). Teams are selected by Professor Routel at the beginning of October.

Coach/Inquiries: This competition is coached by Professor Colette Routel and includes the participation of more than a dozen alumni mentors/coaches.

Competition Schedule/Requirements: Mitchell Hamline takes this competition very seriously. Students should be prepared to dedicate a substantial amount of time to preparation for this competition in December – February. Because of the brief deadlines, students are not permitted to enroll in any J-term courses if they commit to this competition.
The problem is typically released by November 1. Students are assigned a partner and their brief is due early in January. Students cannot obtain any outside substantive help on the brief; they must work independently. As soon as the briefs are handed in, students begin practicing intensely with the team coaches, and later, guest judges. Students are required to attend between two and three practices each week during January/February.

ABA Negotiation Competition

The ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition provides a means for law students to practice and improve their negotiating skills. The competition simulates legal negotiations in which law students, acting as lawyers, negotiate a series of legal problems. The simulations consist of a common set of facts known by all participants and confidential information known only to the participants representing a particular side. All of the simulations deal with the same general topic, but the negotiation situation varies with each round and level of the competition. Two teams of two students will be selected to compete. All students portray lawyers throughout the competition.

Areas of law:
2016-2017 Business Law
2015-2016 Information Law
2014-2015 Torts
2013-2014 Contract Law

Regional competitions - TBD either November 4-5 or 10-13, 2017
National finals - February 2-3, 2018 Chicago, IL.

Students must have taken, or be concurrently enrolled in, a negotiation course* to compete in this completion. *Negotiation or Transactions and Settlements

Credits: Students earn two credits in the fall semester. Students must be available to meet weekly for on-campus practices beginning in September. (Additional practice sessions will be added as required nearer the competition. Continued practices may occur during spring semester as needed for the national finals.)

Coaches: Professor Pat Zitek, Dean Lynn LeMoine, Professor Ken Fox

Tryouts: Will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017. There is one spot left on this team for 2017-2018. Email lynn.lemoine@mitchellhamline.edu for more information.

Pace Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

This competition problem focuses on a timely issue of national importance to the practice of environmental law.
Selection Process: Students are required to submit an advocacy-style writing sample (WRAP final memo, Advocacy brief, or other sample of the student’s choice) followed by an oral argument based on that writing sample. Tryouts will take place in mid-September.

Competition Schedule/Requirements: The problem is released at the end of September. Briefs are due at the end of November. Oral arguments are mid-February.

Coach/Inquiries: This competition is coached by Professor Mehmet Konar-Steenberg and Adjunct Professor Michael Connelly. Inquiries can be directed to Professor Konar-Steenberg at Mehmet.konar-steenberg@mitchellhamline.edu.

This competition is hosted by Pace University Elisabeth Haub School of Law in White Plains, New York.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

What is Jessup Moot Court? The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is organized by the International Law Students Association (ILSA). The Competition is named after Philip C. Jessup, who once served on the International Court of Justice.

Teams from law schools around the world enter the competition, which is comprised of two parts: a written memorial and an oral argument. The competition involves arguing a hypothetical case on issues of international law as if before the International Court of Justice.

Why Should I Try-Out for Jessup Moot Court? Some of the advantages to the Jessup experience include:

- Jessup Moot Court is a prestigious moot court recognized by attorneys and practitioners around the world - an excellent addition to a resume!
- Members gain a foundational knowledge of public international law;
- The memorial-writing process and oral argument are excellent ways to improve your writing, research and oral advocacy skills.
- Members of Jessup Moot Court each receive two credits for their contribution. What is the process for trying out for Jessup Moot Court? Try-outs are a two-part process: a written submission and an oral argument.

1. Writing samples. The judging panel requests a résumé and a writing sample (your WRAP motion, for example), to be submitted in fall, dates TBD.
2. Oral argument. When you submit your written submissions, you will sign up for a short oral argument. Dates will be announced in fall.
How much time should I expect to devote to Jessup Moot Court? In the fall semester, we will meet for two hours a week for research sessions.

