

The Ninth Annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition

Competition Rules

1. The Competition. DePaul University College of Law (DePaul) and the Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation (LCCHP) are proud to present the Ninth Annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition ("Competition"). The Competition will take place on February 23-24, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois.

2. Use of Competition Materials for Other Purposes Prohibited. The Competition Problem, Rules, and other materials are prepared and distributed by the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition Board ("Competition Board" or "Board") exclusively for the purposes of this Competition. By entering the Competition, each team and law school agrees that it will not make use of these Competition materials except in connection with its participation in this Competition. Any person or organization wishing to make any other use of the Problem, Rules, or other Competition materials must first obtain written approval from the Competition Board.

3. Interpretation of Competition Rules. The Competition is jointly sponsored by DePaul and the LCCHP. The Competition is administered by the Competition Board and is governed by these Rules and such other rules and procedures as may be adopted by the Board. The Competition Board retains the exclusive authority to interpret and execute the Competition Rules.

4. Fees and Deadlines. The registration fee for the Competition is \$450.00 per team. Registration will begin on August 22, 2017, and will end at 5:00 p.m. (CST) on November 16, 2017, or earlier if the team limit, as described in Rule 5(a) below, is met.

5. Registration, Eligibility, and Composition of Teams.

(a) Registration of Teams. Each law school may enter up to two teams. A team may register for the Competition by mailing or sending a PDF attachment by email of a Registration Form (Appendix A) to the Board by November 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (CST). Registration forms should be mailed to:

Professor Patty Gerstenblith
DePaul University College of Law
ATTN: NCHL Moot Court Competition
25 E. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1160
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Or emailed to:

CHMOOT@gmail.com

Registration will be capped at the first twenty-six (26) teams to submit the registration form. Any school submitting a Registration Form after the 26 team limit is reached will be notified by the Board that it is being placed on a waitlist. At the discretion of the Competition Board, the maximum number of teams may be increased to no more than twenty-eight (28) and a minimum participation level of eight (8) teams may be established as a condition of the Competition's occurrence.

(b) Payment as Confirmation of Eligibility to Compete. A registered team will only be allowed to compete if it submits full payment of the \$450.00 registration fee and a completed team information

sheet (Appendix A, Part C) by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on November 16, 2017. Payment can be made by mailing or sending as a .pdf attachment a completed credit card payment slip (Appendix A, Part D) or by mailing a check made out to DePaul University. Payment should be sent to the same address and email given in Rule 5(a).

(c) Waitlist. A registered team that does not submit payment or the team information sheet by the November 16, 2017, deadline will not be allowed to compete in the Competition. In the event that a registered team fails to remit payment by November 16th, the Board will then begin to contact teams on the waitlist in the order in which their Registration Forms were received to invite them to compete in the Competition. The timeline for a waitlisted team to provide payment of the registration fee and the team information sheet will be at the discretion of the Board.

(d) Composition of Teams. Each team shall consist of two or three members. A member must, at the time of the Competition, be enrolled in a full- or part-time Juris Doctor or equivalent program at the ABA-accredited or provisionally accredited law school that the team represents. No member may be in current possession of a Juris Doctor degree and no member may be a member of more than one team in the Competition. Substitution of members in a team shall not be permitted after submission of the team's brief unless the team obtains written consent from the Board. If a team must replace a team member, it must contact the Board as soon as possible at chmoot@gmail.com.

(e) Responsibilities of Team Members. Each team member must meaningfully participate in the writing of the team's brief. Team members may divide responsibilities for writing the brief in any manner that they see fit, but the Board's expectation is that at a minimum all team members will participate in some way in the research required to draft the brief and contribute text to the final brief that is submitted by the team. Each team member must also argue at least once in the preliminary rounds in order for the team to be eligible for advancement to later rounds.

(f) Withdrawal from Competition. If a registered team wishes to relinquish its spot in the Competition, please immediately contact the Board at chmoot@gmail.com. No team shall be entitled to a reimbursement or refund of the registration fee after submitting payment to the Competition. A team that chooses to withdraw from the competition at any time shall be solely responsible for any expenses incurred, including, but not limited to, hotel and travel expenses.

