

MARCH 7-9, 2019

NATIONAL  
TAX MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION

GAINESVILLE,  
FLORIDA



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# COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Florida Bar Tax Section has hosted a National Tax Moot Court Competition annually to have law students from various law schools across the country come and demonstrate their written brief and oral argument skills. This is an opportunity for law students to continue to sharpen and develop their skills, while networking with attorneys as well.

The format of the competition consists of a first round double elimination oral argument followed by single elimination quarterfinals, semifinal, and final rounds (together hereinafter referred to as the “Rounds”). There is a separate competition for written briefs, with independent judging and awards. The problem (hereinafter the “Problem”) consists of three or four issues, all tax related. For preliminary rounds of the oral argument competition, judges are made up of attorneys who are members of the Section. The final and consolation rounds consist of judges from the United States Tax Court. On the final day, at a dinner/reception, awards will be presented to the teams that presented the best written briefs and oral arguments.

## RULES OF ENTRY

The National Tax Moot Court Competition is limited to sixteen (16) teams from law schools throughout the country. Schools are allowed to enter more than one team only if less than sixteen schools register. Each team shall consist of two or three students, all of whom must be full time law students at the time of the competition. Teams will be allowed entry on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of both the completed registration form and payment of the entry fees.

Due to the popularity of this competition, The Section has not guaranteed all interested teams a spot. It does, however, try to be fair and give everyone the opportunity to participate. Each year, registration packets are provided to all schools that competed in the prior year’s competition. Returning schools will have one week advanced notice to register before the competition is open to everyone. It is important to note that returning schools are not guaranteed a position in the competition. A week after, notices are sent to the remaining schools.

## AWARDS

Winner, Oral Argument  
1st Runner Up, Oral Argument  
2nd Runner Up, Oral Argument

Best Individual Oralist  
Best Brief  
Runner Up, Best Brief



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Times are subject to change*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  | Check-In at Registration Table  |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Round 1   First Arguments<br><i>15-minute breaks between arguments</i>  |
| 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. | Lunch (provided)  |
| 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  | Round 1   Second Arguments<br><i>15-minute breaks between arguments</i> |
| Dinner on your own     |   |

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

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|-------------------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  | Round 1   Third Arguments<br><i>For teams with 1-1 record</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Quarter Finals  |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  | Lunch (provided)  |
| 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.   | Semi Finals   |
| Dinner on your own      |   |

## SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Consolation Round           |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.   | Finals                      |
| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.   | Reception (All Competitors) |
| 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.   | Awards Banquet              |

# 2018 PARTICIPATING LAW SCHOOLS

Charleston School of Law | *Winner, Oral Argument*

University of Alabama School of Law | *1st Runner Up, Oral Argument*

University of Oregon School of Law | *2nd Runner Up, Oral Argument*

Suffolk University School of Law | *Best Brief*

Louisiana State University | *Runner Up, Best Brief*  
Paul M. Hebert Law Center

University of Louisville  
Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

University of Florida Levin College of Law

New England School of Law

University of Baltimore School of Law

University of Kentucky College of Law

University of Oklahoma College of Law

Liberty University School of Law



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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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| <b>TEAM ENTRY FEE</b>        | <b>\$900</b> |
| <b>AWARDS BANQUET TICKET</b> | <b>\$50</b>  |

[Click here](#) to register as a guest  
through The Florida Bar Members Portal.

Please call **850-561-5831** if you need assistance with  
the registration process.

*The problem release date is November 19, 2018.*



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