- During the fall semester, you will need to attend weekly meetings of the Jessup team to review sources, formulate arguments, practice oral advocacy, and begin the brief-writing process. You can choose whether or not to take 1 unit of course credit for these meetings.
- Over the semester break, you will need to stay in town. Later December to mid-January will be the primary brief writing period, and you will likely be writing 8-10 hours a day;
- In the spring semester, we will meet three times a week for oral argument practice.
- The regional competition is on a yet-to-be-announced Thursday through Friday in Mid-February.

For more information contact Professor Winer, anthony.winer@mitchellhamline.edu

**Rosalie Wahl Moot Court**

In September, an announcement will go out for individuals interested in the Rosalie Wahl Moot Court competition. RWMC is held at Mitchell Hamline starting in December and ending in mid-April.

**Competition Information and Schedule:** RWMC is an intra-school competition that focuses on current/undecided legal issues that students present to the United States Supreme Court. It is modeled after the New York City Bar National Moot Court program. The RWMC program is distributed in late-December (after finals) and includes a statement of facts, district court opinion, and court of appeals opinion. Students are paired into teams of two, and prepare a brief to the United States Supreme Court (due in March) and present oral arguments during the competition (late March to early April). The coaches teach one brief writing class and one oral argument class during the spring semester. The oral argument competition is held on a Saturday morning and three weekday evenings. Based on their performance in RWMC, six students are selected to participate in the National Moot Court program in the following fall semester.

**Selection Process:** After the announcement has posted, interested students should send the coaches a short statement via email about why the student is interested in participating in RWMC and a copy of either their first-year Lawyering Motion Practice Memorandum or their Advocacy Appellate Brief. The writing sample may be revised from what they submitted for that class, but all of the work must be their own. Applications will be due by October 2, 2017. All interested 2L and 3L students are encouraged to apply. The coaches will review the submissions and select participants prior to spring semester registration. Currently, the registration numbers are at 36 for this competition.

**Advancing to National Moot Court:** Students are selected from RWMC to participate in the New York City Bar National Moot Court in the fall semester following RWMC. National Moot Court is a two-credit class that consists of preparing a brief to the Supreme Court (mid-
September through mid-October) and a regional oral argument competition in November against law schools in Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota. The top two teams from the regional rounds advance to the national finals in New York City.

**Coaches/Inquiries:** This competition is coached by John Monnens ('12) and Cory Monnens ('14). Please feel free to reach out to John and Cory via email at john.monnens@mitchellhamline.edu or corybeth.monnens@mitchellhamline.edu

**Transactional LawMeet**

This is one of the few competitions designed for students who want to be transactional attorneys. The competition prepares students who seek to be transactional attorneys on how to structure and negotiate a simulated “deal” on behalf of a fictional high-profile client. Mitchell Hamline students compete in a regional competition, and if they win that competition, can go on to compete in the National Transactional LawMeet. The competition website can be found here: http://transactionalmeet.lawmeets.com/about/

**Pre-Requisites:** Students must have (1) experience independently drafting at least one entire contract, and (2) taken a law school course in negotiation. In addition, Transactions and Settlements is highly recommended as pre-requisite or co-requisite.

**Selection Process:** Teams are selected in October (typically, the middle of the month). Students must submit a contract that they have drafted as the main component of the selection process.

**Coach/Inquiries:** This competition is coordinated by Attorney Jaclyn Millner. You may contact her directly at jaclyn.millner@gmail.com

**Competition Schedule:** The Case Statement is published in December. Conference calls and markups are due in January and February. The Regional Competition will occur on February 23, 2018. The National LawMeet will occur on March 30, 2018. Students will receive two credits for this competition which can be applied either in J-term or spring, or split between the two.

