



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 37th Annual National Trial Competition (NTC) to be held in Austin, Texas, March 21-24, 2012. The NTC committee is looking forward to this year's event and encourages you to participate in what past participants have acknowledged to be one of the best trial advocacy competitions.

Entry Deadline & Fees

To register for NTC 2011-2012, please complete the entry form and send it along with the non-refundable entry fee to the NTC office before **OCTOBER 24, 2011**. You may email, fax or mail the entry form and send a copy with payment if you are paying by check. If you would like to send your entry form in advance, please print "payment in progress" at the top of the form.

The entry fee for participating is: \$300 for one team; \$400 for two teams (*Each team can have two or three members. Please refer the NTC Rules for questions regarding team members.*)

You can find the State Bar of Texas W9 Federal ID Tax form online at www.tyla.org/ntc, 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. All of the materials mentioned above can be found online at <http://www.tyla.org/ntc>.

Regional Competition

The name of your Regional Host contact can also be found online at our website. 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 Austin.

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 of the Rules will be sent to all participating schools along with the regional problem in mid-November or may be found online at www.tyla.org/ntc.

NTC Contact

Questions and comments concerning the National Trial Competition should be directed by email to:

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We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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cc: NTC Committee