NATIONAL LATINA/O LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

FOURTH ANNUAL

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Competition Timeline & Rules
Familia,

On behalf of the 2010-2011 NLLSA Executive Board, I am excited to invite you to compete in the Fourth Annual National Latina/o Association Moot Court Competition.

NLLSA is a progressive organization dedicated to promoting and sustaining the academic success of Latina/o law students as well as to encouraging the discussion of issues relevant to the Latina/o population. As the fastest growing minority group in the nation, we feel it is of the utmost importance for law students to be conscientious of and informed about our community.

We have consistently focused on Moot Court topics relevant to the Latina/o community. Last year, competitors debated whether the Immigration and Nationality Act could impose different residency requirements on unwed citizen-fathers as compared to unwed citizen-mothers whose foreign-born children seek derivative citizenship. This year, we are endeavoring to draft a problem that addresses another timely issue facing our community. We strive to set an example through our advocacy, and encourage Latina/o law students and organizations across the nation to do the same.

It is my privilege and pleasure to present this unique opportunity for law students to engage with a Moot Court topic significant to our community while they are honing their legal research, writing and oral advocacy skills and competing against students across the country.

We are delighted to share this journey with you, and look forward to your successes.

Sincerely,

Alex Uballez
Columbia University School of Law Class of 2011
NLLSA Attorney General
2011 Moot Court Chair
### THE NATIONAL LATINA/O LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION
#### 2011 National Moot Court Competition

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THE NATIONAL LATINA/O LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION
2011 National Moot Court Competition

– RULES –

General Provisions

1. The Competition

The 4th Annual NLLSA Moot Court Competition will take place over two days, September 29 – 30, 2011 at Tulane University School of Law and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in New Orleans, L.A. Preliminary rounds will take place on Thursday, September 29 and elimination rounds will take place on Friday, September 30. NLLSA reserves the right to extend the National competition into a third day if necessary to accommodate for the number of teams registered to compete. National Competition rules will be released no later than June 24, 2011. All teams interested in participating in the Moot Court Competition must submit the Notice of Intent found in Appendix E to Alex Uballez, NLLSA Attorney General at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org by July 1, 2011 at 11:59 pm EST. The moot court problem, the team’s identification number, and the team’s assigned brief, shall be released by 5 pm EST on July 8, 2011 to all teams filing their timely Notice of Intent form via email. For more information about the NLLSA Conference and Moot Court Competition, please visit www.nllsa.org.

2. Fees

(i) There is a $50 registration fee for teams; all moot court team members must also pay their individual conference registration fee and only NLLSA chapter schools in good standing may compete. Exceptions may be granted by the NLLSA Executive Board for law schools with small Latina/o populations that have no Latina/o organizations wishing to register a team. Student Moot Court coaches/advisors are required to pay the conference registration fee. Moot Court coaches that are faculty members and plan to attend the competition are required to pay the $65 Conference registration fee.

(ii) To become a NLLSA Chapter School or to renew membership, please visit www.nllsa.org. There will be no chapter fees this year. However, we are asking that all Chapters submit a membership application. The applications can be found in Appendix F and should be sent to the NLLSA Attorney General at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org. Any questions regarding chapter status should be addressed to Barbara Barreno at chair@nllsa.org.

3. Teams

(i) Each participating law school may enter up to two teams by electronic service of the Notice of Intent Form found in Appendix E by July 1, 2011 at 11:59 pm EST to Attorney General, Alex Uballez, at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org; however, registration will be capped at a total of the first 24 teams to submit their Notice of Intent Forms.
Teams not meeting the 24 team cut-off shall be placed on a waitlist. Should a registered team not be able to participate in the competition, for any reason, that team must notify the NLLSA Attorney General immediately so that a waitlisted team may be moved up into the competition. At the discretion of the Moot Court Committee, more than 32 teams may be allowed to participate in the competition if it is determined that the host school can accommodate additional teams. If such a decision is made, the Moot Court Chair shall inform all waitlisted teams affected no later than July 8, 2011. Competing teams must submit briefs by electronic email no later than 11:59 PM EST on August 12, 2011.

(ii) Each team shall be composed of no less than two but no more than three participants. All members of a team must contribute to the team’s brief and must argue at some point during the competition; however, no more than two numbers may argue in a round. No substitution in the membership of a team is permitted after submission of the briefs.

