



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to inform you that this year's 2016 National NALSA Moot Court Competition will be hosted by the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) at Michigan State University College of Law. The competition will be held from March 5th, 2016 until March 6th, 2016 in East Lansing, MI. We are expecting over 60 teams from law schools across the United States to take part in this year's competition. In order to ensure a successful competition for all those competing, we are kindly requesting your assistance.

With the expected number of competitors, we need approximately 60 judges for the briefs and 140 oral argument judges. We are seeking volunteers willing to help fill these crucial spots. We have outlined on the next page the responsibilities of judges. If you are willing to volunteer, please complete the form found at this [hyper-link](#). Please also feel free to pass this request along to others who might be interested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at nnalsa.vicepresident@gmail.com. The Native American Law Student Association at Michigan State University College of Law would like to thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elise McGowan-Cuellar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E' and 'C'.

Elise McGowan-Cuellar
Vice President, National NALSA

Brief Judges:

The moot court rules require that briefs be scored anonymously by a panel of three judges. We are trying to get enough volunteers so that each panel will need to judge only four briefs (each of the three judges on a panel will receive and score the same four briefs). Briefs are due on January 18, 2016 and we hope to advance these briefs to judges no later than one week from the due date. We will send each judge a copy of the briefs, a score sheet, and a copy of the bench brief, which contains a guide to the issue and arguments. Judges must return the completed score sheets by no later than March 1st.

Team coaches are ineligible from participating as brief judges. Furthermore, brief judges are exempt from judging any team's practice rounds or otherwise discussing the problem with participants, team faculty advisors, coaches, or other persons directly associated with preparing teams for competition.

Oral Argument Judges:

We will have a total of four sets of preliminary rounds on Saturday, March 5th. These rounds include two in the morning and two in the afternoon. We will also have several elimination rounds on Sunday, March 6th. We will hold an orientation session on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning, and will also provide score sheets as well as a bench brief, clearly outlining the issues and arguments. The competition rules require that judges must fulfill one of the following:

- (1) passed a federal, state, and/or tribal bar exam, and is a current member of a bar in good standing;
- (2) currently a sitting judge or served as a judge for at least 2 of the previous 5 years;
- (3) law school graduate currently clerking for a tribal, state, or federal judge; or
- (4) full-time law professor.

Team faculty advisors, coaches, or other persons directly associated with preparing the teams are ineligible to be competition judges.

If you are interested in judging, please complete follow this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1twgES2ZZXVh4_KSXeYKj8yUUgbo_qJlWZiq_K0FPzWs/viewform) (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1twgES2ZZXVh4_KSXeYKj8yUUgbo_qJlWZiq_K0FPzWs/viewform), to register as a judge.