6. Outside Assistance and Consultation.

(a) Faculty Assistance. Team members should not receive outside assistance of any kind from a faculty member, coach, or any other person not on their team before filing a competition brief. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance from, sharing, or comparison of research or work product with members of another team from the same school. Team members may use computer-aided research and word processing software, including automated cite-checking or spell-checking systems.

(b) Participation of Competition Problem Writers. No person may participate in this Competition as a coach, advisor, or other team participant, or offer any assistance to a coach, advisor, or team participant if he or she participated in the development of the Competition Problem, including, but not limited to, formulating or providing advice as to the content of the Problem, drafting or assisting in the drafting of the Problem, reviewing a draft of the Problem, or participating in a way that informs that person of the substantive content of the Problem.

(c) Communication Outside the Team. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each member of a team is prohibited from any discussion, either directly or indirectly, pertaining to the Competition Problem or any related issue with a person who is not a member of that particular team until such time as that team has submitted a brief for competition. After submission of the competition brief, team members may have others help them prepare for oral arguments. However, at no time may members of teams at different schools communicate with one another regarding the issues of the Competition Problem. Schools with two participating teams may conduct practice oral argument sessions against each other only after both teams have filed their briefs.

(d) Team Coaches. A participating team coach may only assist in the preparation for oral argument. The coach may be a student, faculty member, or other advisor. Two teams from the same school may have the same coach.

7. Problem Dissemination & Team Identification and Brief Assignments.

(a) Dissemination of Materials. No later than 5:00 p.m. (CST) on November 17, 2017, the Competition Chair will publish the Problem on the Competition's website, go.depaul.edu/chmoot. In addition, the Competition Chair will email each team its team identification information and brief assignment.

(b) Team Identification. Each team shall receive a randomly-assigned team identification number or letter that the team must use as the **exclusive** means of identification in its brief and during oral arguments. Teams should not identify their school affiliation in any way before the awards banquet at the conclusion of the competition.

(c) Brief Assignments. Once the registration deadline has passed, each team will be assigned a side to brief, either Petitioner or Respondent. Brief assignments shall be determined randomly, but two teams from the same school will not be assigned to the same side. Regardless of which side a team is assigned to brief, it must be adequately prepared to argue either side of the issues during oral argument.

8. Service of Briefs.

(a) Service of Board. Each team must serve the Board with the following materials in a single package, which must be **received** by the Board **no later than 5:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, January 23, 2018:**

- (i) Two (2) identical hardcopies of the team's brief, which will be used to check compliance with all format and citation requirements, AND
- (ii) One (1) original signed Certification Statement [Appendix B]

The package must be sent to:

Professor Patty Gerstenblith
DePaul University College of Law
ATTN: NCHL Moot Court Competition
25 E. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1160
Chicago, Illinois 60604

We strongly encourage teams to send their briefs by Federal Express or UPS in order to ensure prompt delivery and to obtain tracking status of the delivery. If any teams wish to hand deliver their briefs, they must email the Competition Chair at chmoot@gmail.com to inform the Board that they wish to hand

deliver their package. Any team that chooses to do so must drop off their package in person to Lubna S. El-Gendi, Director of Diversity Programming & Outreach, in Office 320. No team will be allowed to alter its brief after the service deadline.

(b) Service of Other Teams. Each team must also email one copy of its complete brief in PDF format **no later than 5:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, January 23, 2018**, to CHMOOT@gmail.com. The body of the email shall state the team's assigned identification, the name of the school, the names of all team members, and the assigned side on whose behalf the team wrote (Petitioner or Respondent).

The file must be in .pdf format, and the file name must clearly identify the team by its assigned letter or number. For example, a file name should look similar to the following format: Team_A.pdf, Team_14.pdf, etc. If a team submits its brief in any other format other than .pdf format, it will suffer a point penalty as described in Rule 10.