In the case of two member teams, one sole member of a team may argue the entire case if the NLLSA Moot Court Committee finds that there is a justifiable reason that the other member is unable to appear for a round.

(iv) Each participant must:

(1) Be a candidate for a J.D. and currently enrolled in law school during the semester or quarter of the competition
(2) Be a member in good standing in accordance with their local NLLSA Chapter organization (CHLSA, LLSA, HLSA, etc.) membership requirements,
(3) Submit a letter of endorsement and verification of paid membership dues, if applicable, from their NLLSA Chapter president or secretary. Letters may endorse multiple members, and teams may be selected on any basis satisfactory to the individual NLLSA Chapter.
(4) Register for the NLLSA Conference.

Exceptions may be granted by the NLLSA Executive Board for law schools with small Latina/o populations that have no Latina/o organizations wishing to register a team.
Participants’ Notice and Service Requirements

4. Service

All requirements of notice and service are fulfilled by submitting briefs and notices on or before the due date, by electronic mail (see Rule 6).

5. Notice of Intent to Participate

In addition to submitting team briefs and registering for the conference, teams wishing to participate in the moot court competition shall notify the NLLSA Attorney General at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org no later than July 1, 2011 by 12:59 pm EST of its intent to participate in the competition.

The notice shall include the information detailed in Appendix E, including the school name and address, team member names, personal mailing addresses (not Post Office or Law School box numbers), day and evening telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses; and team coach or advisor name with mailing address and e-mail address.

6. Service of Briefs

Briefs must be received via electronic mail, in .pdf format, no later than 11:59 PM EST on August 12, 2011 at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org. Beginning at 12:00 AM EST on August 13, 2011, there will be a 5-point deduction applied for every day a team brief is late.

Team briefs will distributed via email to participating schools no later than September 4, 2011.

Chair’s Notices

7. The national moot court chair shall notify the participants of the following:

No later than July 8, 2011, all teams shall receive a copy of the moot court problem, their team identification number, and brief assignment.

By September 4, 2011, the names of the teams in the national competition will be sent to each participating team. In addition, initial pairings, along with the location and time of the moot court competition, will be sent to each participating team. The initial pairings shall be assigned randomly.

NOTE: Team members and advisors should not telephone the chairs to request the above information unless it has not been received within 5 days after the above dates.
**Briefs**

8. Subjects of Briefs

(i) Upon receipt of the Notice of Intent Form, each team will be assigned a brief, either petitioner or respondent; however, teams must be adequately prepared to argue either side of the issue during oral argument. All members of the team must substantially participate in the preparation of the team’s briefs.

(ii) No one other than the team members may prepare, edit, or review the brief.

(iii) Questions regarding briefs or the moot court problem may be directed to the Moot Court Committee until **July 29, 2011**. Any questions received after **July 29, 2011** will not be answered.

9. Form for Briefs

Briefs will conform **generally** to the *Rules of the United States Supreme Court*, Part VI, Rule 24 Briefs on the Merits: In General and Part VII, Rule 34 Document Preparation (note Rule 33 is **excluded**) with the following exceptions and stipulations:

(i) Briefs will be typewritten, double-spaced on 8-1/2" by 11" .pdf format with one inch margins on all sides. Briefs shall use a 12 point Times New Roman font. Character spacing shall be at the standard setting.

(ii) Citations are to be in accordance with the standards set forth in the most recent edition of “A Uniform System of Citation,” published by the Harvard Law Review Association (Blue Book Citation).

(iii) Briefs may not include any identifying information other than the assigned number, which should appear on the cover of the brief.

(iv) Any reference to the Court of Appeals decision used in the record should be cited as if the opinion below had been attached as an appendix to the certiorari petition (e.g. “Petitioners Appendix 5”). Teams will **not** prepare or attach the lower court’s decision as an appendix.

10. Length of Briefs

Each brief is limited to 30 pages, exclusive of the cover page, table of contents and table of authorities.

11. School and Team Member Names

Team member names, team’s school name, and school address shall not appear on the briefs. In addition, addresses for all participating team members shall not appear on the briefs. When
submitted to the Moot Court Chair, only the assigned team number should appear on the briefs as 
counsel for petitioner or respondent.

