

# **GW LAW ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS**

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## **INTERNAL ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS**

*On Campus, Against Other GW Students, No Faculty Coach, Do Not Meet Skills & Experiential Requirement*

### **FIRST YEAR INTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

Not-for-credit, opportunity for experience and respective Board membership

#### **1. FIRST YEAR ARBITRATION COMPETITION (ADR)**

Fall, most relevant and pervasive form of out-of-court resolution, utilizing trial-like skills and oration

#### **2. NEGOTIATIONS (ADR)**

Spring, negotiate an agreement or settlement, open to all new students

#### **3. FIRST YEAR MOCK TRIAL**

Spring, scored on opening/closing, direct and cross exams, must get witnesses, student coach provided

#### **4. FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT**

Spring, LRW creates problem, an appellate argument, first round is before LRW adjunct

### **UPPER-LEVEL INTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

One-credit electives, graded CR/NC, done in teams of two, opportunity for respective Board membership, may only participate in 1 per semester for a total of 3 upper-level competitions

#### **5. COHEN & COHEN MOCK TRIAL**

Fall, only on-campus upper-level mock trial competition of the academic year

#### **6. VAN VLECK CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT**

Fall, oldest and most prestigious of competitions, Supreme Court Justices have presided over finals

#### **7. ROTHWELL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT COURT**

Spring, best returning team(s) represent GW at next year's Giles Rich Competition (see 14 below), law firm of Rothwell Figg endows

#### **8. SPANOGLE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (ADR)**

Spring, best returning students compete in next year's Vis in Vienna or Hong Kong (see 15 below)

#### **9. DENTONS "GILBERT A. CUNEO" GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS MOOT COURT**

Spring, Professor Steve Schooner oversees, best briefs published in *Public Contracts Law Journal*, this competition is unique compared to all others because it (1) is two-credits, (2) has regular class meetings known at the time of registration, which allow it to meet the Skills & Experiential Requirement, (3) does not offer Board membership, and (4) does not require an Intent to Compete form

## **EXTERNAL ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS**

*Against Other Law Schools, Faculty Coach, Meets Skills & Experiential Requirement, Restricted Class*

### **GW SPONSORED UPPER-LEVEL EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

One-credit restricted (Dean Johnson's approval needed) courses, graded CR/NC, typically must be respective Board member to be selected for team, may only participate in 1 per semester for a total of 3

#### **10. NATIONAL VETERANS LAW MOOT COURT**

Fall, up to 2 GW teams participate, Preliminary Rounds at GW Law, Advancement Rounds at the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in D.C., Dean Lisa Schenck coaches

#### **11. ESTRELLA TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION**

Spring, team consists of 4 students who compete in San Juan, Puerto Rico

### **OFF CAMPUS UPPER-LEVEL EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

One-credit restricted (Dean Johnson's approval needed) courses, graded CR/NC, typically must be respective Board member to be selected for team, may only participate in 1 a semester for a total of 3

#### **12. DC Cup Moot Court**

#### **13. Frankfurt International Investment Arbitration Moot (Germany) (Covington & Burling sponsors)**

#### **14. Giles S. Rich Moot Court Competition (various regional locales, nationals in DC)**

#### **15. Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court (DC regional, international finals)**

#### **16. Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (various regional locales, nationals in DC)**

#### **17. Willem Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Hong Kong, China or Vienna, Austria)**

#### **18. List of National Alternative Dispute Resolution Competitions:**

<https://www.law.lsu.edu/advocacy/resources/list-of-national-dispute-resolution-competitions/>

#### **19. List of National Mock Trial Competitions:**

<https://www.law.lsu.edu/advocacy/resources/list-of-national-trial-advocacy-competitions/>

#### **20. List of National Moot Court Competitions:**

<https://www.law.lsu.edu/advocacy/resources/list-of-national-moot-court-competitions/>

### **FUNDING FOR/SELECTION TO EXTERNAL TEAMS**

A major benefit to obtaining Skills Board membership (ADR, Mock Trial or Moot Court) is that funding and coaching - two necessary elements for any external - are in place to enable students to compete. For those who have not yet obtained Board membership, partial SBA *ad hoc* funding may be possible with Dean Johnson's support and appropriate coaching.