



NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

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Dear ABA-Accredited Law School:

The Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers cordially invite your law school to compete in the 35th Annual National Trial Competition (NTC) to be held in Dallas, Texas, March 24-27, 2010. The co-chairs Clint Harbour and Rosalyn Tippet and the NTC committee are looking forward to this year's event and encourage you to participate in what past participants have acknowledged to be an excellent trial advocacy competition.

Entry Deadline & Fees

To register for NTC 2009-2010 please complete the entry form and send it along with the non-refundable entry fee to the NTC office before **OCTOBER 16, 2009**.

The entry fee for participating is: \$300 for one team; \$400 for two teams
(Each team can have two or three members.)

Please find online the State Bar of Texas W9 Federal ID Tax form which may be needed by your accounting department to expedite payment.

Intra-School Competition

Although the method used to select your school's team(s) is left to you, we recommend that an intra-school competition be used to choose the regional participants. To help you with your intra-school competition, we have included materials used at the regional and national levels.

- Instructions for Evaluating Student Performances
- Scoring Criteria
- Judges' Ballots - Official Ballot, Master Ballot and a Point Summary and Decision Ballot
- Bailiff's Instruction Sheet
- Summary of Significant Instructions Concerning the National Trial Competition

Your school is welcome to use past NTC problems for your intra-school competition. Please write or call to obtain a copy or visit our website, http://www.tyla.org/advocacy_ntc.html

Regional Competition

Also online is the name of your Regional Host contact. By November your Regional Host will contact you with details for your regional event. Any questions you have regarding the regionals can be directed to that person.

The top two winners of the 14 regional competitions will compete in the National Competition in Dallas.

Problem / Fact Pattern

This year's regional and national problem has been written by Marvin W. Jones. We are excited about the two civil problems he has created for this year.

The regional problem will be emailed to all participating schools in mid-November.

Rules

A copy will be sent to all participating schools along with the regional problem in mid-November.

NTC Contact

Questions and comments concerning the National Trial Competition should be directed in writing to:

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We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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