

Official Rules for the 2024 Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition

I. Introduction

The Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition (Competition) is an appellate advocacy competition sponsored annually by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation (NAPABA Law Foundation or NLF), which is an IRC § 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable, and educational affiliate of NAPABA. The purpose of the Competition is to give law students an opportunity to develop advocacy skills by simulating written brief submissions and oral arguments before an appellate bench.

The Competition was founded in 1993 and is named in honor of the late Honorable Thomas Tang, a respected jurist who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1977 until his passing in 1995. During his eighteen-plus-year term, Judge Tang demonstrated a strong commitment to civil rights for all people. Judge Tang was also known for his kindness and warmth and for his leadership in the Asian-Pacific-American legal community. In that role, he provided tremendous support to NAPABA and its activities, including creating this Competition.

II. Administration of Rules

The Competition is administered by The Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition National Committee (National Committee), which consists of a Chair appointed by the NAPABA Law Foundation Board, and such appointees as the Chair may select. The Chair reserves the right to amend the Rules and to make final decisions regarding any aspect of the Competition. These Rules are dated **July 1, 2024**, and replace all prior versions.

These Rules apply to all phases of the Competition.

The Chair is specifically vested with the authority to resolve all disputes not specifically addressed by these Rules.

III. Use of the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Problem

The Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition Problem and Bench Memo are proprietary materials and may not be used without the written permission of the National Committee, except for intramural competitions to select teams for the Competition.

IV. The Competition

The National Committee shall set the number of regions and locations of each Regional Competition.

The Regional Competition will consist of oral argument and brief writing components. Each Regional Champion, based on both oral argument and brief scores, will advance to the National Competition. Each Runner-Up may be substituted in circumstances which necessitate a substitution.

The National Committee may select the next-highest-scoring teams from Regionals to compete in the National Competition. Such teams will be chosen using the following criteria: (1) number of teams that registered in a region and (2) Regional Competition seeding. Higher-seeded teams from regions with more registered teams will receive priority.

Sixteen teams will advance to the National Competition. In addition to the eight (8) Regional Champion teams, the National Committee may invite foreign law school teams that did not participate in the Regional Competition to compete.

The National Competition will hold oral arguments and brief writing on independent tracks with champions for each scored separately.

V. Registration

Participation is open to all students currently enrolled, in good standing in law school who have completed the first year of law studies, and who have abided by the following requirements:

1. Each competitor must be a member of an Asian American/Pacific Islander bar association (e.g. APALSA chapter at a law school,

NAPALSA, NAPABA, a NAPABA local affiliate, South Asian Bar Association, Korean American Bar Association, etc.); and

 Each competitor is required to submit a short-written statement (no more than 150 words) addressing the legacy and/or impact of Dr. Pearl Tang and/or Judge Thomas Tang on the competitor personally and describing the competitor's commitment to supporting the Asian American/Pacific Islander community in the future.

Each law school is limited to two teams. The number of teams in the competition may be limited, so early registration is highly recommended.

Teams will be able to choose between online and in-person regional competitions. Regional Competitions will be held on the following dates, subject to possible changes at the discretion of the National Committee:

Regional 1 in-person in Dallas, Texas: Friday, September 20, 2024

Regional 2 in person in Los Angeles, California: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Regional 3 in-person in New York, New York: Friday, September 27, 2024

Regional 4, virtual on Zoom: Saturday, September 28, 2024

Teams should be prepared to argue both sides. Petitioner/Respondent assignments will be provided before the first preliminary round.

SPONSORED TEAMS: This year we are encouraging local NAPABA Affiliates and National Associates to sponsor moot court teams, including providing support by paying registration fees for teams, providing coaching on written and oral advocacy skills, and paying for students' travel to compete in regional and national competitions. Each law school is limited to two teams. Sponsors include law schools and bar associations, including those affiliated with NAPABA and National Associates, law firms, and other organizations. Local NAPABA Affiliates and National Associates are not limited in the number of teams they may sponsor, though each law school is permitted to register only two teams per year. Students are encouraged to reach out to local NAPABA Affiliates and National Associates to obtain support from sponsors. Please note that attorneys and/or judges who coach law students may not judge the moot court competition in the same year.