The competitors' briefs will be saved to a compressed folder that will be emailed to each team by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on January 26, 2018, which shall be deemed as appropriate service upon other teams. Teams are solely responsible to access the compressed folder to download and print briefs of other teams. Briefs do not need to be served upon other teams in any other way.

(c) Late Submissions. Briefs or any other required materials that are received after the deadline established in Rules 8(a) and 8(b) shall be subject to a point penalty as detailed in Rule 10.

9. Briefs.

(a) Identification on Briefs. Each team shall use its randomly assigned identification letter or number (see Rule 7(b)) on the lower right cover of the brief and on the signature page. To ensure anonymous grading, no team shall state the names of its team members or the school it represents **anywhere** on the brief, either in the body of the brief or in any appendices. Nor should a team provide its school's mailing address on the cover page or signature page of its brief. Disclosure of a team's actual identity on the brief cover, signature line, or anywhere else in the brief will incur a point penalty as detailed in Rule 10. Providing the assigned team identification letter or number is sufficient counsel contact information for this Competition.

(b) Form of Briefs.

(i) Briefs should conform generally to rules 24 and 34 of the [Rules of the United States Supreme Court](#), unless otherwise provided for in the Rules or by the Board. This includes providing the required information on the cover page.

(ii) All briefs submitted must conform to these further typographical requirements:

- (1)** Each brief shall be prepared with either a word processor or typewriter. The style and font (see below) of each brief shall be uniform throughout the entire brief, including footnotes, page numbers, and appendices. Each page shall be printed on one side using black ink.
- (2)** The type size shall be Times New Roman 12 point (footnotes and page numbers may be 10 or 11 point) and produce no more than sixteen (16) characters per inch. Sixteen (16) characters per inch will be measured by placing a ruler on any given page, marking one inch over the text and counting how many characters are located within that inch. If more than sixteen (16)

characters are located within the inch, a violation of this rule will have occurred. The use of word processing programs' capabilities to alter the standard character spacing settings, such as "shrink-to-fit," constitutes a violation of this Rule.

- (3)** All text shall conform to twenty-eight (28) lines per page, including lines in footnotes. For purposes of calculating the number of lines on a given page, single-spaced quotations shall be counted as every other line. If there are more than twenty-eight (28) lines per page, a violation of this rule will have occurred.
 - Appendices may be single-spaced but must conform to all other requirements under Rule 9(b).
- (4)** Pages shall be numbered consecutively in the lower right-hand corner of every page. Page numbers should conform to the style and font requirements stated in Rule 9(b)(ii). In compliance with subsection (8) below, the Statement of the Case shall begin on page number 1.
- (5)** Each page shall be 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches and shall have top, bottom, left and right margins of a minimum of 1-inch, excluding page numbers.
- (6)** Left justify all text. Do not use full justification of text. Do not provide additional spacing between paragraphs.
- (7)** Appendices may be used to recite the text of statutes, Constitutional provisions, regulations, and materials that are not generally available.
- (8)** Briefs shall not exceed thirty (30) pages in length, excluding the following:
 - a. Title Page;
 - b. Questions Presented;
 - c. Table of Contents;
 - d. Table of Authorities;
 - e. Jurisdictional Statement;
 - f. Opinion Below; and
 - g. Appendices
- (9)** Each brief shall be printed on standard or bond white paper.
- (10)** Each brief shall have a front cover of cardstock.
 - a. Each brief submitted for Petitioner shall have a blue front cover.
 - b. Each brief submitted for Respondent shall have a red front cover.
 - c. Do not include a plastic cover with the briefs.The .pdf file (see Rule 8(b)) of the brief does not need to have a red or blue cover page.

(iii) Citation format. Citations must conform to the most recent edition of "The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation." The Competition Problem is the official appellate record [R.] for the purposes of citing to the record on appeal.

(iv) Reproductions. Briefs may be reproduced by any method that produces a clear black image on white paper, except carbon copying. However, all briefs submitted by a team must have an appropriately colored cover page.

(v) Binding. All briefs submitted shall be velo-bound or spiral bound at the left margin.