12. Changes in Briefs

No changes in the briefs will be permitted after they have been served on the Moot Court Chair, 
including correction of typographical errors.
**Oral Argument**

13. Time

Each team is allotted 30 minutes for its argument. Competitors must stop speaking when the bailiff calls time. However, competitors may request the judge's permission to finish a sentence or thought, and permission may be granted or denied at the judge's sole discretion. Competitors who continue to speak without the judge's permission will be penalized with a ten point deduction.

14. Allotment of Time

Each team may allot its time as it sees fit. On a two-person team, each team member present must argue for a **minimum of 10 minutes** per round. Each team member on a three-person team must argue in at least one round during the competition.

15. Exhibits

No charts, diagrams, or other visual aids shall be used during oral arguments.

16. New Arguments

No new arguments shall be made during oral argument that were not made in a team’s brief, except in response to arguments made by opposing counsel in their brief or oral argument, or in response to questions from the judges during oral argument.

Petitioners may not raise new arguments in rebuttals. Rebuttals are for the sole purpose of responding to issues raised by the respondents.

17. Sequencing of speakers

The Chief Judge of each panel will decide whether or not to hear each issue separately, but may defer to the preferences of the competitors. Default sequence shall be: Petitioner, Question 1 & 2 followed by Respondent, Question 1 & 2 then Petitioner Rebuttal.

The first petitioner to speak must inform the bailiff how time will be apportioned between team members, including any rebuttal time that the petitioner team cares to reserve. The first respondent to speak must, likewise, inform the bailiff, keeping in mind that respondents do not rebut.

18. Rounds begin promptly

Competitors must be present at their assigned rooms promptly. A penalty of five points will be assessed up to five minutes past the scheduled start time; a penalty of ten points will be assessed up to ten minutes. Competitors who are more than ten minutes late forfeit that round.

19. Recording

No audio or visual recording of rounds is allowed.
20. Protests

Protests regarding any competition rule must be raised before the beginning of the next round. Teams wishing to protest must deliver a written statement explaining the basis of their protest to the bailiff responsible for the round in question. The bailiff shall deliver the protest to the Chief Bailiff, who is responsible for resolving the protest in the first instance. Final adjudication of protests is at the sole discretion of the regional or national competition chair(s).
Structure of the Competition

21. Number of Teams

All teams submitting the required briefs, on time, will be permitted to participate in the oral portion of the National Moot Court competition, except as provided by Rule 3.

22. Assignment of Sides

The National Moot Court Competition Chair shall structure the competition as much as practical to permit the teams to argue both sides of the case.

23. Closed Competition

This competition shall be a closed competition, meaning that only those involved in a particular round shall be present in the courtroom during that round. The phrase “those involved in a particular round” is limited to competition personnel, judges, students competing in the round (“competing students”), and coaches. No other parties (e.g., other teams, other students, other coaches, or family members) shall be allowed to view arguments in which they are not considered “involved” for purposes of this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the final round of the competition.

24. Preliminary Rounds

On Thursday, September 29, teams will argue preliminary rounds.

(i) During the preliminary rounds, no individual match will be repeated. Each team shall argue on-brief at least once and off-brief at least once. Determination of on-brief and off-brief assignments is at the sole discretion of the National competition chairs.

(ii) Oral argument judges shall evaluate each competitor on a 50-point scale. The combination of the competitors' scores will yield a team score out of a possible 100 points, which shall be used to select the advancing teams. Teams advancing to the elimination rounds will be those with the highest combined score of averaged brief and oral argument scores. Tabulations shall be completed by the Moot Court Committee.

(iii) Each competitor’s score will be determined by clarity, organization, brevity, courtesy, and presentation.

(iv) Any team forfeiting a round shall be assigned a loss for that round and will score zero points for that round. Any team whose opponent forfeits shall be assigned a win for that round. The team's score for that round will be the average of its scores from the remaining rounds.

(v) Teams may also receive byes, randomly assigned, if the number of teams is odd. A team receiving a bye will be treated as a team whose opponent has forfeited.
(vi) At the end of each preliminary round, the judges will be asked to indicate who they felt was the best oral advocate in that round. The competitor receiving the most votes at the end of all of the preliminary rounds shall be named Best Oral Advocate. In the case of a tie, a point differential will be used to break. For example, if A got three Best Oralist ballots and B got three Best Oralist ballots, but A beat his opponent on his issue by +4, +1, and +2, while B beat her opponent on her issue by +2, +1, and 0, then A gets the Best Oral Advocate award.