The registration fee is \$750.00 per SPONSORED team.

UNSPONSORED TEAMS: Teams who are independently funded by the student competitors themselves.

The registration fee is \$500.00 per UNSPONSORED team.

Teams must register for the Competition by (1) completing the online registration form at https://www.napabalawfoundation.org/ttmc, which includes an acknowledgment and certification that each team member is currently enrolled in law school, completed a first year of law studies with good standing, (2) paying either \$750.00 for their SPONSORED team or \$500 for their UNSPONSORED team non-refundable registration fee, and (3) sending the National Committee a confirmation email at thomastangmootcourtcompetition@gmail.com with a receipt of completion of payment for their registered team.

Registration is not complete unless all requirements are fulfilled. The deadline for registration is posted on the Competition's website. A team must complete the above registration procedure before its brief will be accepted.

Registration is limited to the first twelve (12) teams to complete registration in each respective region. Each registered team will be notified of its Regional Competition oral argument date and time after the registration deadline.

Teams will be allowed to register after the registration deadline but before the brief service deadline only under extenuating circumstances as considered by the National Committee. A team cannot register under any circumstances after the brief service deadline.

Once all in-person Regional Competition team slots have been filled, registering teams will be assigned to the online Zoom competition. No refund of registration fees is allowed except under exceptional circumstances as determined by the National Committee. Note: Being assigned to the online competition is not considered an exceptional circumstance.

The Case Problem is posted on the Competition's website. Teams experiencing difficulties downloading the Problem can contact the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com.

VI. Teams

A. Each team shall consist of two students. Alternates and substitutes may be named prior to the registration deadline or in emergency situations with the

- consent of the National Committee. Teams cannot compete with only one team member at the Regional or the National Competitions.
- B. A team may be composed of students from different law schools only with the prior consent of the National Committee.
- C. Each law school may enter a maximum of two teams.
- D. The final work product of each team must be exclusively of its members.
- E. There shall be no substitution in a team's membership after the brief service deadline, except under extenuating circumstances and with prior consent of the National Committee.
- F. No competitor may be a member of more than one team nor participate in another team after withdrawing from a team that has already submitted a brief.
- G. The National Committee will designate the party (Petitioner/Respondent) that each team is to represent in its written brief and assign an official team number to each team.
- H. To qualify for the National Competition after invitation, teams will be responsible for representing both parties and they must submit the brief of the opposite assigned party.

I. Briefs

- A. Each team shall prepare one brief on behalf of the party it has been designated to represent.
- B. The Rules of the U.S. Supreme Court are adopted in full, subject to the following specifications:
 - ACADEMIC HONESTY COVER PAGE: *New* All student moot court teams must sign and attach the Honesty Academic cover page to each of their submitted briefs, acknowledging that they have provided their own original work without plagiarism and the use of generative artificial intelligence ("AI"). This Honesty Academic cover page will be provided by the TTMC National Committee, on the website and as the last page of this rules packet.
 - 2. BRIEF COVER PAGE: Cover pages need not be on colored paper. The cover page of the brief will contain the usual designation that would appear for the court in which the case is set. However, no information that identifies or tends to identify the school of the competitors, other than the

official team number assigned by the National Committee, shall appear on the cover or in any other place on the brief. The official number must be placed on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page, with a "P" for Petitioner or an "R" for Respondent.

- 3. LENGTH: The argument section of each brief must not exceed twenty pages. The page limit includes only the argument itself, the conclusion, and footnotes/endnotes. The cover page, questions presented, table of contents, table of authorities, statutory or constitutional provisions involved, statement of the case, and summary of the argument are not included in the page limit.
- 4. TYPEFACE: The typeface used for all briefs shall be Courier New, 10 point. All briefs shall maintain one-inch margins on all four sides, excluding page numbers.
- 5. SPACING: The text of the brief must be double-spaced unless otherwise indicated here. Individual footnotes, quotes of more than fifty words, and point headings within the body of the brief, may be single-spaced. Double-spacing between footnotes is required.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS: There need not be a formal statement of jurisdiction. All citations shall be complete and, in the form, prescribed by the most current edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- C. Required Sections for the Brief:
 - 1. Academic Honesty Cover Page
 - 2. Cover Page
 - 3. Questions Presented
 - 4. Table of Contents
 - 5. Table of Authorities
 - 6. Jurisdiction
 - 7. Statute and Rules
 - 8. Statement
 - 9. Summary of the Argument
 - 10. Argument
 - 11. Conclusion
 - 12. Appendix
- D. It is suggested to follow Supreme Court Rule 24 for further guidance.
 - 1. It is advised that teams write their briefs in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 24. See
 - https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/2023RulesoftheCourt.pdf.

