

The Moot Court Board of The George Mason University School of Law (“GMUSL”) hereby respectfully invites you to serve as a judge for the 2009 First Year Competition. This competition provides first year students with the opportunity to make their first oral argument and is one of the most important competitions the Moot Court Board sponsors. The Moot Court Board is committed to celebrating and fostering diversity in the legal profession. To that end, the theme for this year’s First Year Competition will be *Celebrating Diversity within the Law*.

The 2009 First Year Competition will be held over three weekends, with the preliminary rounds on March 28th and April 4th at the law school campus in Arlington, Virginia. The final round of the competition will be held on April 10th at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. After the final round of the competition on April 10, the Moot Court Board will be hosting a *Celebrating Diversity within the Law Reception*, which is co-sponsored by the Fairfax Bar Association. This cocktail and heavy hors d’oeuvres reception will take place at the law school campus at 6:00 PM.

The commitment to judge a round of this competition will require only a few hours of your time, and to help you prepare, the Moot Court Board will send you a judge’s packet in early to mid-March. This packet will contain a copy of the problem, a bench brief containing key background cases, an outline of potential arguments for both parties, and information on parking at the law school. All other information, including scoring tips and directions to the law school, is available on our website: <http://www.gmu.edu/org/mootcourt/>.

If you would like to participate as a judge, please send an email to the Moot Court Board at mootct@gmu.edu. Please indicate which day you would prefer, as well as which round(s) you are available to judge.

The general time frame for the First Year Competition is as follows:

<u>March 28th</u>		<u>April 4th</u>	
7:30-8:00 am	Breakfast	8:00-8:30 am	Breakfast
8:00-8:30 am	Morning Judges Check-in	8:30-9:00 am	Morning Judges Check-in
8:30 am- 12:30 pm	Morning Rounds	9:00-11:00 am	Morning Rounds
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch and Afternoon Judges Check-in	11:00 am- 12:30 pm	Lunch and Afternoon Judges Check-in

1:30-5:30 pm Afternoon
Rounds

12:30 – 4:00 Afternoon Rounds
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