25. Seeding of Teams

Teams will be seeded into brackets based on brief and oral argument scores.

(i) Depending on the number of teams participating in the competition, selection of the teams advancing to elimination rounds shall take place as follows:

(a) If there are 25+ teams, the top sixteen teams with the best win-loss records shall advance. If there are between 12 and 24 teams, the top eight teams with the best win-loss records shall advance. If there are fewer than 12 teams, the top four teams with the best win-loss records shall advance. A point differential system will be used for tie breaking purposes.

(ii) For the purposes of elimination rounds, teams shall be seeded based on their rankings from the preliminary rounds. Within the confines of this rule, the National competition chair will try to avoid matching teams that met in the preliminary rounds. The judges will assign oral argument scores as in preliminary rounds, and they will decide the winning team and the losing team of each match similarly. Brief scores will not be a factor in determining the winners of elimination rounds.
**Judges and Judging**

26. Number of Judges

Each panel will include three Judges.

27. Order of Presentations

The Chief Judge of each panel has the discretion to determine whether or not to hear each issue separately. It is recommended that the panel defer to the preferences of the competitors, but the default sequence shall be: Petitioner, Question 1 & 2 followed by Respondent, Question 1 & 2 then Petitioner Rebuttal (if any).

The first petitioner to speak must inform the bailiff of how time will be apportioned between team members, including any rebuttal time that the petitioner team cares to reserve. The first respondent to speak must, likewise, inform the bailiff, keeping in mind that respondents do not rebut.

28. Questioning

Judges may interrupt competitors with questions at any time. Competitors may be required to argue for more than their allotted time at the sole discretion of the judges. If judges choose to extend competitors' speaking time, the extension shall not be deducted from the other team member’s time allotment.

29. Teams Anonymous

The Judges will not be told which school each team represents until after they have rendered a decision.

30. Selection of Winners

Each panel for an oral argument shall judge only the oral arguments of the teams appearing before it. A separate panel of judges will grade the briefs prior to the oral arguments in the manner described in Appendix D attached below. The brief scores for the side argued by each team will be provided to the panel after the oral argument. After oral argument in the preliminary round, the panel will select a winner giving equal weight to the briefs and oral arguments. Briefs and arguments will be judged based upon the criteria set forth in Appendices B and C. In all advanced rounds, winners will be determined based solely on team scores for oral arguments. The MERITS of the case will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the National Moot Court Competition Chairs to provide the judging criteria to all judges in advance of the competition.

31. Announcement of the Winner

After announcing the winner of the round, each judge is encouraged to critique candidly the briefs and oral arguments. Also, each judge is encouraged to write marginal comments on the briefs and to return the briefs to the teams after the critique.
**Miscellaneous**

32. **Modification of Rules**

The National Moot Court Chair may modify any of the Rules in the interests of justice. A violation of any of these rules may result in a penalty or disqualification. Absent a showing of extreme circumstances, violation of either the service (Rule 6) or length of brief (Rule 10) requirements may result in DISQUALIFICATION. The National Moot Court Chair has complete discretion in enforcing the rules.

33. **Outside Assistance**

No team may receive assistance in the form of guidance in research or constructing arguments. Competitors may not receive aid from other students, professors, attorneys, or administrators in preparing their briefs. No team may receive assistance before the deadline for brief submission.

(i) Participants may consult briefs, transcripts, opinions, or other documents in any court case, except as otherwise stipulated. However, they may not contact the parties or attorneys who were involved.

(ii) This rule does not prohibit participants from discussing the general issues of law raised by the problem. This rule also does not prevent participants from receiving critical feedback as they draft their briefs.

(iii) After the deadline for brief submission, participants may receive advice and assistance as they prepare for oral arguments. Teams may practice mock oral arguments and receive critical feedback.

This rule is intended to insure the effectiveness of one of the most important purposes of this competition, i.e., development of the art of appellate advocacy through the team’s own work.

