

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN PIERCE LAW CENTER

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is a student run association of Franklin Pierce Law Center. The purposes of the Association are to support and encourage academic excellence and professional growth among students, to secure and preserve the rights of individual students to acquire a quality legal education in a just and reasonable manner, to ensure efficient and effective use of student money and resources and to provide an organized forum for interaction and communication between students and the faculty, administration, alumni, and the community.

The SBA cooperates with local, state and national bar associations to further the interests of the legal profession and to advance the ideals and objectives of Franklin Pierce Law Center ("Pierce Law") students.

All students enrolled by Pierce Law as candidates for the degrees of Juris doctor, Masters of Law in Intellectual Property and any other degree programs authorized by Pierce Law, are members of the Association.

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2008-2009 academic year are:

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The complete Student Bar Association Charter and the Governors' Rules may be found on TWEN at www.lawschool.westlaw.com/twen/.



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