NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

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ACCOLADES: In the past seven years:
• National Championship in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (2012) and four national quarterfinal finishes (2008, 2009, 2011 (two teams))
• Qualified for NAAC in four out of seven 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)
• Awarded regional best advocate in 2013 and best brief in 2013 and 2014
• 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 the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. The regional competition for the NAAC occurs in late February or early March, with the national the first or second week of April. The Evans competition occurs in early 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 Evans Moot Court Competition likewise involves questions of constitutional law. This will be Wash U’s second year participating in the competition.

THE TEAM: This year, Wash U will send two teams to Evans and at least two teams to NAAC. Each team is comprised of three students. All students must 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. 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 2, 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 5:30pm and 9:45pm on September 4 or 8:30am and 5pm on September 5.

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.