2. For examples of SCOTUS briefs, check out https://www.justice.gov/osg/supreme-court-briefs.

VIII. Use of AI, Plagiarism, Penalty Deductions, Formal Complaints, and Disqualification

- A. Use of AI: Students are not allowed to use AI to generate any statements nor arguments for their briefs. As part of the Competition, the National Committee will turn in all written briefs to an AI content checker. The use of generative AI by a moot court team will result in notifying the moot court team. Use of generative AI will lead to notifying the moot court team's law school and may subject them to penalties including but not limited to disqualification.
- B. Plagiarism: Teams MUST submit original work. As part of the Competition, the National Committee will turn in all written briefs to a plagiarism cite checker. Any form of plagiarism will result in a notification to the moot court team. If plagiarism is found, this will subject the moot court team to notification to their law school and may lead to penalties including but not limited to disqualification.

C. Calculation of Penalties:

- 1. Violations of cover page requirements will be penalized in the amount of three points per violation.
- 2. Each instance of an identity violation anywhere in the brief or cover page will be penalized in the amount of three points per violation.
- 3. Violations of length and typeface will be penalized in the amount of three points for each page or portion of a page that goes beyond the page limit for the argument section. Similarly, an argument section with typeface that is too small will be penalized for the number of excess pages that result when the typeface is normalized to the required typeface.
- 4. Violations of service will be penalized in the amount of six points per day (or partial day) of incomplete service. Service will only be considered complete if the academic honesty cover page is included.
- 5. If a team is late in arriving to an oral argument, the National Committee and/or directors of the Regional Competition, if any, reserve the right to declare a forfeit or to assess a penalty of ten points for every ten minutes the team is late.

D. Formal Complaints:

- 1. All formal complaints against an opposing team shall be brought to the attention of the National Committee no later than five days before the Regional Competition. Complaints shall be emailed to the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com.
- 2. Regional Competition Assessed Complaints: The Regional Committee shall review each brief served upon it to determine whether any brief violations have been committed. All teams assessed with violations by the Regional

Committee shall be notified of such violations no later than five days before the Regional Competition via email. A copy of such notice of violation shall be submitted to the National Committee.

3. Response and Determinations: Any team having a formal or Regional Committee assessed complaint served upon it may, no later than three days before the Regional Competition, respond to the allegations by email to the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com. No further responses from any parties will be considered. All determinations of format violations and appropriate penalties will be made by the Regional Committee, when necessary, prior to the Regional Competition.

E. Disqualification

- 1. Any team that cites fabricated facts or facts not in the evidence and/or record in the brief or in oral argument will be subjected to disqualification of the entire team.
- 2. Any citation to bad law where a team member has misstated a wellestablished legal principle will also lead to disqualification of the entire team
- 3. Any team that fails to submit a brief prior to the Regional Competition is ineligible for any awards.
- 4. Any team that fails to appear for any round of the Regional or National Competition is automatically disqualified.

IX. Service of Brief

A. Regional Competition:

- 1. Each team shall submit one copy of its brief in electronic PDF (.pdf) format to the Regional Committee, if any, and the National Committee by the brief service deadline designated by the National Committee. To do so, each team shall upload its brief onto Dropbox or another electronic filing system to be determined. Each team shall contemporaneously email the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com to confirm that its brief has been uploaded. *Teams shall not upload their brief in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.*
- 2. The National Committee will circulate all briefs uploaded to all teams competing in that region.
- 3. Service will be deemed complete only when the copy of a team's brief has been received by the National Committee.
- B. National Competition: Brief service for the National Competition is required for teams that qualified through the Regional Competition. Teams who qualify for

the National Competition must submit a complete brief for the opposing side.

X. Oral Arguments

A. Oral arguments for the Regional Competitions will take place either in person or remotely through video conferencing software.

