**National Moot Court Team**

**Coaches:** Richard Finneran (refinneran@wustl.edu)  
Kelly Snyder, Derek Wiseman, Cort VanOstran, Sarah Sherer-Kolburn

**Accolades:** In the past ten years:
- Qualified for NAAC in seven out of ten years – twice qualified two teams in one year (only twenty-four teams qualify nationwide)
- Four National Top 10 speakers at NAAC Final (2nd, 3rd, tie for 10th)
- National Championship, Top Speaker, and Runner-Up in Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition (2016)
- Three McGee Competition top speakers

**Competitions:** The National Moot Court Team will participate this spring in two major national moot court competitions: the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition and a second competition still to be determined. The regional competition for the NAAC occurs in late February or early March, with the national the first or second week of April. The other competition is expected to occur in February or March.

**Cases:** The National Appellate Advocacy Competition problem typically involves a question of constitutional law, with recent contexts including criminal law, healthcare, immigration, administrative law, federal jurisdiction, and presidential war powers.

**The Team:** This year, the National Moot Court Team will send at least two teams to NAAC and two more teams to a second competition. Each team is comprised of three students. All students must be prepared to dedicate a substantial portion of their winter break to preparing a brief. Students must be willing to serve as alternates in competition at the discretion of the coaches, meaning that they will participate in the brief-writing portion of the competition and practice but will not argue in competition. Each team practices between two and three times per week during the spring semester up until competition. Students receive one (1) pass/fail credit for participating in the National Moot Court Team.

**Applications:** Email a resume, unofficial transcript, and writing sample to Richard Finneran before 5:00 PM on September 6, with your last name and “Application” in the subject line of the email. You should also indicate in your cover letter or email your availability to perform a try-out between 5:30 pm and 9:45 pm on September 8 or 8:30 am and 5 pm on September 9.

Your try-out will require you to present one side of an issue and entertain questioning for up to 10 minutes. You may argue either side of last year’s Wiley Rutledge problem, your 1L oral argument problem, or any other legal problem you include with your application. Alternative try-out times are available if needed.