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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

The Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition is co-sponsored by the William S. Boyd School of Law's Society of Advocates Moot Court Team and the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*. The Competition is named after Frank A. Schreck, chair of the Gaming Law Group at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. For more than 40 years, Mr. Schreck has played an important role in shaping the realm of gaming law. We are proud to honor Mr. Schreck by naming the Gaming Law Moot Court Competition after him.

II. TEAMS

A. Competitors

A law school may send a maximum of two teams to the Competition. If two teams from any law school are registered to compete, those teams shall not work together to research, write, or edit their briefs. However, teams from the same law school may practice oral arguments together.

B. Team Composition

1. Each team shall be composed of either two or three competitors. Each team competitor must be enrolled in a full-time or part-time juris doctor program at the law school they represent. No competitor may hold a law degree.
2. No team competitor may be replaced after the briefs are submitted without the express written consent of the Competition Chair.

C. Coaches and Advisors

1. Coaches and advisors may be students, faculty members, practitioners, or outside legal advisors.
2. Coaches and advisors are only permitted to assist with oral argument preparation. However, coaches and advisors may not aid in researching, writing, or editing a team's brief. Any violation of this rule may result in disqualification.
3. All coaches and advisors are subject to the same rules as team competitors, except as explicitly stated in these rules.

D. Outside Assistance

Competitors shall not receive assistance of any kind from coaches, advisors, school writing centers, practitioners, faculty members, or any other person during the research, writing, and editing process. The consultation of a librarian is only permissible to the extent that the librarian assists in procuring a resource requested by a competitor.

III. BRIEFS

- A. Each team will be randomly assigned to the side in which they will write for their brief (i.e., Petitioner or Respondent). Each team will also be assigned a team number. Team numbers and sides will be sent to all teams via email prior to the date the fact pattern is released.
- B. The United States Supreme Court Rules shall govern the format and pagination of the briefs, unless these competition rules explicitly state otherwise.
- C. Briefs must not contain any identifying information, including law school name or team member names. Only the team's assigned number should appear on the lower right-hand corner of every page of the brief. Any violation of anonymity in submitting briefs may result in disqualification.
- D. **Brief Format**
 - 1. Briefs shall be a maximum of 30 pages in length, exclusive of the cover sheet, questions presented, table of contents, table of authorities, opinions below, statement of jurisdiction, statutory provisions, and appendices.
 - 2. Briefs shall be typed on white pages measuring 8.5 by 11 inches. Margins on all sides shall be 1 inch, with double spacing between each line of text. Footnotes, headings, and subheadings may be single-spaced, however, they must be included within the margin limits.
 - 3. Briefs shall be in Times New Roman. The body text must be 12-point font and footnotes must be 10-point font.
 - 4. Pages shall be numbered. The "Questions Presented" section shall be placed after the cover sheet and shall be numbered "i" and the following pages shall be numbered accordingly. The "Statement of Facts" shall be on page number 1.
 - 5. The "Statement of Jurisdiction" section of the brief shall state, "The formal statement of jurisdiction is waived pursuant to Competition Rule III."
 - 6. All citations shall comply with the form prescribed in the most recent edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.

IV. SERVICE OF BRIEFS AND CERTIFICATION

- A. Each team must serve a total of five bound or stapled copies of its final brief contained in one single package or envelope. The packaged briefs must be postmarked on or before **February 21, 2017**, and addressed to:

William S. Boyd School of Law
Attn: Valerie Gray, Schreck Competition Chair
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy
Box #451003
Las Vegas, NV 89154-1003

- B. A copy of the final brief must be emailed to SchreckMCC@law.unlv.edu in PDF format on or before **11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 20, 2017**. PDF versions of all briefs will be made available on the Schreck Competition website by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 27, 2017.
- C. Briefs may not be revised after the February 20, 2017, service deadline.
- D. Failure to receive both the required number of bound briefs and the PDF version by the deadlines will result in a reduction of 5 points off the team's total brief score.