(vi) Penalties against Briefs. A team's hardcopy brief will be used to determine compliance with the Competition's format requirements. Any penalties assessed against a team for format violations will be deducted from the Team Brief Score.

(c) Changes to Briefs. No changes in the briefs will be permitted after they have been served on the Board, including correction of typographical errors.

(d) Brief Scoring.

(i) Judges. Each brief shall be evaluated by a minimum of three judges selected by the Competition Board. Each judge shall individually evaluate each brief according to the Competition's official brief score sheet (Appendix C), with the exception that brief graders will not assign points for citations. All submitted briefs will be evaluated for citations by a single member of the Competition Board or an individual designated by the Board who has extensive experience with the requirements of "The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation."

(ii) Computation of Overall Team Brief Score. A team's Team Brief Score shall be equal to the average of all the brief judges' scores plus the points awarded for citations. Team Brief Scores will be rounded to the nearest hundredth.

10. Penalties. The Board may assess such penalties, including disqualification, as it deems reasonable and appropriate for failure to comply with the rules of the Competition. All penalties imposed by the Board shall be final and binding. The Board has established specific penalties that will be deducted from a team's Team Brief Score for the following rule violations:

(a) Three (3) points per calendar day (up to a maximum of 9 points) for late service of hardcopy briefs required by Rule 8;

(b) Up to two (2) points for late service of, or failure to serve, any other required materials in the proper format (see Rule 8), such as the electronic copy (in .pdf format) of a team's brief or the signed Certification Statement.

(c) Up to two (2) points for identifying any team member's name, or the name or address of the law school a team represents, anywhere in the brief.

(d) Two (2) points per page beyond the page limit for the brief;

(e) One (1) point if any page contains more than twenty-eight (28) lines per page (see Rule 9(b)(ii)(3)).

(f) One (1) point for any type of binding that does not conform with Rule 9(b)(v);

(g) One half (½) point for each violation of the format, margin, or type-size requirements. A single mistake, such as an incorrect margin on an entire brief, will only incur a single penalty, not ½ point for each page. If in the Board’s opinion a specific violation gives the team an advantage, an additional one half (½) point will be deducted.

11. Oral Arguments.

(a) Time. Each team is allotted thirty (30) minutes for its argument. Only two team members are permitted to speak in a given round. The team representing the Petitioner may reserve up to five minutes for rebuttal. Only one person from the Petitioner’s team may give rebuttal, but the Petitioner team may deduct the rebuttal time from one or both of its team members during the primary argument period. The Petitioner’s team is responsible for instructing the bailiff on how the time should be allocated. The Respondent team will not have a rebuttal. Competitors will receive time warnings with five, three, and one minute remaining.

(b) Allotment of Time. Each team may allot its time as it sees fit, but each competing team member for a round must argue for a minimum of ten (10) minutes.

(c) Exhibits. No charts, diagrams, or other visual aids shall be used during oral arguments.

(d) Communication During Rounds. Once a round has begun, there shall be no communication in any form from any member of the audience, including coaches, faculty advisors, or team members who will not be arguing during that round. Teams are not permitted to disclose the identity of their schools to judges until either the conclusion of the Competition or the team’s elimination from the Competition, whichever occurs first.

(e) Oral Argument Scoring.

(i) Judges. Each oral argument will be evaluated by a panel of a minimum of three judges selected by the Board. Each judge shall individually evaluate each competitor according to the Competition’s official oral argument score sheet (Appendix D).

(ii) Computation of Team Oral Argument Score. A team’s Team Prelim Oral Argument Score for each preliminary round will be calculated by averaging the individual oral argument scores received by a team’s competitors in that round. For instance, in the first preliminary round, the team representing the Petitioner would receive individual oral argument scores for the first competitor (one from each judge) and individual oral argument scores for the second competitor (one from each judge). All of those scores would be added and that amount divided by the total number of score sheets to calculate the team’s Team Prelim 1 Oral Argument Score. A team’s Team Oral Argument Score for the octofinal, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds will be calculated in the same manner. All Team Oral Argument Scores will be rounded to the nearest hundredth.

