

**2018-2019 TRYOUT APPLICATION  
UC HASTINGS MOOT COURT**

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**Application For (check one):**

- Intercollegiate Competition Team only     Hastings Appellate Project (HAP) only  
 Please consider me for a position on either a Competition Team or HAP

Thank you for trying out! Hastings has a longstanding tradition of excellence in written and oral appellate advocacy, and our success is attributable to the quality, talent, and hard work of our team members.

Please complete this application and return it to 198 McAllister, 4th Floor. Application must include:

- This form, including a passport-size photograph of yourself;
- Two copies of your resume;
- Two copies of an excerpt of your Appellate Advocacy or Moot Court brief argument, not to exceed 6 pages (include an additional cover page briefly describing the main issues of the case); and
- A signed copy of the tryout agreement, included on page 4 of this application.

***Additional requirements for HAP:***

- A cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications for the Hastings Appellate Project.
- All materials (cover letter, form, resume, writing sample) must be emailed to tollafie@uchastings.edu in addition to submitting hard copies to the Department.

In addition to this application, you are required to argue before a panel of current Hastings Moot Court Team members. This tryout consists of a 5-minute oral argument based on competition problems from the 2017-2018 academic year, as well as an interview after your argument. **3L TRYOUTS WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS DATE, YOU MUST GET APPROVAL BY THE MOOT COURT DEPARTMENT TO TRYOUT ON APRIL 9-12.** Tryout sign-up sheets are posted on the 4th Floor outside of Room 431 in the 198 Building. You may sign up for a tryout time upon submitting a complete application. Make sure to note your tryout day and time on the top of this form.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MOOT COURT DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018. This deadline is firm. There are no exceptions for late applications unless prior permission is obtained from Toni Young, Sr. Assistant Dean of Legal Writing & Research and Moot Court.**

You will receive a phone call and/or an email regarding the results. All new team members will receive invitations to attend the Moot Court Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, when the teams will be announced.

Please address any questions regarding the tryouts or the tryout process to Toni Young (Room 446), Daniel Duan (Room 454), or Mary Duann-Kelly (Room 452). You may also contact David Casarrubias, Eric Schmoll, and Naomi Strauss, Student Co-Chairs of the Moot Court Board, via email at davidc.casarrubias@uchastings.edu, eschmoll@uchastings.edu, or naomi.strauss@uchastings.edu, with any questions or concerns. If you have any questions about HAP, please contact Stephen Tollafie, tollafie@uchastings.edu, (415) 581-8987.

Very truly yours,

Toni Young, Sr. Assistant Dean, Legal Writing & Research and Moot Court

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**I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and that the writing sample I have submitted is my own, independent work product. My signature authorizes the Records Office to release my G.P.A., Appellate Advocacy grade, and Legal Writing & Research grade to the Moot Court Department for the use of the Intercollegiate Competition Selection Committee for the purpose of selecting team members.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# MOOT COURT COMPETITION INFORMATION SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please provide:*

|              | <i>LW&amp;R</i> | <i>App. Ad.</i> | <i>Con. Law</i> | <i>Enviro Law</i> | <i>Corporations</i> | <i>IP/Trademark/<br/>Copyright/Patent</i> | <i>Labor or<br/>Employment<br/>Law</i> | <i>Internat'l<br/>Law*</i> | <i>Crim. Pro.<br/>and/or<br/>Crim. Law</i> | <i>Immig.<br/>Law</i> |
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| <b>Grade</b> |                 |                 |                 |                   |                     |   |  |                            |  |                       |

Other Relevant Coursework Pertinent to Competitions of Interest & Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

LW&R Teacher and TA: \_\_\_\_\_

Moot Court Teacher and TA: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive any awards in Moot Court? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Appellate Advocacy Teacher and TA: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive any awards in Appellate Advocacy? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Any clinical placements, externships, or study abroad planned for next year? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please describe when, where, and which semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Any publications or awards for written work? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper and attach your answers to the application. Please respond to these questions honestly and in full.**

1. Briefly describe your relevant writing or editing experience. Please include any published works.
2. Describe your experience in oral advocacy, debate, or the dramatic arts.
3. Describe any work or other experience that you feel is relevant to success in Moot Court.
4. Provide your expected Fall and Spring (if available) course/work schedules.
5. Describe your expected outside time commitment for next year (work, externships, travel, OCI, etc.).
6. What type of legal career/area of law would you like to pursue upon graduation?
7. Are you a team player? Describe your team experiences.
8. How do you normally handle stress? Please describe your time management skills.
9. Are you willing to meet deadlines without fail?
10. Are you willing to sacrifice evenings, weekends, and holidays for a Moot Court Competition? If there are **any** potential conflicts, please describe.
11. Which competitions would you be interested in doing and which would you **not** do?
12. What is your most compelling personal attribute as a Moot Court Competition team member?
13. Do you plan on contributing to the Moot Court Department in other ways (becoming a TA for LWR/Moot Court/Appellate Advocacy, student coaching, judging practices)?

\* If you are trying out for a place on the Jessup Competition team, then please note this when answering Question #11 above and use the designated international competition brief for your oral argument tryout.

# HASTINGS APPELLATE PROJECT

## 2018 - 2019 Application Information

**The Hastings Appellate Project** is an advanced lawyering skills opportunity for accomplished 3L student advocates. Through collaboration with the Pro Bono Program of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, HAP participants are appointed as pro bono counsel for low-income appellate litigants. Past HAP cases have involved novel and complicated issues in immigration, foreclosure defense, employment discrimination, and civil rights.

HAP participants work on teams of two under the supervision of Gary A. Watt, HAP Director, Stephen Tollafie, Assistant Director, and a team of adjunct Supervising Attorneys. The student teams work together on an opening brief and a reply brief, and other research, correspondence, and court filings. Students are expected to attend a weekly one-hour meeting during the Fall Semester and to provide support for other HAP teams, including attendance at oral argument practices. The Ninth Circuit allots limited time for each side's oral argument, and only one team member will present the oral argument, although both will practice and prepare.

Please note that while the Ninth Circuit is generally accommodating to student counsel schedules, and while HAP strives to be sensitive to the many demands on your time, **the briefing and argument preparation schedule will require work over the holiday break, spring break, weekends, and potentially during exam periods.** If you plan to take vacations or study abroad during your third year, HAP is not the right commitment for you.

HAP students may receive academic units (either as independent study credit or as research assistant credit). As an alternative, HAP students may count their time spent on HAP towards pro bono recognition at graduation.

Lastly, please note that HAP is an alternative to intercollegiate moot court teams. The unpredictability of real-life advocacy demands your full attention, so **you will not be eligible for Moot Court team placement through the April 2018 intercollegiate team tryout process if you accept a position on HAP.** Additionally, to avoid any appearance of impropriety, HAP students are not permitted to extern or clerk at the Ninth Circuit; however, externships at other courts are fine.

Thank you for your interest! If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Tollafie, tollafie@uchastings.edu, (415) 581-8987.

# HASTINGS APPELLATE PROJECT TRYOUT AGREEMENT

I understand that if I am selected to compete on a HAP team I will be required to devote significant amounts of time to the team which may require sacrificing time during winter break or spring break. I understand that team placements are tentative and that an offer to be on a specific team does not guarantee that I will actually compete on that team and I understand that I may be moved as the circumstances require.

I am seeking a position with the Hastings Appellate Project, and my signature below further certifies that I have read and understand the above description of the Hastings Appellate Project on page 3 of this Application and that I agree to abide by those terms and the program's other participation requirements should I be offered a position with HAP.

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Print Name

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Signature

Date