Giles S. Rich Moot Court Competition  
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SYLLABUS

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Student Expectations

The Giles Rich Moot Court Competition class is designed to give students the opportunity to prepare appellate briefing and deliver an appellate oral argument both from the appellant's and the appellee's positions. Each student will partner with one other student in the class to draft an appellant's and an appellee's brief based on the problem designed for the competition by AIPLA. Each student will then participate in an intramural oral argument competition with his/her partner, presenting on behalf of the appellant and the appellee. At least one team of two students will be selected from the intramural competition to represent GMU at a regional competition in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Silicon Valley, or Atlanta. Selection to advance to the regional competition will be based on briefing as well as oral advocacy.

Course Materials/ Problem

The Giles S. Rich Moot Court Competition problem and rules were prepared by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). These materials are available on the AIPLA website:

http://www.aipla.org/resources2/programs/Pages/Moot-Court-Competition.aspx

Class Schedule

Thursday, December 17, 2014, 6:00 to 6:30 pm: Informational Session

Week of January 4th, 5:00 to 6:00 pm: Writing a Brief
Friday, January 15, 2015, by midnight:  Intramural Briefs DUE

Week of January 18th, 5:00 to 6:00 pm:  Oral Advocacy Tips

Saturday, January 23, 2015, 10:00 am to 1 pm: Intramural Moot Court Competition

Monday, January 25, 2016:  Submit “Notices of Intent to Participate” in Regional Competition

Monday, February 1, 2016:  Team(s) Serve Briefs on Regional Director and Competing Teams

February to March 2014:  Team(s) Practice Oral Arguments

Friday to Sunday, March 11 to 13, 2016:  Regional Competition in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Silicon Valley, or Atlanta

Wednesday to Friday, April 13 to 15, 2016:  National Finals Competition in Washington, D.C.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory for all class sessions held prior to and including the intramural moot court competition. Attendance at practice oral argument sessions is mandatory for all students selected to represent GMU at a regional competition. Students not selected must attend at least two practice oral argument sessions, but are encouraged to attend more if possible. Class attendance may be excused by the professors, but typically only for illness other emergency. Regular class attendance in necessary for successful work, and a student who does not meet the class attendance requirements may be subject to a grade reduction.

Grading

Each student will be assigned a letter grade for the class based upon his/her performance on the appellant and appellee briefs in combination with oral advocacy demonstrated at the intramural competition. Class attendance and participation also will be taken into consideration. The professors may raise or lower a student's grade on the basis of class participation by one grade step, e.g., from B to B+ or B to B-. Selection to advance to the regional competition is not a grade criterion.

Briefing: 45%
Oral Advocacy: 45%
Class Attendance and Participation: 10%
TOTAL: 100%