(f) Attendance at Oral Arguments.

(i) Team members, coaches, or faculty advisors of a team participating in the competition may only attend arguments in which they or their teams are participating during the preliminary rounds. Absent the consent of both teams, the attendees at each preliminary argument are limited to the members, coaches, or faculty advisors of the competing teams as well as Board members, LCCHP members and DePaul students who are assisting with the Competition. Requests for permission for additional guest attendees

must be made to the Board before the date of the oral argument rounds. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of guest attendees per team that will be allowed to attend. All attendees must sit in an area designated by the bailiff.

(ii) This rule does not apply for the octofinal, quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds of the Competition, with the exception that no team member, coach or faculty advisor of a team, or team guest may watch a round in which they are not involved until all teams from that school are eliminated. No scouting is permitted.

12. Scoring and Advancement in the Competition.

(a) Odd Number of Competing Teams. In the event that an odd number of teams register for the Competition, the Board will field a “ghost” team during the preliminary rounds to ensure that each team argues against an opponent. Oral argument judges will not be informed of which team is the “ghost” team and it will be evaluated like every other team in the competition. The “ghost” team will not be eligible to advance past the preliminary rounds.

(b) Weight of Team Brief Score and Team Oral Argument Score.

In determining which sixteen (16) teams will advance to the octofinal round, the Team Brief Score shall count toward 30% of the Team Rank Score, and the Team Prelim Oral Argument Score shall count toward 70%. In determining which eight (8) teams will advance to the quarterfinal round, the Team Brief Score shall count toward 20% of the Team Rank Score, and the Team Octofinal Oral Argument Score shall count toward 80%. In determining which four (4) teams will advance to the semifinal round, the Team Brief Score shall count toward 10% of the Team Rank Score, and the Team QF Oral Argument Score shall count toward 90%. The Team Semifinal Oral Argument Score will exclusively be used to determine which two (2) teams will advance to the final.

(c) Preliminary Rounds.

(i) Each team will argue in two preliminary rounds. Pairings for which teams compete against one another during the preliminary rounds will be random, except teams from the same school will not be paired against one another in the preliminary rounds and no two teams will face each other twice in the preliminary rounds. Each team will represent each side once during the preliminary rounds, arguing for the Petitioner in one preliminary round and for the Respondent in the other preliminary round. Teams will not know which side they are representing during each round until the day of that round.

(ii) At the end of the preliminary rounds, each team shall be given a Team Rank Score calculated in the following manner: $0.30 [\text{Team Brief Score}] + 0.70 [\text{Team Prelim Oral Argument Score} (\text{Team Prelim 1 Oral Argument Score} + \text{Team Prelim 2 Oral Argument Score})/2]$. The sixteen (16) highest scoring teams from the preliminary rounds shall advance to the octofinal round. In the event of a tie, the team with the higher brief score will advance.

(d) Octofinal Round.

(i) Competition in this round is head-to-head, in the sense that only one team will advance from each octofinal round pairing.

(ii) The higher ranked teams from the preliminary rounds (based on the Team Rank Score as calculated per 12(c)(ii)) shall be paired against the lower ranked teams; for example, number 1 will be paired against number 16, number 2 against number 15, and so on. Teams that faced each other in the preliminary

rounds and teams from the same school may meet in the octofinal round. Teams will be assigned randomly by coin toss to represent Petitioner or Respondent.

(iii) At the end of the octofinal round, each team shall be given a new Team Rank Score calculated in the following manner: $0.20 [\text{Team Brief Score}] + 0.80 [\text{Team Octofinal Oral Argument Score}]$. The team with the highest Team Rank Score from each octofinal pairing will advance to the quarterfinal round.

(e) Quarterfinal Round.

(i) Competition in this round is head-to-head, in the sense that only one team will advance from each quarterfinal round pairing.

