THE JEFFREY G. MILLER PACE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
MOOT COURT COMPETITION
February 18-20, 2016

FACT SHEET

REGISTRATION | The registration deadline is September 30, 2015. Each team must complete the online registration form. A nonrefundable registration fee of $550 is payable by credit card or check. Complete the online form if paying by credit card. Checks can be made payable to Pace Law School-NELMCC and mailed to our office with school name and a copy of the registration confirmation email. The registration fee covers light breakfasts, lunches and receptions during the competition for the team and one coach/advisor. Teams are responsible for travel, accommodations and other expenses.

Registrations received after the deadline will be considered at the discretion of the NELMCC Board. Registration is not complete until the NELMCC office has received both the form and payment. The office will notify the team contact when the school is officially registered. The competition is open to 72 teams and acceptance is determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited; early registration is advised.

TEAMS | Registration is limited to one team per school. The team is comprised of two or three law students.

COMMUNICATION | Official correspondence from the NELMCC office will be directed ONLY to the person listed as the team contact on the registration form. It is the responsibility of the team contact to distribute all NELMCC correspondence to each member of the team.

LOCATION | The campus is a convenient 45-minute train ride to Grand Central Station on the Metro-North train system.

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ACCOMMODATIONS | A block of discounted rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza hotel in White Plains, New York. The hotel will provide limited shuttle service to and from campus. Teams are responsible for their accommodations and must book directly with the hotel by the reservation deadline. Detailed information will be provided to all registrants.

PROBLEM | The legal Problem drafted each year involves timely issues of national importance to the practice of environmental law. The Problem will be distributed by email only on or about October 2, 2015 to the team contact of all schools whose registration is complete. The Board will accept questions pertaining to the Problem until the deadline of October 26, 2015 pursuant to Rule II (B).

BRIEFS | Each team will write a brief for one of the respective parties’ legal positions. Content, legal analysis and accuracy of the briefs are graded by practicing environmental attorneys. Briefs are also graded for correct Bluebook citation, spelling, punctuation and format. Refer to the competition Rules for more information.

In accordance with Rule IV, the measuring brief and six other copies of the brief identified only by team number must be mailed or otherwise shipped to the NELMCC office in a single package bearing a postmark or other indicia that proves the mailing date. The package shall be sent using expedited delivery from a shipper or postal service so that it arrives at the NELMCC office no later than two days from the date of the postmark or indicia. The team must retain proof of mailing, such as a receipt with the transaction date, and a tracking number assigned by the shipper for delivery verification. The briefs shall be postmarked no later than December 1, 2015. A deduction will be applied to late mailings (see Rule IV (C)(1)(d)).

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OFFICIAL RULES | The competition Rules are posted on the NELMCC website.

ORAL-rounds | Oral arguments begin with the preliminary rounds on Thursday, February 18 and conclude with the final round on Saturday afternoon, February 20. Each argument features three adverse teams. Scoring in the preliminary rounds is based on a combination of the brief scores 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, local attorneys, Pace faculty and judges from the Nation’s courts. At least two, and in most courtrooms three, judges will comprise a bench for the lower rounds. Final round judges will be members of the federal bench and the US EPA Environmental Appeals Board. Competitors may not use laptops or any other electronic devices, including but not limited to iPads and cell phones, in the courtroom. Refer to the competition Rules for more information.

OBSERVING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS | Coaches are allowed to observe quietly in the audience. No written or oral communication may occur between coaches and team members or judges during the oral arguments. With prior permission from the NELMCC Board and if space permits in the courtroom, visitors may observe in the audience in accordance with the Visitor Policy (available on request).

AWARDS | Awards are conferred on the winners in each of the following categories:
Winning Team
Two Finalist Teams
Best Brief Overall
Best Briefs (remaining two parties)
Best Oralist
Best Oralist - Honorable Mention

ON THE WEB | NELMCC maintains information about the competition on its website. The final round will be videotaped and archived on the NELMCC website.
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