



CENTER FOR
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2010 NATIONAL ANIMAL LAW COMPETITIONS

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LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING & LOBBYING COMPETITION RULES

RULE I. ORGANIZATION

The National Animal Law Competitions (NALC) are an inter-law school event comprised of the:

1. Appellate Moot Court Competition;
2. Closing Argument Competition; and the
3. Legislative Drafting & Lobbying Competition

The purpose of these competitions is to provide law students an opportunity to develop knowledge in the field of animal law and to hone their written and oral advocacy skills.

RULE II. PARTICIPATION

A. Competitor Eligibility. Participation in the Legislative Drafting & Lobbying Competition is on an individual basis. The Competition will be open to the first sixteen (16) students to register and submit payment. Should the competition sell out, potential competitors are encouraged to register for the waitlist as a spot may become available.

Each school may enter up to two competitors. Competitors must be full- or part-time students seeking a J.D. at any ABA accredited law school in the United States or an accredited law school in Canada.

First year law students *are* eligible to compete in the Legislative Drafting & Lobbying Competition at the National Animal Law Competitions. They are not, however, eligible to compete in the other NALC events.

B. Substitution. In the event of an emergency, schools may send an alternate Competitor. The school or individual competitor must immediately notify the Competition Administrators of the change.

C. Registration. Participants must submit a fully completed registration form and pay the registration fee of \$200 (The registration link is provided on the NALC website.). Should a participant withdraw from the competition, a full refund minus a \$15.00 administrative fee is available until December 1, 2009. There will be no refunds after December 1st.

RULE III. PROBLEM

A. Distribution. Problems will be posted on the competition website at:
http://www.lclark.edu/law/centers/animal_law_studies/students/NALC/.

B. Components. Students are responsible for downloading the problem, guide, legislator profiles, and supporting fact sheets.

C. Submission of Bill & Fact Sheet. Students must email the written proposed bill and a one-page fact sheet by midnight (12 a.m.) Pacific Standard Time on January 22, 2010. Submissions

should be sent to Competition Administrator Laura Handzel at lhandzel@lclark.edu.

RULE IV. ROUNDS & SCORING

A. Drafting. The proposed bill will be scored by a committee of experienced lobbyists and legislators.

B. Rounds. The schedule for the preliminary rounds will be posted on the website prior to the Competition. Each student will participate in three preliminary rounds attempting to persuade the “members of Congress” based on three legislator profiles.

C. Advancement to final round. At the conclusion of the three preliminary rounds, a total score for each student will be calculated. The total score will be calculated as follows:

- 25% - based on the student’s proposed bill; and
- 75% - based on the student’s combined oral scores from each of the three preliminary rounds (25% from each round).

The three students with the top total scores will advance to the final round.

D. Order, Timing & Results of Arguments. Each student will be allowed 10 minutes in each round. A timekeeper will display a green card until only one minute remains of the competitor’s allotted time, and signals will be given at the 5 minute, and 3 minute marks. When one minute remains, a yellow card will be displayed. When the competitor’s time has expired, a red card will be displayed, signaling that the participant must conclude promptly.

RULE V. AWARDS

The winner of the Legislative Drafting & Lobbying Competition of the National Animal Law Competitions will receive an individual plaque, and a school plaque.

Competitors placing second and third place will receive individual plaques.

RULE VI. PENALTIES

Penalties, including disqualification, may be assessed for failure to comply with the rules or deadlines set pursuant to these rules.

RULE VIII. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Requests for interpretation of these rules should be made at the earliest date possible. Competitors will receive prompt notification of any new rules, as well as revisions to or

interpretations of existing rules. All competitors shall be bound by any changes, effective at the time of notification.

Please address questions about the National Animal Law Competitions to:

Competition Administrator Liberty Mulkani
Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark,
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Email: lmulkani@aldf.org

Again, please note that Ms. Mulkani will not respond to any questions that are clearly addressed in the rules and/or guide. Be sure to read both documents in their entirety before emailing questions. Also be sure to refer back to both documents from time to time.

The Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark, in collaboration with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, wishes you a fun and productive 2010 Legislative Drafting & Lobbying Competition. Best of luck to all competitors!