For the remote competition, teams must abide by the following:

- 1. Each team member will need a video camera, a microphone, a phone, and stable Internet connection.
- 2. Team members and coaches will not be permitted to be in the same physical location. Each team member and coach must be in separate physical locations and sign on to the video conference separately. No team members, coaches, representatives, or affiliated persons or designees will be permitted to be in the same physical location as a competitor.
- Team members will turn their video on for the entire duration of the round.
 Microphones will be muted, unless the competitor is speaking. Coaches will have their cameras off and microphones muted for the entire duration of the round.
- 4. Virtual backgrounds or unique physical locations that identify a team member's law school are prohibited. Any virtual backgrounds used must be approved by the Committee prior to the argument.
- 5. Timekeeping will continue in the event of minor technical failures (e.g., lags, glitches). Judges may add time at their discretion. If the argument cannot be continued due to technical failures, then the competitor should immediately notify the Committee by email and/or phone call. The appropriate solution will be made by the Committee.
- 6. Any team with requests for accommodations shall, no later than five days before the Regional or National Competitions, notify the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com.
- B. The Regional Competition oral arguments will consist of at least one preliminary oral argument round. The Regional Committee or National Committee will assign opponents based on brief score seeding. This may result in teams from the same law school arguing against each other. Teams should be prepared to argue either side. The National Committee will randomly assign one side to each team and will inform each registered team in advance of oral argument.
- C. The National Competition oral arguments will consist of one preliminary round, quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. The National Committee will randomly assign opponents for all rounds of oral arguments. This may result in teams from the same law school arguing against each other. Teams should be prepared to argue either side. The National Committee will randomly assign one side to each team and will inform each team at least twenty-four hours in advance of the first preliminary round. The

petitioner and respondent in the quarterfinal round onward will be determined by a coin toss immediately after the National Committee announces the advancing teams. The team with the highest total team score may choose to call the toss with the winner of the toss selecting which side to represent.

- D. No team members, coaches, representatives, affiliated persons, or designees will be permitted to be in the videoconference of another team's arguments except for the oral argument in which the team is competing.
- E. Participants must sign onto their designated video conference fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. If a team is late in arriving to the argument, the Regional and National Committees reserve the right to declare a forfeit or to assess a penalty of ten points for every ten minutes the team is late.
- F. At the commencement of each argument, the team members arguing the case shall introduce themselves by name to the Court. The name of the team's law school shall not be stated at any time during the argument.
- G. No discussion with the judges is permitted until the post-round critique, which shall be conducted by the judges after the oral argument.
- H. Only two team members may participate per oral argument round. Each team member will have fifteen minutes for oral argument for a total of thirty minutes per team. The bailiff will advise counsel and judges of remaining time at the following points: five minutes remaining, two minutes remaining, one minute remaining, and the expiration of time. Once counsel is informed by the bailiff that the time has expired, counsel must conclude the argument or receive the Court's permission to continue.
- I. The first speaker for the petitioner may reserve either one or two minutes for rebuttal by notifying the presiding judge and bailiff prior to the commencement of the argument. The reserved time may come from one or both speakers' time. Rebuttal may be argued by either member of the team. Only one member of the team may give the rebuttal. The team member who speaks first must indicate who will be rebutting. Petitioner may waive reserved rebuttal time at the conclusion of Respondent's argument.

1's time and 1 minute of speaker 2's time. Speaker 1 indicates during
her argument that she will be giving the rebuttal. Only speaker 1 may
give the rebuttal.
☐ Example 2: Team 1 reserves two minutes for rebuttal using 2 minutes of speaker
1's time. Speaker 1 indicates during her argument that Speaker 2 will
be giving the rebuttal. Only speaker 2 may give the rebuttal.

☐ Example 1: Team 1 reserves two minutes for rebuttal using 1 minute of speaker

J. Video recording/audio recording of any competition round is prohibited for any purpose. Only official NAPABA photographers and/or National Committee staff may take audio-visual recordings.

