

MOOT COURT AND THE MOOT COURT BOARD 2008 - 2009

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What is Moot Court?

Moot Court is a prestigious honor unique to law school. In substance, it is similar to your Legal Skills II oral argument. In practice, it is much more rigorous and time intensive. As a Moot Court competitor, you and your partner will be solely responsible for the substance of your brief. It may be much more time intensive than Legal Skills. It will require strong research, writing, and oral argument skills. It is one of the highlights of any law school career.

You will compete against the top writers and oralists from the top law schools in the nation. Recent competitors have included U.C. Berkeley, Brigham Young, Chicago, Duke, Loyola, Michigan, Ohio State, Tulane, and William & Mary. Pierce Law has done very well in recent competitions ranking in writing, arguing, and overall categories.

As a member of the Pierce Law Moot Court team, you are entitled to training and practice sessions from Moot Court alum, faculty, and practitioners. Training sessions will likely include topics such as using Blue Book citations, advanced research, effective opening statements, proper rebuttals, strong conclusions, and other advanced writing and arguing skills. You will be entitled to countless practice sessions with your team coach, faculty member and other judges. We pick up where Legal Skills and Advanced Appellate Advocacy left off.

*Please note that you can enter other competitions; however, Pierce Law will not guarantee that you will receive course credit or be reimbursed for expenses.

Traditionally, Pierce Law competed in the following competitions:

The Giles S. Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition

Scope: National patent and intellectual property moot court competition sponsored by the American Intellectual Property

Law Association. Official Information:
<http://www.aipla.org/html/richmoot.html>
Prerequisite Course: Patents

Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition

Scope: National Trademark Law Moot Court competition sponsored by the Brand Names Education Foundation.
Official Information:<http://www.bnef.org/events/lefkowitz.html>
Prerequisite Course: Trademarks

Cardozo / BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition

Scope: National Moot Court competition sponsored by BMI.
Official Information:
http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/moot_court/bmi.html
Prerequisite Course: Copyrights

Braxton-Craven Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Scope: National Constitutional Law Moot Court competition sponsored by UNC.
Official Information: <http://mootcourt.unc.edu/>
Prerequisite Course: Constitutional Law

Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Scope: International Law Moot Court competition sponsored by Shearman and Sterling
Official Information: <http://www.ilsa.org>
Prerequisite Course: Public International Law

Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition

Scope: Corporate Law Moot Court competition sponsored by the Widener University School of Law
Official Information: <http://law.widener.edu/>
Prerequisite Course: Business Associations

John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition

Scope: Criminal Procedure Moot Court competition sponsored by Seton Hall University School of Law
Official Information: <http://law.shu.edu/>
Prerequisite Course: Criminal Procedure I

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Scope: International Commercial Law and Arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes
Official Information: <http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html>
Prerequisite Course: N/A

Application Process

In order to secure a position in one of the Moot Court competitions, you must be enrolled in or have already taken Advanced Appellate Advocacy (AAA) and the substantive course relating to the competition(s) for which you intend on applying. Thus, if you want to try-out for the GSR Patent Law Competition, you need to be enrolled in or have taken AAA and Patent Law. The same prerequisites apply to the other competitions, i.e., Leftkowitz (Trademarks), Cardozo (Copyrights), Craven (Constitutional Law), Gibbons (Criminal Procedure I), Jessup (Public International Law), Ruby Vale (Business Associates).

Please note that the try-out oral argument problem will be the same for each applicant, independent of the applicant's preference of which competition they seek to compete in.

To apply for a position as a Moot Court applicants must submit the following documents during the tryout period:

1. Submit your Legal Skills II appellate brief or summary judgement motion, preferably in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.
2. Submit a Statement of Intent, preferably in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format. (the statement of intent should include your intent to tryout for Moot Court, the reasons why you seek to participate in a Board-sponsored Moot Court competition, and any other information you deem helpful to the board in making its decision, one to two paragraphs should be sufficient)
3. Present a 10 minute oral argument based on closed-universe mock problem in front of a 3 person panel composed of faculty members and Moot Court Board members.
4. Submit a release of you Legal Skills Grades.
5. Submit an Order of Preference Form ranking your choice of which of the aforementioned competitions you seek to compete in.
6. Interview with the Board members. Interviews will be approximately 15 minutes.

The tryout oral arguments will take place in the evening. In order to schedule your individual times for the oral arguments and the interviews, please include in the text of the email in which you send your Legal Skills II brief and Statement of Intent when you are available according to your timeline. The board will do their best to accommodate your schedule.

PIERCE LAW REVIEW AND IDEA®: THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Academic Year 2007-2008

Adam Rick, Editor-in-Chief, Pierce Law Review

Kevin DeJong, Editor-in-Chief, IDEA

Additional Information may be found on our website: <http://www.piercelaw.edu/lawreview/constitution.htm>

The Pierce Law Review (PLR) accepts applications from first and second year JD students. Applicants must be willing to serve on the Law Review for at least 2 terms. Applicants must be in good academic standing and in residence (local externships only) for their first year.

All applicants must complete all parts of the application (editing and citation exercises, writing a comment and personal statement and provide a copy of their resume). The executive board reviews the applications and makes final determinations. Applications from individuals ranked in the top 10% of the first year class will be given substantial weight.

Expectations and duties include the following:

Attending a training session at the beginning of the year
Writing a note or comment, possibly for publication, in the Law Review, Editing articles for publication, Attending meetings, Other duties as assigned.



STARTING A NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Students wishing to start a new student organization must submit a list of at least five members who are interested in joining the club or organization. The acting president/head of the organization or club must submit a request for official recognition to the SBA and Assistant Dean of Students. The request shall include a mission statement, list of members and faculty advisor and any other pertinent information that may be necessary. The SBA will meet and discuss the request and provide a decision.