



2024

**INTER - AMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**



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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
COLLEGE of LAW
WASHINGTON, DC

What is the moot court competition?

The Competition is a unique trilingual (English, Portuguese, and Spanish) event established to train law students on how to use the Inter-American Human Rights legal system as a legitimate forum for redressing Human rights violations.

Since its inception, it has trained over 4900 students and faculty participants from over 365 universities from the Americas and beyond. Written on a cutting-edge topic currently debated within the Inter-American system, the hypothetical case operates as the basis of the competition, and students argue the merits of this case by writing legal memoranda and preparing oral arguments for presentation in front of human rights experts acting as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



MOOT COURT 2024

HISTORY OF THE COURT

The American University Washington College of Law Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (hereinafter “Academy”) administers and runs the Competition, which was founded in 1995 by Washington College of Law (hereinafter “WCL”) former Dean Claudio Grossman.

Since the Competition’s inception in 1996, thousands of lawyers have participated in our program as student oralists, coaches, and volunteer judges. Each year, students argue the merits of a hypothetical case from the perspective of the State or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

It has become a world-renowned event. Law schools across the Americas have developed clinics and courses to equip students to practice International Human Rights Law. Moreover, the Competition has ameliorated the capacity of law schools in the region to teach on the Rule of Law and Human Rights.



MOOT COURT 2024



50+

Participating
Countries



365

Participating
Universities



4900+

Competitors



2060+

Coaches



50+

Universities
Participated for
10+ Years



1650+

Teams



OFFICIALS LANGUAGES

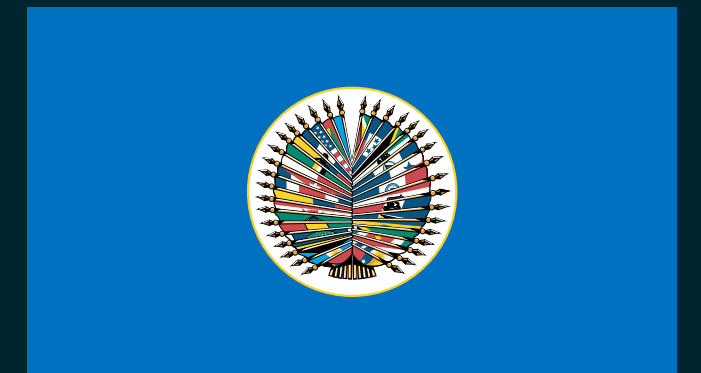
The Competition is conducted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. While knowledge of two or more of these languages is helpful, competitors, coaches, and judges need not be bilingual. When necessary, interpreters will provide simultaneous interpretation during the oral rounds and other events of the Competition.



Portuguese



English

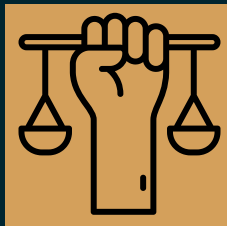


Spanish



November 15, 2023

Online Registration Opens



December 10, 2023

Human Rights Day- Hypothetical Case available



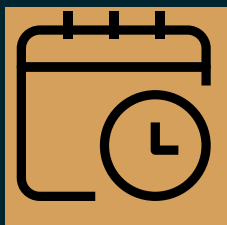
January 10, 2024

Publication of official Version of Hypothetical Case with possibility to ask clarification questions until January 19



