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Committee on Young Lawyers 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition

We are pleased to invite you to compete in the New York City Bar's 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition. This long-running competition is run by the Young Lawyers Committee, and is co-sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers. Since 1950, we have strived to promote the art of appellate advocacy through intellectual rigor and persuasive argument and hope that all ABA-approved law schools will participate in the competition.

Regional and National Finals

The Competition consists of regional and national rounds. A regional breakdown schools invited is attached. Each team is initially assigned to a particular region and regional sponsors administer the regional rounds under the Committee's supervision. Regional rounds usually occur in November. The first and second place teams from each region will advance to the National Finals, which will take place at the New York City Bar from January 30, to February 2, 2012. This year we have added another region to our competition. We have divided the California Region, therefore Northern California Schools will remain Region 12 and Southern California Schools will be Region 15.

Application Materials

To enter the Competition, please submit your application and payment (\$500 per team) as soon as possible. **The deadline is June 15th, 2011.** Generally, you may only enter 1 team. Several regions, however, allow schools to enter up to 2 teams Regions 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11 thru 15. To help you plan ahead, we attach a list of the ABA Approved Schools delineating the regions.

Briefs and Oral Arguments

Every year, we prepare a Transcript and a Bench Memorandum. We also provide all competitors with our Rules and Guidelines. The rules are binding on all competitors.

Competitors submit a brief on the issues presented by the Transcript before regional rounds begin. The Rules specify when and how those briefs must be filed. Brief scores are worth 40% and oral argument scores are worth 60% of every team's total score. These scores are calculated on a team's persuasiveness and overall presentation. Argument merits are not factored into scoring.

Team Representative

Every team is responsible for designating a team representative. That individual will serve as a liaison between the Young Lawyers' Committee and the team. Please make sure that the contact information you provide is accurate.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns about your submission, please contact Mariann Owens at (212) 382-6635 or mowens@nycbar.org. We look forward to working with you, and wish everyone the best throughout this year's competition!

Sincerely,



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