



TAX SECTION
of the Florida Bar

UF | Levin College of Law
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NATIONAL TAX MOOT COURT COMPETITION

March 5 - 7, 2020
University of Florida
Fredric G. Levin College of Law
Gainesville, Florida

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

For over 30 years, The Florida Bar Tax Section has hosted an annual National Tax Moot Court Competition to invite law students from across the country to demonstrate their written brief and oral argument skills. Participation in the competition provides law students with excellent opportunities to sharpen their skills and to network with attorneys from across the state of Florida.

The competition consists of a first round double elimination oral argument followed by single elimination quarter finals, then semifinal and final rounds. Members of The Florida Bar Tax Section serve as judges for preliminary oral argument rounds, while United States Tax Court judges hear the final and consolation round arguments.

Written briefs are judged and awarded independently of the oral arguments. The problem consists of three or four tax-related legal issues, and will be circulated to registered teams in mid-November 2019, with a submission deadline of February 3, 2020.

Awards for best written briefs and oral arguments will be presented to teams during the awards banquet on the final night of the competition.

RULES OF ENTRY

Competition registration is limited to sixteen (16) teams. Law schools are allowed to register more than one team only if less than 16 teams register. Each team shall consist of two or three students, all of whom must be full-time law students at the time of the competition. Teams will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis upon completion of the online registration form and payment of registration fees.

Due to the popularity of the competition, The Florida Bar Tax Section cannot guarantee registration to all interested teams. Advance registration information will be provided to the previous year's participating law schools one week prior to the open registration period. Law schools that participated in last year's competition, but fail to register a team during the one-week advance registration window are not guaranteed a spot in this year's competition.

[Click Here for Complete Competition Rules](#)

AWARDS

ORAL ARGUMENTS

Winner
1st Runner Up
2nd Runner Up

WRITTEN BRIEFS

Best Brief
Runner Up

BEST INDIVIDUAL ORALIST



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Times are subject to change.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Team Check-In at Registration Table
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Round 1 First Arguments <i>15-minute breaks between arguments</i>
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Round 1 Second Arguments <i>15-minute breaks between arguments</i>

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Round 1 Third Arguments <i>For teams with a 1-1 record</i>
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Quarter Finals
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Semi Finals

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Consolation Round
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Finals
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Reception (All Competitors Welcome)
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet (Ticket Required)

2019 TEAMS

WINNER, ORAL ARGUMENT

Liberty University School of Law

1ST RUNNER UP, ORAL ARGUMENT

Stetson University College of Law

2ND RUNNER UP, ORAL ARGUMENT

University of Baltimore School of Law

BEST BRIEF

Liberty University School of Law

1ST RUNNER UP, BEST BRIEF

St. Thomas University School of Law

COMPETITORS

University of Oregon School of Law
The University of Alabama School of Law
University of Baltimore School of Law
Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center
University of Oklahoma College of Law
Liberty University School of Law
Stetson University College of Law
Texas Tech University School of Law
University of Florida Levin College of Law
St. Thomas University School of Law
Saint Louis University School of Law
Charleston School of Law

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORT OPTIONS

Competitors may fly into the Gainesville Regional Airport directly or fly into a nearby airport and arrange for rental car transportation (e.g. [Enterprise](#)).

Gainesville Regional Airport

American Airlines and Delta

Daily flights from Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Miami

Jacksonville International Airport

Distance from UF Law: 81 miles

Approximate Drive Time: 90 minutes without traffic

Orlando International Airport

Distance from UF Law: 138 miles

Approximate Drive Time: 2 hours 15 minutes without traffic

Tampa International Airport

Distance from UF Law: 136 miles\

Approximate Drive Time: 2 hours 15 minutes without traffic

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Competitors will have access to group block hotel room rates through the 2020 National Tax Moot Court Competition and University of Florida Levin College of Law. In addition, teams may book their own accommodations to fit their budgets. Popular national chains include:

[Hilton](#) (7 hotels in Gainesville)

[Marriott](#) (7 hotels in Gainesville)

GUIDE TO GAINESVILLE

WELCOME TO GAINESVILLE!