34. **Clarifications**

All questions regarding clarification of these rules and guidelines should be addressed to the Moot Court Committee Chair at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org.
APPENDIX A

Regional Chairs

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Northwest Region
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Mid-Atlantic Region
(Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)
Mercedes Lena Beery, University of Maryland School of Law
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South Atlantic Region
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APPENDIX B

Brief Judging Form

TEAM: __________________________________________________________

JUDGE: __________________________________________________________

BRIEF SCORE

Total Points Allowable  __100__

Candidate for Best
Brief  __________

I. SUBSTANCE

A. Positions are persuasively argued and the argument goes directly to key
issues without dwelling unduly on minor issues.  20 pts.  ______

B. All issues are addressed adequately.  15 pts.  ______

C. Reasonable number of authorities are cited.  10 pts.  ______

D. The authorities cited are the leading authorities on the point for which they
are cited.  15 pts.  ______

E. Every important point supported by authority or the absence of authority is
adequately explained.  10 pts.  ______

F. Cited authorities hold as indicated.  10 pts.  ______

TOTAL _______ out of  __80 pts.

II. FORM

Following of instructions for brief format and proper citation of authorities
according to the most recent edition of "A Uniform System of Citation"
(popularly known as "the Harvard Blue Book").  20 pts.  ______

TOTAL SCORE  _______ out of  __100 pts.

DEDUCTIONS

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Subtract 5 pts from final score for each day brief was late.

5 x _______ = _____ pt. deduction      Final Score = ______________

NOTES
**APPENDIX C**

Oral Argument Judging Form

**Preliminary Round ______**

TEAM IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: ____________________________________________

JUDGE: ___________________________________________________________________

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**ORAL SCORE**

**Brief Score** (to be entered by Moot Court Chair after submission of Oral Competition Points)

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**Selection for Top Oral Advocate (if applicable)**

__________________________________________________________________________
ISSUE #1

Name __________________________________________________________________________

I. CLARITY
Presentation is readily understandable. 10 pts. _______

II. ORGANIZATION
States nature, brief history, facts and rules of law relied on in good order. Knows record from cover to cover. 10 pts. _______

III. BREVITY
Illuminates best-point; presents non-exhaustive report. 10 pts. _______

IV. COURTESY
Answers all questions directly and promptly with good manner; does not evade. 10 pts. _______

V. PRESENTATION
Manner of presentation, including stance, tone of voice, enunciation, speed of presentation, and articulateness in response to questions. 10 pts. _______

TOTAL ______ out of 50 pts.

JUDGE’S NOTES:
ISSUE #2

Name ______________________________________________________

I. CLARITY

Presentation is readily understandable. 10 pts. ________

II. ORGANIZATION

States nature, brief history, facts and rules of law relied on in good order. Knows record from cover to cover.

10 pts. ________

III. BREVITY

Illuminates best-point; presents non-exhaustive report. 10 pts. ________

IV. COURTESY

Answers all questions directly and promptly with good manner; does not evade. 10 pts. ________

V. PRESENTATION

Manner of presentation, including stance, tone of voice, enunciation, speed of presentation, and articulateness in response to questions. 10 pts. ________

TOTAL ______ out of 50 pts.

JUDGE’S NOTES:
Oral Argument Judging Form

Advanced Round ________

TEAM IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: ______________________________________

JUDGE: _______________________________________________________________________

Total Points Allowable  __________ out of 50

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Selection for Top Oral Advocate (applicable in the Final Round Only)

__________________________________________________________________________
ISSUE #1

Name __________________________________________________________________________

I. CLARITY

Presentation is readily understandable. 10 pts. _______

II. ORGANIZATION

States nature, brief history, facts and rules of law relied on in good order. Knows record from cover to cover. 10 pts. _______

III. BREVITY

Illuminates best-point; presents non-exhaustive report. 10 pts. _______

IV. COURTESY

Answers all questions directly and promptly with good manner; does not evade. 10 pts. _______

V. PRESENTATION

Manner of presentation, including stance, tone of voice, enunciation, speed of presentation, and articulateness in response to questions. 10 pts. _______

TOTAL ______ out of 50 pts.

JUDGE’S NOTES:
ISSUE #2

Name __________________________________________________________________________

I. CLARITY

Presentation is readily understandable. 10 pts. ______

II. ORGANIZATION

States nature, brief history, facts and rules of law relied on in good order. Knows record from cover to cover.

