

2009 Moot Court Competition Brief Writing Rules

The written brief will contribute 40% of the total score that will be used to invite members to join the Moot Court Board. The other 60% will come from oral argument that will be held the week of September 14th. Competitors must participate in both the written and oral competitions to receive an invitation to join.

Problem Information:

- 1) The problem will be available for download from 12:01am on July 1st 2009 until 9:00am July 29th, 2009 (Eastern Time). Competitors may download the problem at any time during this period from the Moot Court website (<http://www.drexel.edu/law/moot-court.asp>) or the TWEN '2009 Moot Court Competition' class.
- 2) After downloading the problem, students wishing to compete must email Dana Duggan dmd82@drexel.edu to receive their anonymous ID # and side they are representing. This information will be sent to the person requesting before the end of the following **business** day.
- 3) Questions
 - a. Questions regarding the problem should be sent to the Moot Court Board at: DrexelMootCourtCompetition@gmail.com.
 - b. Questions regarding the problem will be accepted on a rolling basis until July 29, 2009 at noon.
 - c. Answers to all questions received each Wednesday before 11:59pm will be answered and posted by that Friday on the TWEN site before 5:00pm for all competitors to view.

Brief:

- 1) **The brief is due Monday August 3, 2009 by 1:00pm (Eastern).** (See Submission section below)
- 2) Briefs should **only** address the Hostile Work Environment and Retaliation claims
- 3) All briefs must comply with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 28 and 32, except as modified by these Rules.¹
- 4) All text and footnotes must be in 10 point Times New Roman type.
- 5) Pages should have 1" margins.
- 6) Total length of the brief (Sections d-i) may not exceed **seven thousand (7,000) words** (*this does not include the Cover Page, Tables of Contents/Authorities and Certificate of Service*).
- 7) All citations shall be complete and in the form prescribed in the latest edition of the Harvard Law Association's Uniform System of Citation ("Bluebook").
- 8) All briefs must include
 - a. Cover Page
 - b. Table of Contents
 - c. Table of Authorities
 - d. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - e. Questions Presented
 - f. Statement of the Case
 - g. Summary of the Argument
 - h. Argument
 - i. Conclusion

¹ Briefs of Appellants and Appellees shall comply with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 28(a)(2)-(10), 28(d) and 28(e). Excluded are 28(a)(1), 28(a)(4)(C), 28(a)(11), 28(b)-(c) and 28(f)-(j).

References to the record under FRAP 28 should be to the record of the court. The applicable parts of Rule 32 are Rule 32(a)(1)-(4), with the exception of 32(a)(1)(A) and 32(a)(2)(F). The name of the court shall be the United States Court of Appeals for the Twelfth Circuit.

Submission:

- 1) An electronic copy of the brief is due **Monday August 3rd, 2009 by 1:00pm (Eastern)**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted.
- 2) Competitors must register for the “2009 Moot Court Competition” class on TWEN – The final brief will be submitted in the “Assignment Drop Box”
- 3) Competitors can verify submission via TWEN.
- 4) The electronic copy:
 - a. Must be submitted via TWEN **Monday August 3rd, 2009 by 1:00pm (Eastern)**.
 - b. Must be submitted in Microsoft Word 2003 (.doc) format.
 - c. The file should be named “(Anonymous Number) – Competition Brief.doc” and contain all required sections.
 - d. May not contain any identifying information or metadata, other than the assigned Anonymous ID
 - e. As each participant’s computer is different, it is the responsibility of each participant to determine how to accomplish this without assistance from the Moot Court Board.
- 5) A participant may not revise or amend a brief after submission, even if the deadline for submission has not passed. In the event that multiple versions of the same participant’s brief are submitted, the version of the brief received first will be scored for the competition.

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Competitors must submit entirely original work and may not receive assistance from anyone in proofreading/researching/editing/etc.
- 2) Anonymity
 - a. Briefs must be submitted anonymously via TWEN
 - b. Competitors must obtain an anonymous number by emailing Dana Duggan dmd82@drexel.edu after receiving the Competition Materials
 - c. Any competitor that discloses his or her anonymous ID to any Moot Court Board member will be disqualified. Any communication sent to the Moot Court Board should NOT include your anonymous ID.
 - d. Any questions regarding your anonymous ID or side you are representing must be directed to Dana Duggan – as she will be the only person with access to this information until the grading is complete.
- 3) Briefs will be graded by at least 2 members of the Moot Court Board according to an established grading rubric, the final score will be the average of these scores.
- 4) Closed Universe: All necessary research for the completion of this brief is in the Competitor’s Information Packet. Competitors may not cite to cases not listed in the packet. (Points will be deducted for outside citation).
- 5) Failure to comply with any of these Rules may result in penalties, including point deductions or disqualification, subject to the discretion of the Competition Chair and Executive Board.
- 6) If you have any questions regarding these Rules, contact the board for clarification at DrexelMootCourtCompetition@gmail.com. Include “2009 Competition Rules Question” in the subject line.
- 7) Students may participate in both Moot Court and Law Review. Students choosing to participate in both should consider the workload involved and be prepared to dedicate the required time to each organization.

Best of Luck!