V. BRIEF SCORING

- A. Each brief will be graded by a panel of writing professors from UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, the 2nd highest ranked legal writing program in the country. Additionally, a panel of the UNLV Gaming Law Journal Editors will grade the citations for each brief, in accordance with the Bluebook, and score each brief accordingly. Each team's final brief score will be calculated by averaging the panel members' scores.
- B. Briefs will be evaluated anonymously and graded on a scale of 1 to 100 points. Each brief shall be graded on the basis of the substantive law presented, the writing style, the citations and the persuasiveness of the writing.
- C. Failure to conform to any of the rules will result in a reduction of a team's brief score.
- D. Brief scores shall constitute thirty percent of each team's score in the preliminary rounds. In subsequent rounds, brief scores will only be utilized as a tiebreaker.

VI. ORAL ARGUMENT

- A.** Each team is allotted 30 minutes for oral argument. Each team may divide this time between two members as it wishes, provided each oralist argues for at least 10 minutes. Failure to argue for at least 10 minutes will result in a deduction from that oralist's score. Each team must inform the bailiff how they wish to split their allotted time prior to beginning the round. Only the two team members arguing a round may be seated at counsel table.
- B.** Each round of oral arguments will have a bailiff responsible for monitoring the competitors' time and collecting the judges' score sheets. The bailiff will hold up a time card indicating when each competitor has five, three, and one minute(s) remaining. At the conclusion of allotted time, the bailiff will then hold up a card indicating the time is up. Continuing beyond the allotted time may result in reduction of points.
- C.** Petitioner has the exclusive right to rebuttal. Petitioner may reserve a maximum of five minutes for rebuttal by notifying the bailiff before the judges enter the courtroom. Petitioner must still formally request rebuttal time at the beginning of Petitioner's argument. Failure to inform the timekeeper or the Court will be treated as a waiver of rebuttal. Rebuttal may be given by only one team member arguing for Petitioner, as long as it is given by a team member that argued during that round.
- D.** Teams may not identify their school to any judge or timekeeper during the competition. Any disclosure of such information may result in disqualification from the competition.
- E.** While Boyd students may not compete in the Competition and are not eligible for any Competition awards, one or more "ghost" teams composed of Boyd students may participate in the preliminary rounds, in the event of an odd number of teams.

VII. ORAL ARGUMENT ROUNDS

- A.** Each team will argue in three preliminary rounds, with at least one argument for Petitioner and one for Respondent.
- B.** The top 8 teams will move on to quarter-final rounds. The winning team in each room will move on to the semi-final rounds.
- C.** The top 4 teams will move on to the semi-final rounds. The winning team of each round will move on to the final round.
- D.** A coin flip will determine what side the advancing teams will argue in the semi-final and final rounds.
- E.** No team can sit in or watch any round in which that team is still a participant. For example, if team X has made it to the semi-finals, team X will not be allowed to sit in, view, or watch any argument occurring in the semi-finals.

VIII. ORAL ARGUMENT SCORING

- A. Each oral argument round shall be judged by a three judge panel whenever possible (however, there will be no less than two judges on a panel). Each panel will be composed of licensed attorneys and/or judges.
- B. Each oral argument will be scored in accordance with a standardized scoring sheet, which will be the same sheet used for all oral argument rounds during the Competition.
- C. Total team scores will be based on a combination of brief and oral argument scores, consistent with the following rules:
 - 1. Preliminary Rounds: The brief score will count for thirty percent (30%) of the total score. Oral argument scores will count for seventy percent (70%) of the total score.
 - 2. Quarter-Final Round and Semi Final Round: The total score will be determined solely on the basis of the oral argument score. The winner will be the team that receives the highest oral argument score, averaging each judge's score. In the event of a tie, each teams' brief score will be used to determine a winner. The winning team from each room will move on to the next round.
 - 3. Final Round: The Final Round judges will choose a winner.

IX. AWARDS

Awards will be given for First Place, Second Place, Best Brief, Second Place Brief, Best Oralist, and Second Place Oralist.

X. DATES

- A. The competition problem and rules will be posted on the Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition website under "Competition Information" on **Monday, January 9, 2017, at 12:01 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time.
- B. Team briefs must be submitted in accordance with these rules by **Monday, February 20, 2017, at 11:59 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time and postmarked **Tuesday, February 21, 2017.**
- C. The competition will commence March 31, 2017 and end on April 2, 2017.