

Tryouts for Negotiation and Mediation Representation Competition Teams will be held in fall 2020.

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 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:

2019-2020 Family Law

2018-2019 Employment Law

2017-2018 National Security Law

2016-2017 Business Law

2015-2016 Information Law

Regional competitions – TBD: **November 2020**

National finals – **Spring Semester (January or February).**

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 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

Mediation Representation Competition

The goal of the Mediation Representation Competition is to enhance students' knowledge of ADR, specifically mediation. Two teams of two students will be selected to compete. Students alternate portraying the role of lawyer and client.

Regional ABA competition – **TBD (February or March 2021)**

National ABA finals – **TBD April 2021** (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 completions.

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