

Environmental Law Programs at Pace

Since 1978, Pace Law School has provided an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Our faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and serve as national and world leaders in the field. Our alumni work in government environmental agencies, law firms, nonprofit organizations, corporations, and law schools and universities across the country and around the world. For decades, our program has been ranked among the top in the nation.

Our curriculum trains lawyers of tomorrow in proven techniques to solve complex environmental, land use, energy, and resource challenges by offering an environmental law program focused on helping students acquire practice-ready skills and knowledge. We lead the profession in many of our clinics, centers, institutes, and externship opportunities.

We also offer an LLM in Environmental Law with optional concentrations in three areas, Global Environmental Law, Land Use and Sustainable Development Law, and Climate Change Law. The LLM program prepares lawyers to address the scientific, economic and political forces that shape the environment, to protect our natural surroundings and promote smart and sustainable development.

Our Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law, one of the few such programs in the country, prepares legal scholars to teach environmental law in the U.S. and abroad.

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27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

2015 NELMCC Invitation to Judge Preliminary Rounds



N E L M C C

THE JEFFREY G. MILLER PACE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Pace Law School
February 19-21, 2015



The Competition

The Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (NELMCC) is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, through Saturday, February 21, 2015 in White Plains, New York.

Every year since 1989, student advocates nationwide assemble at Pace Law School to compete in the largest interschool moot court competition of any kind under one roof. Over 200 competitors and 175 attorneys participate in grading briefs and serving as judges for the three days of the event.

The event tests skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy involving issues drawn from real cases to provide first hand experience in environmental litigation and creating a rigorous academic experience.

The Competition is distinctive in that three adverse teams argue the issues, reflecting the fact that environmental litigation frequently involves multiple parties—the government, a public interest group and a member of the regulated industry.

Oral Rounds

Oral arguments begin with the preliminary rounds on Thursday and conclude with the final round on Saturday, which is open to the public. Scoring in the preliminary rounds is based on a combination of the brief score and scores from the oral arguments. Scoring in the later rounds is based solely on oral performance. Judges evaluating the oral arguments include attorneys with environmental law expertise, Pace Law faculty, local attorneys and judges from the nation's courts. Final round judges are members of the federal and state benches and the US EPA's Environmental Appeals Board.

The Problem

Each year the legal problem drafted involves timely issues of national importance to the practice of environmental law. Recent topics have included illegal dumping of hazardous waste, vicarious criminal liability of corporate officers for their company's environmental crimes, and Commerce Clause limits on water pollution regulation.

Awards & Winners

Awards are conferred on the winners in each of the following categories:

- ▶ Winning Team
- ▶ Finalist Teams (two)
- ▶ Best Oralist
- ▶ Best Oralist - Honorable Mention
- ▶ Best Brief Overall
- ▶ Best Briefs in Remaining Parties (two)

Recent winners include:

Year	Winner	Finalists
2014	Univ of Mississippi	Louisiana State Univ Univ of Utah
2013	Vermont Law	Lewis & Clark Appalachian Law
2012	Univ of Mississippi	Lewis & Clark Univ of Denver
2011	Univ of Mississippi	Baylor Lewis & Clark
2010	Lewis & Clark	Univ of Houston Univ of Wyoming

On the Web

Information on current and previous moots can be accessed at www.law.pace.edu/nelmcc. The final round on Saturday, February 21, will be webcast live on the Pace Law home page and archived on the NELMCC website.

Judging the Competition

Complete the Judging Form, detach along the dotted line and send to us. We will either email or mail confirmation of your request according to your preference, along with the problem, bench memo and instructions in late January.

To provide our competitors with a high quality experience, we ask that our judges become familiar with all preparatory materials before the oral phase of the competition. Attorneys should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled round for final instructions.

CLE Credits for Judging

Attorneys admitted to the New York bar for more than two years may earn two practice credits per round of judging. Attorneys in states other than New York will need to check with the state CLE department to determine if the program will satisfy the state's requirements.

According to New York State CLE rules, newly admitted attorneys (attorneys admitted to the bar less than two years from the competition date) cannot earn CLE credits for judging moot competitions.

Attorneys must sign in and out on the attendance sheet before and after each round of judging in order to receive CLE credits.



BONUS ENVIRONMENTAL CLE PROGRAM

NELMCC is pleased to offer a bonus CLE program entitled "The Future of Water Supply and Water Integrity," FREE of charge to attorneys who judge at least one round of the 2015 Competition. This topic of critical importance is scheduled for Thursday, February 19. Preregistration is strongly urged.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, February 19, 5:00-7:00pm

LOCATION: Judicial Institute Lecture Hall (adjacent to Pace Law)

TITLE: The Future of Water Supply and Water Integrity

PROGRAM CHAIR: Stephen M. Quigley, Principal and Corporate Secretary, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

PANELISTS: TBD

CLE CREDITS: 1.5 practice; .5 ethics pending
This program is suitable for newly admitted and experienced attorneys.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

As water supply scarcity coincides with aging infrastructure and population growth, it is critical that the stakeholders address protecting, maintaining and allocating our water resources. This program will frame the issues and challenges from the perspective of the stakeholders including engineering, political, regulatory, land use, and energy interests. Attorneys attending this program will gain a broad knowledge of the federal, state and municipal regulatory and ethical legal issues that impact water supply and water integrity.

The program will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Attorneys admitted in New York are eligible for two CLE credits; attorneys admitted in other states must check with the state CLE department to determine if the program will satisfy the state's requirements.

NELMCC Competition judges may enroll in the CLE programs for FREE. To qualify, the CLE Registration Form must accompany the 2015 NELMCC Judging Form.

CLE Registration Form

I will attend the CLE Program on Thursday, February 19, from 5-7 pm.

(Please be prompt. You must attend the entire session to qualify for CLE credits.)

This program is suitable for newly admitted and experienced attorneys.

I will participate in the 2015 NELMCC as a judge for at least one of the rounds.

(NELMCC Judging Form must accompany CLE registration)

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Address

Title

Firm/Organization/Court

Business Address (Street)

Business Address (City, State, Zip)

Business Phone

Email

The CLE program is **FREE** for all who judge a competition round. To qualify, this form **must** accompany the 2015 NELMCC Judging Form.

Note: Attorneys admitted in states other than New York must check with the state CLE department to determine if the program will satisfy its CLE requirements.

Return your completed form(s) to:

Leslie Crincoli
National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
Pace Law School
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White Plains, NY 10603

2015 NELMCC Judging Form for Preliminary Rounds

Sign up for:
(confirmation will be sent)

Time

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, February 19, 2015 | 9:30am - 11:30am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, February 19, 2015 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, February 20, 2015 | 9:30am - 11:30am |

Name (First, MI, Last)

Title

Firm/Organization

Home address?

Business address?

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email Address

Check One:

I want to receive judging materials by EMAIL to address above

I want to receive judging materials by MAIL to address above

Check if you are a first time judge of the competition

Please provide the following biographical information exactly as you would like it to appear in the printed competition program.

Bar admission is a requirement to judge.

Bar Admission (jurisdiction & month/date)

Undergraduate Degree (specify) & School

Law Degree (specify J.D./LL.B.) & School Indicate yr if Pace alum

Other Degree(s) & School(s)

Indicate if adjunct prof & school name

Please return your completed form & business card to the address below.

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