



THE JEFFREY G. MILLER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



February 20-22, 2025
Final Round February 22, 2025 @ 1:30PM

NELMCC Office
78 N. Broadway, P218
White Plains, NY10603

REGISTRATION

- [Register online](#)
- Deadline: October 2, 2024
- Nonrefundable fee: \$1,195.00 Payable by Credit card on Eventbrite Link. Checks are accepted mail check to Haub School of Law-NELMCC; mail to NELMCC office with copy of registration confirmation email
- Includes light breakfasts, lunches and receptions during the competition for team members and one coach; other expenses not covered
- Open to 51 teams; teams accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Registrations received after deadline are considered at the discretion of the NELMCC Board.

TEAMS

- One team allowed per school
- Team must be constituted and form completed by October 26, 2024. Team comprised of two or three law students (see Rule III (A)).
- [Team payment](#)
- [Team member registration](#)
Teams are responsible for travel, accommodations and other expenses except as noted above

OFFICIAL RULES

- Rules are posted on the NELMCC website

COMMUNICATION

- Official correspondence will be directed ONLY to the one person listed as the team contact on registration form
- Team contact is responsible to distribute all official correspondence to each team member.

LOCATION

- White Plains, NY. This competition is easily accessible to NYC and major airports; a convenient 45-minute train ride to Grand Central Station on Metro North Railroad.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Teams are responsible for accommodations and must book directly with the hotel
- Discounted room block is provided at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains, New York
- Sonesta Hotel reservation DEADLINE: February 1, 2025.
- Detailed reservation information will be Provided to all registrants
- Haub Law will furnish shuttle service between hotel and campus

PROBLEM

- Problem to be released by email on or about October 2, 2024 to one team contact ONLY.
- Q&A period—questions pertaining to problem are allowed only through the deadline of October 26, 2024 pursuant to Rule II (B)

BRIEFS

- Refer to Rule IV for detailed brief writing and submission instructions
- Each team will write a brief for one of three parties' legal positions of their choosing
- Briefs are graded by practicing environmental attorneys for content, legal analysis and accuracy
- Briefs are graded for correct Bluebook citation, spelling, punctuation and format
- Both Measuring Brief and Non-Measuring Brief must be emailed to nelmcc@law.pace.edu by Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, 11:59PM EST.
- A deduction will be applied to late brief submissions.

ORAL ROUNDS

- See Rule V for detailed instructions
- Oral arguments begin with two preliminary rounds on Thursday, February 20, 2025 are followed by the third preliminary & quarterfinal rounds on Friday, February 21, and conclude with the semifinal round on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

- Final round will take place Saturday, February 22 at 1:30PM, EST.
- Each argument features three adverse teams
- Judges evaluating the oral rounds include regional attorneys with environmental law expertise, alumni and Haub Law faculty
- At least two, and in most courtrooms three, judges will comprise a bench
- Competitors may not use laptops or other electronic devices, including but not limited to iPads, cell phones, & smart watches in the courtroom.
- Scoring in the preliminary rounds is based on a combination of brief scores and scores from the oral arguments
- Scoring in the later rounds is based solely on oral performance

OBSERVING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS

- If space permits, One coach may observe in the courtroom. No written or oral communication may occur between coaches and team members during the oral arguments.
- 2—Point deductions will be made, if it is determined that interference has taken place by a coach, Professor, or any team supporter.

AWARDS

- Winning Team
- Two Finalist Teams
- Best Brief Overall
- Best Briefs (remaining 2 parties)
- Best Oralist
- Best Oralist—Honorable Mention



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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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| October 2, 2024 | Registration deadline |
| October 2, 2024 (on or about) | Problem & Rules distribution by email to registered teams |
| October 26, 2024 | Deadline for questions relevant to the Problem |
| October 26, 2024 | Teams must be constituted by this date (see NELMCC Rule III (B)) Deadline for Team Member Confirmation Form online submission to NELMCC |
| November 21, 2024 | Measuring and Non-Measuring briefs due. Emailed to Elisabeth Haub School of Law nelmcc@law.pace.edu by November 21, 2024 for posting on web in Fulfillment of Service on Opposing teams. See Rules for details |
| February 1, 2025 | Sonesta Hotel reservation deadline |
| February 8, 2025 | Confirm 1 coach attendee for competition, email, name and phone |
| February 21, 2025 | Advance Check in at Hotel |
| February 20, 2025 | Competition Check in at Elisabeth Haub School of Law |
| February 20, 2025 | Preliminary Rounds I & II (Thursday) |
| February 21, 2025 | Preliminary Rounds III & Quarterfinal Round (Friday) |
| February 22, 2025 | Semifinal Round (Saturday morning) |
| February 22, 2025 | Final Round — Saturday Afternoon, 1:30PM Gerber Glass Moot Courtroom |