(ii) The higher ranked teams from the octofinal round (based on the Team Rank Score as calculated per Rule 12(d)(iii)) shall be paired against the lower ranked teams; for example, number 1 will be paired against number 8, number 2 against number 7, and so on. Teams that faced each other previously and teams from the same school may meet in the quarterfinal round. Teams will be assigned to argue the side they did not argue in the previous round, except that if two teams seeded against each other both argued the same side in the previous round, a coin toss will be used to determine which team will represent Petitioner and which will represent Respondent.

(iii) At the end of the quarterfinal round, each team shall be given a new Team Rank Score calculated in the following manner: $0.10 [\text{Team Brief Score}] + 0.90 [\text{Team QF Oral Argument Score}]$. The team with the highest Team Rank Score from each quarterfinal pairing will advance to the semifinal round.

(f) Semifinal and Final Rounds.

(i) Competition in these rounds is head-to-head.

(ii) The teams with the higher quarterfinal round Team Rank Score (as calculated per Rule 12(e)(iii)) shall be paired against the lower ranked teams from that round; that is, number 1 will be paired against number 4, and number 2 against number 3. Teams that faced each other previously and teams from the same school may meet in the semifinal round. Teams will be assigned to argue the side they did not argue in the previous round, except that if two teams seeded against each other both argued the same side in the previous round, a coin toss will be used to determine which team will represent Petitioner and which will represent Respondent.

(iii) At the end of the semifinal round, the team with the highest Team Oral Argument Score from each semifinal pairing shall advance to the final round.

(iv) The teams advancing to the final round will be assigned randomly by coin toss to represent Petitioner or Respondent.

(v) After the completion of the final round, the sitting judges will confer and determine the winning team. The judges are not required to use score sheets or to calculate a numerical score, and will not consider the Team Brief Score in determining the winning team. In the event of a tie, however, the team with the higher Team Brief Score will be declared the winner.

13. Awards. The Competition will issue the following six awards:

- (a) Best Brief and Runner-up Best Brief
- (b) Best Oralist and Runner-up Best Oralist (awarded based on the preliminary rounds; a competitor must have argued in both preliminary rounds to be eligible)
- (c) Champion and Second Place Team

14. Clarifications and Determinations.

(a) Requests for Clarification of Problem or Rules.

Submit requests for clarification of the rules to:

chmoot@gmail.com

Subject: Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Rules

Submit requests for clarification of the fact pattern to:

chmoot@gmail.com

Subject: Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Fact Pattern

Every team will be notified of any clarifications issued by the Board, including any made in response to a question from a specific team, via an email sent to each team's designated contact person.

(b) Determinations by the Board.

The Board's determination of advancing and winning teams and of winning competitors shall be final. In the event of an error, the Board reserves the right, but has no obligation, to grant additional awards to any team or competitor disadvantaged by the error. Any decisions or other actions taken by the Board shall be final and binding on all participants.

15. Amendments. The Board reserves the right to make and implement any further rules and procedures or take any actions deemed advisable for the conduct of the Competition. Each participating school will be notified of any changes by e-mail addressed to the designated team contact person.

REGISTRATION FORM

Part A – SCHOOL INFORMATION:

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____

School Mailing Address (for Competition mailings):

Part B – TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

Official Team Contact Person:

Please only list one Official Team Contact Person, even if registering two teams.

Name & Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to register ONE / TWO (please circle) team(s) from my school for the Ninth Annual National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition. I have read the Competition Rules and understand that registering a team does not entitle it to compete unless the \$450.00 registration fee and the team information (Part C) for each team are timely submitted as detailed in Rule 5.

Team Contact Person Signature

Part C – TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION:

*Please list the **name and email address** of each member of your team. All names should be listed as you wish them to appear on all correspondence and/or public award announcements.*

Team 1:

1. Name: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Email: _____

Coach/Advisor (name and email): _____

Team 2 (if applicable):

1. Name: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Email: _____

Coach/Advisor (name and email): _____

Appendix A cont.