March 12, 2024

Team Registration Deadline



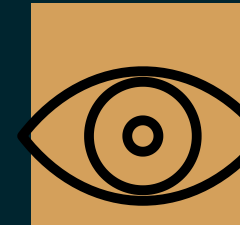
March 25, 2024

Team Memorial Due



April 8, 2024

Bailiff Registration Deadline



April 9, 2024

Observer Registration Deadline



April 11, 2024

Judge Registration Deadline



May 19, 2024

Competition Check-in and Opening Ceremony



May 19- May 24, 2024

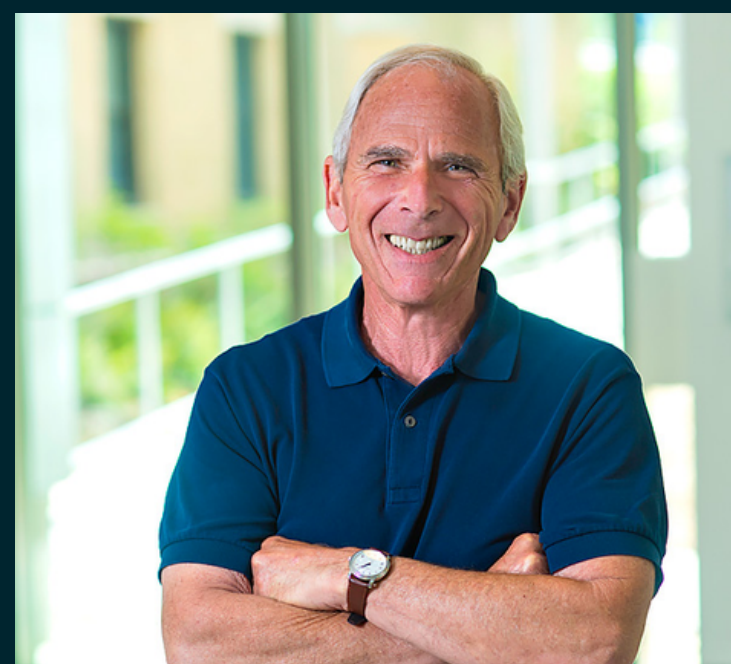
Oral Rounds

MEET OUR CO-CHAIRS AND CO-HOSTS



Claudio Grossman

Co-chair



Robert K. Goldman

Co-chair



Claudia Martin

Co-director



Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón

Co-director

PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Gabriel Ortiz



REST OF THE ACADEMY TEAM



Paula Roko



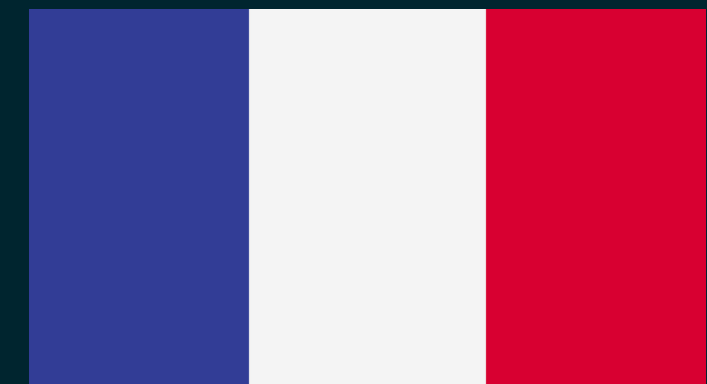
Giovanni Padovan



Viola Albertinazzi



Marguerite Gouesse



TEAMS

All ABA-accredited law schools from the US and all international law schools may send one team to participate in the Competition. Each team is composed of two student members and one or two coaches.

Competitors are Current law students studying for a Juris Doctor (J.D) or its international equivalent and are eligible to participate in two-person teams representing their schools through written and oral arguments.

Coaches assist teams with registering, fundraising, and obtaining official approval for their team's participation, as well as developing research strategies.

Each team may have one or two coaches, who are usually international law professors or attorneys with expertise in the field.



BAILIFFS

Anyone interested in receiving a front-row seat to the Competition's oral rounds is invited to participate as a bailiff. Bailiffs are responsible for keeping time and order during the 90-minute oral rounds.



OBSERVERS

Deans, professors, and others affiliated with legal education or human rights law may attend as observers to learn about the Competition model, the Inter-American legal system, and issues surrounding the theme of that year. Observers may attend all Competition events, but do not present arguments.



JUDGES

Lawyers from various countries who have ample experience in international law and/or Human Rights Contribute to the Competition as volunteer judges. They participate by grading written memorials or by judging the Competition's oral rounds.



THE ROUNDS

★ Memorial round

Memorials are scored on a scale of 1-100 points and each memorial is evaluated by at least three (3) judges. The judges' scores averaged to determine the final score of the memorial.

Administrative penalties accrue if the memorial arrives late and/or is formatted incorrectly, whereby points shall be deducted after the average memorial score is determined

Oral rounds

Each Oral Round is scored by a panel of three or more judges. Each individual team member is graded on a scale of 1-100 points. The judges' scores for each individual are averaged, and the teammates' individual final scores are then added together to determine the team's overall score for that session.




2024 COMPETITION

THEME:

For the eagerly awaited 29th #IAMOOT edition, the topic was carefully chosen not only to align with contemporary needs but also to cater to the precise and evolving jurisprudential standards within the Inter-American System of Human Rights.



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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
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ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS
& HUMANITARIAN LAW

**Protection and Assurance
of Human Rights
IN DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS**

2024 TOPIC



PEDRO VACA

Pedro Vaca Villarreal is the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) since October 6th, 2020. He is a Colombian lawyer from Universidad Nacional of Colombia. He has a Master's degree in Law and a Specialization in Constitutional Law, with more than 12 years of professional experience in the field of human rights.

He has litigated on behalf of victims of serious violations of freedom of expression. From 2013 to 2020, he served as Executive Director of the Foundation for Freedom of the Press (FLIP) in Colombia. He was a member of the Advisory Network of the Media Freedom Coalition and of the Global Council of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), and was part of the UNESCO team for the training of judges in Bolivia, Mexico, and Colombia.

FORMER PARTICIPANTS

The WCL Academy's LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law will offer two scholarships to a former participants (Judge, Team, Observer, Coach, or Bailiff) of the Academy's Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. The scholarships cover up to 12 credits for each of the two qualifying student.



PAST WINNERS

Internships

Each year, the four students who reach the final round of the Competition are traditionally awarded an internship at either the Inter-American Court of Human Rights or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights



BRIAN TITTEMORE MEMORIAL FUND

Brian Douglas Tittlemore died at age 40 after a brief but valiant battle with cancer on December 12, 2006.

In recognition of his laudable professional contributions and unwavering support of the Washington College of Law, The Brian Tittlemore Memorial Fund in Human Rights has been established and will be a permanent legacy to an incredibly talented and giving man.

Brian wrote the hypothetical cases for the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition in 2000 and 2005, which he judged a number of other years. Brian believed the Competition was making a lasting impact in the lives of its student participants and that it was a valuable capacity-building tool for future human rights attorneys, as well as strengthening the Inter-American System.



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Each year, the four students who reach the final round of the Competition are traditionally awarded an internship. Unfortunately, because the internships are unpaid, a number of students have been unable to take advantage of these internships in the past.

One of the purposes of the Brian Tittlemore Memorial Fund will be to provide a stipend to each of the four students who accept an internship at the Court or Commission, allowing them to gain invaluable experience for their future careers in Human Rights.

Yet another goal of the Memorial Fund is to help sponsor teams from law schools in underprivileged areas of the hemisphere where human rights legal training is not readily available. The resources given to this Memorial Fund will be used to increase and geographically spread the lasting impacts of the Competition, and to cover expenses of the Competition in order to ensure its longevity.



OUR HONOR PANEL



COST FOR 2024 IAMOOT

TEAM: 1,250\$

COACH: 450\$

OBSERVERS: 450\$

TEAM + 2ND COACH: 1700\$





**CREDIT CARD WILL BE
ACCEPTED THIS YEAR**





THANK YOU