

Honors Moot Court Team, Spring Syllabus 2012.
Class time: Tuesday, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Adj. Prof: Joyce Keller
2 units

Welcome Back to Western State's Honors Moot Court Team for the Spring Semester.

Policy concerning grades: This semester most of you will be receiving a pass/fail grade where you will be competing for the school.

Your grade for the second semester will be based entirely on one brief -- the brief you will submit to Professor Keller *seven days* before your formal brief is due to your competition. (Waivers for this seven-day deadline may be obtained from Professor Keller for team members who are faced with extraordinarily short lag times between the posting of their problem and the date the brief is due. (E.g., if you don't get your problem until three weeks before the brief is due, a waiver can be obtained shortening your due date to Professor Keller to, say, two days before the brief due date to the competition.)

Please also note in this regard that if your *second* semester brief (the one due to Professor Keller seven days before it is due to the competition) is substandard, such that you and your teammate are "dead on arrival" because of a probable poor brief score, the school reserves the right to cancel your competition or take any appropriate lesser sanction.

Please also note: *There will be a dress code for all oral argument presentations:* Coat and tie for men, equivalent apparel for women. At the

competitions, a dark conservative suit will be mandatory. (You need one of those for job interviews in any event.) For practices, coat and tie (or female equivalent) is the least we expect. You might as well get used to arguing “in costume” now, because that is how you will be dressed for the competition.

Class Goals: We want to field “winning” teams in regional and national moot court competitions throughout the country. “Winning” is defined as advancing beyond the “prelims” in your competition. “Winning with Distinction” is defined as making it to the semi-finals. “Winning Spectacularly” is defined as taking the whole enchilada, to which we all aspire.

Long-term strategy: Generally speaking, “veteran” teams tend to do better than “rookie” teams. It is our goal that our rookie teams have a sufficiently rewarding and positive experience their first year so that they “re-enlist” for the next year.

January 24, 2012:

Kristian and Phil – OA practice Asylum & Refugee:
Coach Deveaux Competition February 3-4, 2012

January 31, 2012:

Ashlee and Jacqueline – OA practice Sports Law
Coach Mohr Competition February 15-17, 2012

February 7, 2012:

Christopher and Eric – OA practice Trademark & Unfair
Competition Law Coach O’Connor
Competition February 11, 2012

February 14, 2012:

Matt and Jessie – Medicaid & Health Care Law
Coach DeVeaux
Competition March 8-10, 2012

February 21, 2012:
David and Evan – Entertainment Law
Coach Cavanaugh
Competition March 15-18, 2012

March 6, 2012:
Ross and Siri – Securities Law
Coach Cavanaugh
Competition March 22-25, 2012

March 20, 2012:
Lauren and Kyle – Evidence Law
Coach Molko
Competition March 29-31, 2012

April 3, 2012:
Kristal and Ben – CA Appellate Law
Coach
Competition April 14-15, 2012