

## **STANDARDS FOR NEW COMPETITION TEAMS**

The existing schedule of competitions for the mock trial and moot court teams provides plentiful opportunities for those wishing to participate in these activities. However, the School of Law recognizes that students and staff may become aware of other competitions in which students may wish to participate. The following guidelines shall apply to the school's participation in all such new tournaments.

A written request to participate in the tournament must be made to the director of the respective program no later than March 1 of the academic year preceding the competition. The request shall include:

- The name of the competition and the tournament's sponsor
- The dates and locations of the regional and national rounds
- The estimated cost of the school's participation in the tournament, including, but not limited to the registration fee, hotel costs, and travel costs for both the regional and national rounds
- The funding sources for the tournament
- The number of students who will be participating in the tournament
- How the tournament will benefit the participating students' advocacy skills in ways not already met by existing school-sponsored competitions.

The Trial Team Director or the Moot Court Team Director will evaluate the request in light of available resources, whether participation in the tournament will benefit students in a way which is not already being met by existing teams and the overall best interest of the School of Law. The decision to participate will rest solely with the respective director.