We are excited that you will participate in the 2020 National Tax Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the Tax Section of the Florida Bar and the University of Florida Levin College of Law. In addition to the University of Florida, Gainesville offers a great mix of outdoor adventures and artsy vibes. You can learn more about Gainesville [here](#)

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Hippodrome Theatre

Plays, Independent Films, Art Gallery

25 SE 2nd Pl

Gainesville, FL 32601

Schedule and Tickets

Florida Museum of Natural History

3215 Hull Rd

Gainesville, FL 32611

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon - Sat

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun

Permanent Exhibits Free

Butterfly Rainforest Exhibit | \$14/adult

Harn Museum of Art

SW 34th St and Hull Road

Gainesville, FL 32611-0001

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tues - Fri

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sat

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun

Most Exhibits Free

Payne's Prairie

Nature/Hiking

100 Savannah Blvd

Micanopy, FL 32667

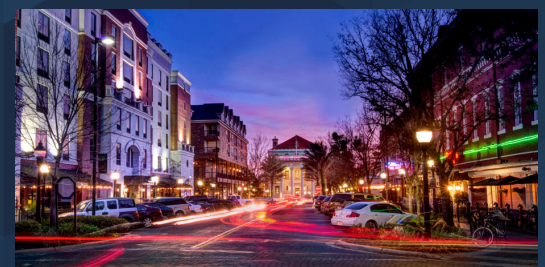
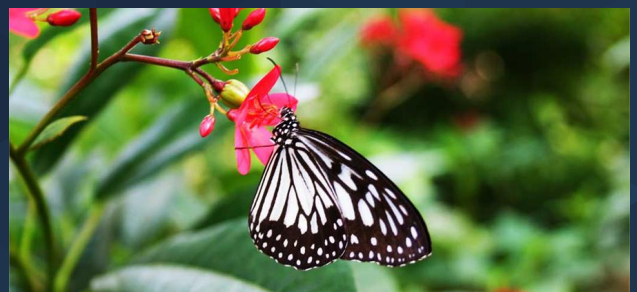
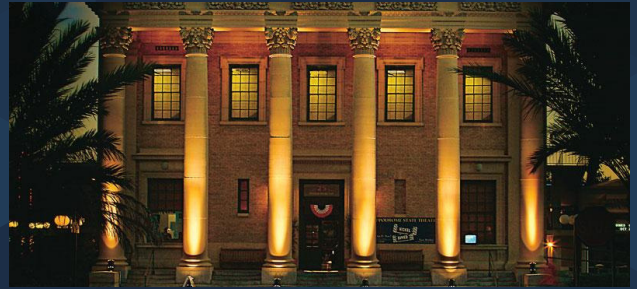
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8:00 a.m. - Sundown Daily

\$6/vehicle (see fees)

La Chua Trail \$4/vehicle

scenic views of wet-prairie and marsh habitat; Alligator sightings



GUIDE TO GAINESVILLE

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The campus will be on a Spring Break schedule and food availability will be limited for meals separate from the competition. However, take a trip Downtown to sample Gainesville's food scene.

1 Mile from Campus:

Mi Apa Latin Cafe of Gainesville

114 SW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL 32607

Mildred's Big City Food

3445 W University Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32607

The Swamp Restaurant

1642 W University Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32603

2 - 5 Miles from Campus:

Emiliano's Cafe (Latin Fusion)

7 SE 1st Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-375-7381

Dragonfly Sushi & Sake Co (Japanese)

201 SE 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-371-3359

Satchel's Pizza *(A Gainesville Staple!)*

1800 NE 23 Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32609
352-335-7272

The Top (Burgers)

30 N. Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-337-1188

COFFEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Volta Coffee, Tea & Chocolate

48 SW 2nd St.
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-271-4361

Wyatt's Coffee

202 SE 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-745-7545

BREWERY & FOOD TRUCK RECOMMENDATIONS

First Magnitude Brewing Co.

1220 SE Veitch St.
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-727-4677

Swamp Head Brewery

3650 SW 42 Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32608
352-505-3035

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Entry Fee	\$925
Awards Banquet Ticket	\$55 plus tax

Prior year's participating teams will receive one-week advance registration opportunity.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Open registration begins: August 22, 2019

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019

Problem Release Date: November 15, 2019

Problem Due Date: February 3, 2020



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