XI. Scoring of Briefs and Oral Arguments

- A. Judges for the briefs and oral arguments shall be selected by the Regional and National Committees. The Regional and National Committees shall select members of the judiciary, law school faculty, or the practicing bar for brief grading and judging of the oral argument. Unless completely impossible, judges shall not evaluate students attending their law school alma mater or working for their employer.
- B. Oral arguments: Each oral argument should be judged by three judges but must be judged by at least two judges. A team's oral argument score is equal to the average score given by the judges out of 100.
 - □ Example 1: The scores from two judges for a team are 80 and 90. The team's oral argument score is 85 for the round [80+90 = 170/2 = 85]. □ Example 2: The scores from three judges for a team are 80, 90, and 100. The team's oral argument score is 90 for the round. [80+90+100=270/3=90]
- C. Briefs: Each brief should be scored by three brief graders but must be scored by at least two brief graders. Each brief grader should score all briefs to allow for consistent grading. The average of all the brief graders' scores for each brief will be the brief score used in computing the total composite team scores for advancement to the National Competition and in selecting winning teams for Regional and National brief awards.
 - □ Example 1: If there are three brief graders and brief scores are 90, 80, and 70, the brief score will be [90 + 80 + 70]/3 = 80. □ Example 2: If there are two brief graders and the scores are 50 and 100, the brief score will be [50 + 100]/2 = 75.
- D. Penalties assessed by the Regional and National Committees are to be deducted from the average brief score.
 - \Box Example: Where the average score is 75 and there is a three-point penalty, the brief score is reduced to 72.
- E. National Competition Advancing Teams: The Regional Champion team of each region and six additional teams as decided by the National Committee will advance to the National Competition. The team with the eight highest scores after the preliminary round will advance to quarterfinals.
- F. National Competition Final Round Scoring: The final round will be decided by a majority vote of the judges. The use of a score in

the National finals will be left to each judge's discretion. Each judge must determine which team, in the individual judge's sole opinion, won the final round.

XII. Awards and Scholarships

- A. The award for Best Oralist will be given to the individual with the highest average oral score.
- B. The award for Best Brief will be given to the brief with the highest average brief score after evaluation by the brief grading panel as calculated in Paragraph C above, including the deduction of penalties.
- C. Top winners at the Regional Competitions for brief writing and oral advocacy are given awards. The top winners in brief writing and oral advocacy at the National Competition will receive awards and will receive scholarships up to \$10,000.

XIII. Regional Competition Scoring Rules

A. Scoring

- 1. <u>Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds Scoring</u>: Each team's score in the preliminary and semi-final rounds shall be calculated by weighing the oral argument 70% and the brief score 30%.
- \Box Example: A team receives an oral argument score of 80 and a brief score of 90, the team's round score is 83. $[(0.7 \times 80) + (0.3 \times 90) = 83]$
- 2. <u>Final Round Scoring</u>: The final round shall be decided by a majority vote of the judges. Each judge must determine which team, in his or her opinion, won the final round.

B. Advancement

- 1. <u>Rankings After Preliminary Rounds</u>: After completion of all preliminary rounds, the competition will rank teams based on the total preliminary round score of each.
- 2. After completion of all preliminary rounds, the competition will rank teams based on the total preliminary round score of each team.
- 3. <u>Advancement to Elimination Rounds</u>: For competitions with a semi-final, the top four teams shall advance to the semi-finals. Teams in

First Seed v. Fourth Seed	Second Seed v. Third Seed
First Seed v. Fourth Seed	Second Seed v. Third Seed

The competition reserves the right to break brackets to avoid pairing competitors from the same school against each other.

4. Advancement from Semi-Finals to Finals: The winner of each semi-final round shall advance to the final. The winner of each round will be the team with the highest score in that semi-final round. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken using prelim seed.

C. Side Assignment in Elimination Rounds

1. For semi-finals and finals, the sides shall be decided by a coin flip. The lower seeded team will call heads or tails. The winner of the coin flip shall choose the side they wish to argue.

XIV. National Competition Rules

A. Scoring

- 1. Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds Scoring: Each team's score in the preliminary and semi-final rounds shall be calculated by weighing the oral argument 70% and the brief score 30%. The brief score will only come from the score of the brief the team submitted at the Regional Competition. For example, the petitioner coded team will have their petitioner brief from their respective Regional graded and 30% of that brief's score will calculated into the National Competition scoring.
- 2. The brief submitted at the National Competition will be reviewed by judges at the National Competition for clarity and understanding of the team's oral argument.
- 3. <u>Final Round Scoring</u>: The final round shall be decided by a majority vote of the judges. Each judge must determine which team, in his or her opinion, won the final round.