Part D – PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Registration Fee: \$450.00 per team

Acceptable Payment Methods: Mail a check, made payable to DePaul University, along with a completed Registration Form to:

Professor Patty Gerstenblith
DePaul University College of Law
ATTN: NCHL Moot Court Competition
25 E. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1160
Chicago, Illinois 60604

OR Email a completed Registration Form, with the Credit Card Payment Information section below completed, as a .pdf attachment to CHMOOT@gmail.com.

Please note the registration and payment deadline is **November 16, 2017**.

Credit Card Payment Information:

School Name: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Amount:

_____ \$450 (registration of one team)

_____ \$900 (registration of two teams)

Signature: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

We certify that the brief submitted by Team _____, of _____, is completed in accordance with the Rules of the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition, and represents the work product of only the undersigned members of the team, and we agree to comply and be bound by those Rules throughout the Competition. Furthermore, we agree that if the undersigned, either individually or collectively, violates any of the Competition Rules, the Competition Board may disqualify the team or take any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate at the sole discretion of the Competition Board. We grant to DePaul University College of Law and to the Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation a nonexclusive right to publish the brief on the Internet and in print. We also acknowledge that by participating in the Competition we may be photographed or videotaped during our participation in the Competition and those images may be used to promote the Competition on its website or in other media.

Dated: _____, 2018

(Team Member)

(Team Member)

(Team Member)

Brief Score Sheet

Team: _____ Brief: Petitioner (BLUE) ____ Respondent (RED) ____

For a category worth **10 points**, judges **SHOULD NOT** give a score below 5 points and must use this scale: 5 is Poor, 6 is Below Average, 7-8 is Average, 9 is Above Average, and 10 is Excellent.

For a category worth **25 points**, judges **SHOULD NOT** give a score below 12 points and must use this scale: 12-13 is Poor, 14-16 is Below Average, 17-20 is Average, 21-23 is Above Average, and 24-25 is Excellent.

		<u>Points Awarded</u>
I. Organization	10 points	
All sections are included; Positions are clearly identified, discussed, and concluded; the brief transitions between issues and sub-issues.		_____ /10
II. Arguments	(45 points total)	
Key issues are fully explained without unduly dwelling on minor issues. 10 points		_____ /10
All legal issues are treated adequately. 10 points		_____ /10
Arguments advanced are soundly reasoned, reflect an understanding of favorable and unfavorable authority, integrate the facts of the case, and advance relevant policy considerations. 25 points		_____ /25
III. Authorities	(35 points total)	
A reasonable number of authorities are cited and authorities hold as claimed. 10 points		_____ /10
The advocate’s positions are supported by relevant and leading authorities or the absence of such authority is explained. 25 points		_____ /25
IV. Citations	10 points	
Cited authorities in accordance with the most recent edition of the “Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.”		_____ /10

Oral Argument Score Sheet

Judge's Name: _____

Team: _____

Party: Petitioner OR Respondent
(circle one)

Round: _____
(Prelim I, II, Octo, Quarter, Semi)

Competitor Name: _____

Judges must use the following scale when awarding points:

DO NOT give a score below 10 points! 10-11 is Poor, 12-13 is Below Average, 14-16 is Average, 17-18 is Above Average, and 19-20 is Excellent.

Points Awarded

I. Coherence and Clarity of Argument 20 points

- Proper focus on important issues of the case
- Integrates facts with legal arguments
- Precision and focus of argument

_____ / 20

II. Substance of Legal Arguments 20 points

- Sufficient analysis of authorities
- Comprehension of legal issues and policies underlying arguments
- Sound premises and logical conclusions
- Strong knowledge of the record

_____ / 20

III. Persuasiveness 20 points

- Reinforces favorable authority
- Distinguishes unfavorable authority
- Acknowledges weaknesses when appropriate
- Responsive to opposing counsel's arguments

_____ /20

IV. Questions from Judges 20 points

- Respectful attention paid to judges
- Responsive to questions asked
- Answers questions sufficiently
- Uses questions to advance argument

_____ /20

V. Presentation 20 points

- Follows court procedures
- Demonstrates enthusiasm and conviction
- Uses clear and convincing speech
- Keeps poise while being questioned
- Effective use of time

_____ /20