Greetings from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Moot Court Society!

The Moot Court Society cordially invites you to serve as (1) an Oral Argument Judge and/or (2) a Brief Grader in the Honorable Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition. The Staton Competition is our law school’s annual appellate advocacy competition and is named in honor of alumnus and former Indiana Court of Appeals Judge, Hon. Robert H. Staton, ’55. The Staton Competition provides a valuable learning experience to students by enabling them to gain practical knowledge from real practitioners within their community. Each year, the Moot Court Society depends on local attorneys, judges, and law students to help make the program a successful growth opportunity for law students.

As an Oral Argument Judge, you will serve on a three-judge panel in a moot appellate proceeding during which you will question the competitors and provide constructive feedback on their performances. The Staton Competition’s oral rounds begin on Monday, September 26th, and culminate in the championship round at the Indiana Supreme Court on Thursday, November 10th. All rounds (except the championship round and select Arguments at the Court of Appeals) will be held at the law school (Inlow Hall, 530 West New York St.) on Monday through Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings. Arguments begin at 7:45 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. Additionally, there will be an Argument at the Indiana Court of Appeals on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is no requirement that you have prior knowledge of either appellate proceedings or the competitor’s problem to participate. Preparation materials, including a bench memo detailing the applicable law, and free parking will be provided to judges. Each round, including post-argument critique, will last no more than 90 minutes.

As a Brief Grader, you will be required to grade briefs of five student advocates, though you are welcome to grade more than five briefs if you wish. Briefs are due from the student advocates on Friday, September 20th, with graded briefs subsequently due on Friday, October 21st. Materials to prepare for grading the briefs will be provided to brief graders.

A two-hour training session will be held on Thursday, September 15th to educate judges on the judging guidelines and substantive content of the problem. To better accommodate your schedule, it is anticipated that the training session will contain an online component for remote, live attendance. If you volunteer to judge or grade briefs, you are welcome but not required to attend one of the two training sessions. **If you attend a training session and judge at least one oral argument or grade five briefs, you will be eligible for two (2) hours of free CLE credit.**

To volunteer, please fill out our survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/judgeinvite](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/judgeinvite). You may volunteer to judge as many arguments as you wish, and we encourage you to sign up for more than one argument. Participating in the Moot Court program is an excellent way to give back to the
legal community and to prepare the next generation of attorneys for practice. With approximately 106 student advocates ready to compete in this year’s competition, the need for qualified Oral Argument Judges and Brief Graders is of paramount importance, and for this we respectfully ask for your participation. On behalf of the Moot Court Society, I sincerely appreciate your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email us at iumootcourt@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Hanna

Assistant Chief Justice of the Staton Intramural Competition
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