B. Advancement

- 1. <u>Rankings After Preliminary Rounds</u>: After completion of all preliminary rounds, the competition will rank teams based on the total preliminary round score of each team.
- 2. <u>Advancement to Elimination Rounds</u>: For competitions with a semi-final, the top four teams shall advance to the semi-finals. Teams in the semi-finals shall be paired as follows:
- 3. Advancement from Semi-Finals to Finals: The winner of each semi-final

round shall advance to the final. The winner of each round will be the team with the highest score in that semi-final round. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken using prelim seed.

First Seed v. Fourth Seed	Second Seed v. Third Seed

THE COMPETITION WILL NOT BREAK BRACKETS TO AVOID PAIRING ENTRIES FROM THE SAME SCHOOL. For example, if 1st seed and 4th seed are from the same school, the teams WILL be paired against each other in the semifinals.

C. Side Assignment in Elimination Rounds

1. For semi-finals and finals, the sides shall be decided by a coin flip. The lower seeded team will call heads or tails. The winner of the coin flip shall choose the side they wish to argue.

XV. Coaches, Faculty, and Other Supervision

- A. All of the rules mentioned in Section XV apply to the Regional Competitions and the National Competition.
- B. No team shall receive specific assistance in the writing of its brief from any individual other than the team's members, including faculty, coaches, fellow students, or attorneys. This rule shall not be construed to limit in any way the resource material available to the participants but shall not be construed to limit in any way the resource material available to the participants, but participants may not procure a copy of any pleadings or papers filed in any trial or appeal of any case upon which the record is founded. Contact with the actual litigants of their attorneys is strictly prohibited.
- C. This rule does not prevent general discussion of the issues raised in the record with faculty or others, or the giving of general critiques on such arguments, provided that such discussions and critiques are not designed to change the substance of briefs or oral arguments. In interpreting this rule, it should be emphasized that the purpose of this Competition is to develop the art of appellate advocacy through the participants' own work.
- D. Teams from the same school may not reference each other's brief in writing its brief for the National Competition.
- E. Editing or proofreading of briefs shall be performed by no one other than the registered team members.

Any individual involved in drafting, reviewing, or preparation of the substance of the Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition Problem or Bench Memo is prohibited from assisting any participants in preparing for this year's Competition. This should not prohibit workshops, coaching sessions, and other assistance that is not specifically related to the Judge Thomas Tang and Dr. Pearl Tang Moot Court Competition Problem.

Academic Honesty Cover Page

Team I	D: Date:	
Studen	t Names:	
Coach	Name(s):	
Region	al Competition Your Team is Competing/Did Compete in:	
Law So	chool:	
Instructions		
1. 2. 3.	All student team members must sign and turn in this cover sheet. This cover page should be attached to the front of your written brief for Regional and National Competition. If you have any questions regarding proper citation or acceptable use of resources, please consult the Bluebook and/or address your question(s) to the National Committee at thomastangmootcourt@gmail.com .	
	Statement of Academic Honesty Pledge	
By sign	ning below, we acknowledge that that:	
1.	This written brief is entirely our student team's own work and reflects our student team's understanding of this year's problem.	
2.	We have not used any generative artificial intelligence ("Al") tools or software to produce content for this brief. We acknowledge that our brief will be turned into an AI content checker.	
3.	We have not plagiarized any content from prior briefs nor external sources. We confirm that all information and ideas derived from external sources are properly mentioned in quotations and are cited using the designated Bluebook citation style. We acknowledge that our brief will be turned into a plagiarism cite checker.	
4.	We have not misstated any case law in our brief and will not cite bad law during oral argument.	
5.	We have not made up or cited facts not in evidence/record in our brief. We will also not use fabricated facts during oral argument.	
in evide	derstand the violations of academic integrity, including the use of AI tools, plagiarism, and made-up law and/or facts not ence/record, will result in a notification to the moot court team and its law school, and will subject the team for iffication.	
Signature: Signature:		

Printed Name:

Printed Name: