2014-15 TRYOUT APPLICATION
UC HASTINGS MOOT COURT

Name  Phone

Tryout Date  Tryout Time

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 5 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 2013-14 academic year, as well as an interview after your argument. 3L TRYOUTS WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS DATE, YOU MUST GET APPROVAL BY THE MOOT COURT DEPARTMENT TO TRYOUT ON APRIL 8-10. 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 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014. This deadline is firm. There are no exceptions for late applications unless prior permission is obtained from Toni Young, Director of LW&R and Moot Court.

You will receive a phone call regarding the results. All new team members will receive invitations to attend the Moot Court Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 16, 2014, when the teams will be announced.

Please address any questions regarding the tryouts or the tryout process to Toni Young (Room 446), Chantel Gonzalez (Room 454), or Mary Duann-Kelly (Room 452). You may also contact David Chang or Cassie Shryock, Student Co-Chairs of the Moot Court Board, via email at david.o.chang@gmail.com or cassandra.shryock@gmail.com with other questions and concerns. If you have any questions about HAP, please contact Stephen Tollafield, tollafie@uchastings.edu, (415) 581-8987.

Very truly yours,
Toni Young, Director, Legal Writing & Research/Moot Court

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: ____________________________________________________________________________

Expected class year in 2014-2015:          3L       G.P.A:  _____________

If applicable, please provide:

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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: ____________________________

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Appellate Advocacy Teacher and TA: ________________________________________________________

Did you receive any awards in Appellate Advocacy? _____  If so, please explain: _____________________

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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? _______________________________________________________

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**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 Stetson or 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
2014-2015 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, partner at Archer Norris LLP and UC Hastings Adjunct Professor, and Stephen Tollafield, Professor and Associate Director of LW&R/Moot Court. 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. Students are also expected to provide support for other HAP teams. 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 during your third year, HAP may not be the right commitment for you.

HAP students may receive academic units (either as independent study credit or as research assistant credit) through individual arrangements with the Records Office. 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 2014 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; of course, externships at other courts are fine.

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

I understand that if I am selected to compete on a Moot Court 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.

Please check one of the following:

________ I also understand that my participation on a team is contingent upon my successful completion of Appellate Advocacy in the fall. Furthermore, I understand that my placement is contingent on my performance in Appellate Advocacy.

Or

________ I have already completed Appellate Advocacy during Fall 2013.

If I am seeking a position with the Hastings Appellate Project, 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.

__________________________________________
Printed Name

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Signature                      Date