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# **OVERVIEW**

## ***2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY***

### ***D.C AND FOURTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT EVENT***

The fifth American College of Bankruptcy Fourth Circuit Bankruptcy Regional Moot Court (the “Regional”) is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022.

The Regional includes law schools from the Fourth and D.C. Circuits and is designed in part to serve as a formal practice for law school teams considering competing in the Duberstein Moot Court Competition at St. John’s University School of Law in New York City (the “Duberstein Competition”). The Regional is **not** an elimination round for the Duberstein Competition.

For the 2022 Regional, teams do not need to submit briefs. Each team should prepare to argue for both the petitioner and the respondent and, schedule permitting, will be provided the opportunity to do so in the preliminary round. The two teams with the highest average score in the preliminary round will advance to the final round.

Awards will be given at the Regional, which will include a trophy for first place and top oralist. Prominent bankruptcy judges will judge rounds, and teams will receive constructive input from the judges following each round. This year, we plan for the Regional to be held in person at the Prettyman Courthouse.

To participate in the 2022 Regional, please review the attached information and Official Rules, complete the attached Application and return the Application electronically to Denise Neary.

#### **Event Contact Information:**

Denise Neary, [Nearys51@comcast.net](mailto:Nearys51@comcast.net), 301-738-7864

Beth Wiggins, [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov)

#### **Event Location:**

E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20001  
<https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/court-location>

# **AGENDA\***

## ***2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY FOURTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT EVENT***

9:00	Team Check-In
9:15 – 10:30	Round One and Feedback
10:35 – 11:50	Round Two and Feedback
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 1:45	Round Three and Feedback
2:00 – 3:15	Final Round, Presentation of Awards

\*This agenda assumes six teams will compete.

# **APPLICATION FORM**

## ***2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY FOURTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT EVENT***

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TEAMS (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE):            1            2

NUMBER OF ATTENDING PERSONS (INCLUDING TEAM MEMBERS, FACULTY  
AND ADVISORS): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN 5 P.M.  
EASTERN DECEMBER 13, 2021 TO:**

*Denise Neary, Nearys51@comcast.net*

# **TEAM INFORMATION SHEET**

## ***2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY FOURTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT EVENT***

***(PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEET FOR EACH TEAM ATTENDING,  
AND PLEASE VERIFY CONTACT INFORMATION)***

### **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL OFFICIAL COMPETITION COMMUNICATION:**

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (OFFICE/MOBILE): \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TEAM MEMBERS:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR COACHES/ADVISERS TRAVELING WITH TEAM:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **OFFICIAL RULES**

## ***2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY FOURTH CIRCUIT MOOT COURT EVENT***

### **I. QUALIFICATIONS/NATURE OF EVENT**

Any accredited law school located in D.C., Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia may enter one or two teams to participate in the Regional. The event is designed to serve as a formal practice for the Fourth and D.C. Circuit law schools that are considering competing in the 2022 Duberstein Competition, but it is not a requirement that Regional participants participate in Duberstein.

Should there be space available once all eligible teams within the circuit apply on time, law schools outside the Fourth and D.C. circuits may be invited to participate.

### **II. TEAMS**

#### **A. NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

Each participating school may enter one or two teams, composed of two or three students each. All team members must be enrolled at the school that they represent at the time of the competition.

#### **B. SUBSTITUTION OF TEAM MEMBERS**

There shall be no substitution of team members after the Application Form is submitted, except upon written permission from the Regional.

### **III. BRIEFS**

There shall be no brief submissions for the Regional. Competitors are scored on oral advocacy only.

### **IV. ARGUMENTS**

#### **A. ROUNDS**

- 1. IN GENERAL.** Each team will argue in the preliminary round. Each team should be prepared to argue for both the petitioner and the respondent and, schedule permitting, will be provided the opportunity to

do so in the preliminary round. The two teams with the highest scores in the preliminary round will advance to the final round.

2. **PAIRINGS OF TEAMS.** Pairing in the Preliminary Round will be chosen at random.
  
3. **TIME AND PLACE.** Oral arguments will take place on February 21 , 2022 at E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse, 333 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20001.

## **B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING TEAM**

The winner of the 2022 Regional will be announced at the end of the day.

## **C. SCORING**

The scores for each round will be based on oral argument.

## **D. LENGTH OF ARGUMENTS**

Each team is limited to thirty (30) minutes of oral argument. Two (2) team members will participate in each argument. The division of the thirty (30) minutes allotted for the argument may be made at the discretion of the team, but no team member shall be apportioned less than ten (10) minutes for oral argument. Petitioner may reserve up to three (3) minutes of rebuttal time prior to the commencement of the argument. Teams that reserve rebuttal shall notify the judges and/or bailiff of how to deduct rebuttal time. Time reserved for rebuttal shall be counted as part of the thirty (30) minutes allotted for the argument.

Judges reserve the right to allow for additional time at their discretion.

## **E. BEST ORAL ADVOCATE**

The competitor with the highest mean (average) score for oral argument will be chosen as the best oral advocate. The winner of the best oral advocate award will be announced after the final round.

## **V. OTHER RULES**

### **A. ATTENDING OTHER ARGUMENTS**

No team member, coach or faculty adviser of a team participating in the Regional may attend an argument of any other team during the preliminary round. The number of

attendees to each argument is limited to the competing team members, two coaches or two faculty advisors. All participants may attend, and are strongly encouraged to attend, the final round.

#### **B. COMMUNICATION DURING ROUND**

There shall be no communication in any form from any member of the audience, including other team members sitting in the audience, once a round has begun.

#### **C. PENALTIES/AMENDMENTS**

The Regional may assess such penalties, including disqualification, as it deems reasonable and appropriate for failure to comply with the foregoing rules. Any decisions, penalties or other actions taken by the Regional will be final and binding on all participants. The Regional reserves the right to make and implement any further rules and procedures deemed advisable for the conduct of this event.

#### **D. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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