

**2023-2024 USF School of Law Moot Court Program
Case Counsel & Competition Team Member
Instructions and Application**



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to apply. (Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, pending approval from Faculty Advisors. If you have concerns about your GPA, please contact the Moot Court Board)
2. Applications are **due at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023**. Interviews will take place in the week after the Applications are due.
3. Completed Applications must contain the documents listed below and in the order set out below. Failure to follow formatting instructions will impact your application.
 - a. A complete Application form;
 - b. Signed and dated acknowledgment of page 5 of this Application;
 - c. Responses to questions 1-7 (see below);
 - d. A current resume;
 - e. A copy or screenshot of your transcript from "MyUSF"; and
 - f. A legal writing sample indicating the semester it was written.
4. Please submit an electronic copy of your application.
 - a. Applications should be emailed to the Moot Court Board at usfmootcourt@gmail.com
 - b. **The electronic copy and ALL attachments must be merged into one PDF document.**
5. After submitting your application, the Moot Court Board will send you a sign-up sheet for an interview time. Interviews will take place in-person.
 - a. **ALL APPLICANTS will be required to and should be prepared to deliver a one (1) minute oral argument during their interview.** We suggest using your introduction and road map from First Year Moot Court. We do NOT want to hear a recitation of the facts.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE INFORMATION PACKET

1. Case Counsel receive one (1) unit per semester.

2. Competition Team Members receive two (2) units during the semester in which they compete and are required to enroll in the three (3) unit Appellate Advocacy class in the Fall.
3. All Case Counsel and Spring Competition Team Members are required to enroll in the one (1) unit Advanced Moot Court Program. **Competition Teams Members competing in the Fall are NOT required to enroll in the AMC competition but are not prohibited from participation if they so choose.**

Thank you for your interest in the USF Moot Court Program! The Board looks forward to meeting you during interviews.

USF School of Law, Moot Court Board

CASE COUNSEL & COMPETITION TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

What position(s) are you applying for? (Check both if applicable)

- Case Counsel
 Competition Team Member

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Preferred E-Mail: _____

USF ID Number: _____ Current Year in School: _____ Full Time or Part Time: _____

If PT, are you planning on transferring to full-time next year? _____

LRWA Professor: _____ LRWA Grade(s): Fall _____ Spring (if 2L or PT 3L): _____

GPA: _____ Class Percentile: _____

How many units do you expect to take next year *before* adding the requisite units for Moot Court?

See page 1 for unit requirements for Case Counsel and Competition Team. *

(Fall) _____ (Spring) _____

**Applicant's course load must allow the student to register for the required two units per semester.*

Note that the maximum number of units a student may register for in a semester is sixteen (16) units.

Have you previously participated in AMC? If so, when? _____

Please type your responses to the following questions:

1. **Moot Court Positions:** What are, at least, the top three teams and positions in Moot Court that you would like to participate in? If you would like to be a Case Counsel or a Competition Team Member, please list those positions in addition to other teams you are willing to participate for at least three positions.

2. **Personal Goals:** What do you hope to get out of your participation in the Moot Court Program?

3. **Oral Advocacy:** Describe any relevant team, group, teaching, mentoring or coaching experience you have had that prepare you for the positions for which you are applying.

Include sport teams, debate teams, school- related activities such as membership in any student organizations, and any previous Moot Court or public speaking experience.

4. **Legal Research & Writing:** If applicable, please describe in detail relevant writing experience, apart from LRWA or Moot Court (legal or otherwise), including any publications or awards for written work.
5. **Extracurriculars:** In the next academic year, do you plan to work or participate in any of the following activities: tutoring, internship, judicial externship, clinical program, law review/journal? If yes, please indicate which activities and how many hours per week/units per semester. Also include any specific time constraints for the academic year (including holiday and spring breaks) and any concerns you may have with the schedule requirements for participating as case counsel or team member.
6. **Scheduling:** What are your plans for this summer? Will you be in the Bay Area? The AMC program mandates attendance to evening Zoom classes, assigns coursework, and offers office hours to all its students, beginning in August. The program's internal competitions will take place once classes resume in September. It is required for new members to attend. Are you planning on applying for the MBA program?
7. What skills, interests, or experiences demonstrate your qualifications to compete on the teams for which you have applied? Please write about each competition in which you are interested and rank them in order of most to least interested.

Please also sign page 5 of this application AND attach a resume, unofficial transcript, and legal writing sample.

**[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR COMPETITION TEAM
APPLICANTS ONLY ON NEXT PAGE]**

COMPETITION TEAM APPLICANTS ONLY:

1. Rank the following competition teams in order of interest, with “1” being your *first choice*, and denote teams in which you are *unwilling to participate* with “x.” Please do not rank any “potential” competitions in your top 3. *See descriptions of timelines for each competition in the Moot Court Program Information Packet.*

- ___ Criminal Mock Trial Competition [the exact one is TBD] [Fall]
- ___ National Criminal Procedure Competition [Fall]
- ___ The Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition [Fall]
- ___ Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition [Spring]
- ___ National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) [Spring]
- ___ Tulane Professional Football Negotiation Competition [Spring]
- ___ UC Davis Asylum & Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition [Spring]
- ___ Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition [Spring]

***Evidence and participation in *either* IAP or Trial Practice are a pre-requisite OR co-requisite for membership on a Trial Team.**

2. Have you taken or will you be enrolled in any of the following courses next Fall?
(check all that apply)

- ___ Applied Evidence
- ___ Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ___ Copyright/Trademark
- ___ Criminal Procedure
- ___ Employment/Labor
- ___ Evidence
- ___ Immigration
- ___ Intensive Advocacy Program (IAP)
- ___ IP Survey
- ___ International Law/Human Rights
- ___ Mediation
- ___ Negotiations
- ___ Patent
- ___ Sports Law
- ___ Trial Practice

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023**. Interviews will take place in the week after the Application due date. Please submit your application as an electronic copy saved as **one merged PDF** titled “[YOUR LAST NAME] Moot Court Application” to usfmootcourt@gmail.com. Complete application includes: (1) this signature page; (2) typed responses to the questions; (3) resume; (4) transcript; and (5) legal writing sample.

Failure to follow the formatting instructions will impact your application. There is no guarantee that applications turned in after **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023** will be considered, so please submit your applications on time.

A link to a Google document for the interview sign-up sheet will be sent to your e-mail following submission of your application.

I represent that all the above information and submitted attachments are true and correct and agree that my G.P.A. and academic standing may be verified by the Registrar.

(Date)

(Signature)