10 pts. ______

III. BREVITY

Illuminates best-point; presents non-exhaustive report. 10 pts. ______

IV. COURTESY

Answers all questions directly and promptly with good manner; does not evade. 10 pts. ______

V. PRESENTATION

Manner of presentation, including stance, tone of voice, enunciation, speed of presentation, and articulateness in response to questions. 10 pts. ______

TOTAL ______ out of 50 pts.

JUDGE’S NOTES:
APPENDIX D

Brief and Oral Grading Procedures

Each brief will be graded by a panel of judges. Judges may review actual petitions filed with the Supreme Court in the case under consideration, and will be supplied with a Bench Memo to assist in their familiarization. This panel will have at least three, but preferably five, judges that will grade each brief, and the scores for that brief will be averaged. It is preferable to have all briefs on one side graded by the same judges, unless the number of briefs becomes excessive. The competition brief judging form (Appendix B) will be used to score each brief. The average grade computation will be rounded off to one digit after the decimal place. For example, an average score of 91.333 would be rounded off to 91.3. A score of 91.354 would be rounded off to 91.4. Each judge will indicate a single candidate for best brief of those they reviewed, but are free to abstain from doing so, and the overall votes will be tallied to determine best brief.

The judges hearing oral arguments will be given a copy of the briefs on the sides being argued in order to familiarize themselves with the issues presented by these advocates. They shall not grade the briefs. The judges hearing the oral argument shall not see the brief grades until after the oral argument grades are submitted. Each judge will score the argument presented before them using the Oral Argument Judging Form (Appendix C). The Moot Court Committee shall determine the winner of each preliminary round by averaging the oral argument scores for each team, and adding that score to the average brief score for each team. The computation will be taken to one digit after the decimal point, including rounding off the score, and the team with the highest total score will be declared the winner of the round. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest oral argument score will be the declared the winner of the round. Selection of teams advancing to the elimination rounds will depend on the number of teams participating in the competition. A point differential system will be used for tie breaking purposes during the elimination rounds.
Awards

Teams and Individuals receiving the following special recognitions will be announced at the NLLSA Banquet on the evening of September 31, 2011:

Top Petitioner’s Brief

TopRespondent’s Brief

Best Overall Advocate (individual selected by judges during the prelimination rounds)

Best Oral Advocate in the Final Round

3rd Place Team

2nd Place Team

1st Place Team
APPENDIX E

Notice of Intent to Participate in

THE FOURTH ANNUAL NLLSA MOOT COURT COMPETITION

DEADLINE: July 1, 2011 at 11:59 PM EST

PLEASE NOTE:

• Team registration will be $50 and is due September 3, 2011
• Each participant must be a candidate for a J.D. and currently enrolled in law school during the semester or quarter of the competition. In addition, each participant must:
  o Be a member in good standing in accordance with their local NLLSA Chapter organization’s (CHLSA, LLSA, HLSA, etc.) membership requirements.
  o Submit a letter of endorsement and verification of paid membership dues, if applicable, from their NLLSA Chapter president or secretary.
  o Register for the NLLSA Conference.

Exceptions may be made upon petition to the NLLSA Attorney General at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org.

School Name: ____________________________________________________________________

NLLSA Chapter Organization Name: ____________________________________________

Chapter Organization President’s Name, Phone, and Email: ____________________________

Chapter website (if applicable): ____________________________________________

First Team Member (will send service and receive notice):

Name: _________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: __________________________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________    Cell: ________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Second Team Member:

Name: _________________________________________________________________________
Home Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________    Cell: ________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________

**Third Team Member:**

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________    Cell: ________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

**Team Coach/Advisor:**

Name(s): _________________________________________________________________________

Is the coach/advisor a faculty member or student? ______________________________________

Does your coach/advisor plan on attending the Conference/Competition?_____________________

School mailing address:____________________________________________________________

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Telephone: ___________________________Fax: _______________________________________

Email(s): ____________________________________

**NOTICE OF INTENT DUE:** July 1, 2011 by 11:59 PM EST.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that in order to participate in the Moot Court Competition, Briefs must be submitted electronically to attorneygeneral@nllsa.org by August 12, 2011 at 11:59 PM EST. Additionally, NLLSA Chapter School fees, student registration fees for the conference, and banquet fees for coaches planning to attend the competition/conference must be paid by September 3, 2011. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. If an extension for payment is required, please contact the Moot Court Chair at attorneygeneral@nllsa.org by 12:00pm EST on September 3, 2011.