**The Uvaldo Herrera - Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) - Moot Court Competition**

Now seeking applicants from Mitchell Hamline School of Law to participate in the Uvaldo Herrera - HNBA - Moot Court Competition. The Uvaldo Herrera - HNBA - Moot Court Competition is appellate moot court competition. It enables law students to hone their brief-writing and oral advocacy skills while exploring a complex legal issue and to form relationships with the judges and practitioners at the Mid-Year HNBA Conference. This Competition is open to all students regardless of ethnicity. Students who are selected to serve on two-person or three-person teams. Generally, the moot court problem is identical to a Constitutional Law issue currently pending in the U.S. Supreme Court. This year the Mid-Year HNBA Conference is going to be held in San
Francisco, CA. This process is open for second, third and fourth year students. Students will be evaluated in their writing and oral advocacy and selected accordingly. The Moot Court Competition problem is released in November and the Competition takes place the last week of March. The competition offers substantial financial awards for the best performers.

Students who make the team will be required to write the brief for the competition during the month of December-January. In mid-January, oral Argument Drill/Preparation sessions wherein each student will be assigned to argue for the Petitioner or Respondent in each session. Team members can expect to participate in a minimum of 15 Drills/Preparation between January and March.

To be considered, please submit to Esteban A Rivera (esteban@riveralawllc.com) the following before September 15, 2017:

- Cover letter indicating why you are interested in participating
- Resume
- Writing Sample (minimum 5 pages)

Students will be contacted about oral argument tryouts after submitting the aforementioned materials which will take place the week of September 17th. For more information about the HNBA and the Competition, go to: www.hnba.com.

**Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

Tryouts for Saturday, September 16 from 9:30-noon, with 15-minute slots, and Monday, September 18 from 4-7, with 15-minute slots.

Interested students should email me a copy of their resume and sign up for a tryout time using this link: [https://doodle.com/poll/kzk95v5sriubn7vx](https://doodle.com/poll/kzk95v5sriubn7vx)

For the tryouts, students should bring one copy of a 10-page sample of their writing and their fall and anticipated spring schedules. They should prepare about a 5-minute oral argument sample and be ready to respond to questions during their oral argument.

If you would like to put some short description of the competition in the announcement, you can use this (or some variation on it):

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna is considered one of the most prestigious moot court competitions in the world. The goal of the Moot is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes through its application to a concrete problem of a client and to train law students in methods of alternative dispute resolution.
This competition draws participation from top law schools from all over the world. In 2016 teams from more than 300 Law Schools around the world took part in the competition.

Each October a case named 'The Problem' is published. This document presents legal questions both with regard to procedural matters and substantive sales law. Students have to first write a memorandum for the claimant (usually by December). Memoranda for claimant are then distributed among the participating teams which then have to write a memorandum for the respondent (usually by January) against the memorandum for claimant they have received from another team. The proceedings are always conducted under the rules of an arbitral institution which is a different one each year. The merits of the dispute are always subject to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). In April, all the participating teams meet in Vienna where the oral arguments are held.

**William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition**

The William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition is an inter-scholastic appellate moot court competition. Its mission is to promote interest, reflection and discourse among law students, law faculty and member of the practicing bar and bench in the substance, procedure and practice of civil rights law and to provide opportunity to interested law students to develop the oral advocacy and writing skills essential to be successful appellate practitioners.

Students selected to participate in the competition will receive two pass/fail credits which can be applied in J-term, spring semester or split between the two terms. Participants will be paired together to write an appellate brief and prepare oral arguments to present to panels of judges. The competition problem will be distributed to students in late fall. The oral argument competition will be held February 23 & 24, 2018 at Mitchell Hamline.

Interested candidates should submit a writing sample and prepare a five-minute oral argument regarding that writing sample. If available, please use an appellate brief as the writing sample. Writing samples should be submitted by Friday, September 29 to Deb Lange @ deb.lange@mitchellhamline.edu. Students will be contacted about oral argument tryouts after submitting their writing sample which will take place around mid-October. Please direct any questions to Deb Lange.

For more information regarding the competition, please visit: http://mitchellhamline.edu/students/william-e-mcgee-national-civil-rights-moot-court-competition/