

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW
POLICIES REGARDING SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN MOOT COURT
PROGRAMS

A. IN GENERAL

Participation in moot court programs, both intramural and external, can provide a valuable educational experience to students of the School of Law. The benefits of participation include training in written and oral advocacy, as well as opportunities to develop analytic and research skills. Given these values, the School encourages and supports participation in moot court competitions by its students. The specific character of the School's support varies from program to program and may include the conferring of academic credit, the provision of financial support, or permitting participants to identify themselves by their relationship to the School.

In determining what forms of support, if any, are available to participants in any given program, the School's central concerns are, first, that the participation meets the level of quality required to obtain the educational benefits of participation, and second, that opportunities to participate in programs with the School's support are allocated fairly. To that end, the School has adopted the following policies governing the school's provision of each of these various forms of support to students participating in external moot court competitions.

B. COMPETITIONS IN WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE SCHOOL OF LAW

1. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

Students of the School of Law who participate in an external moot court competition may identify themselves by their relationship to the School only if participation in the competition is sponsored and administered by the Moot Court Board or if all of the following apply:

a. Participation in the competition is sponsored and administered by a student organization of the School of Law and the student organization has a faculty advisor (the "sponsoring organization").

b. The Moot Court Board has been offered an opportunity to act as the sponsoring organization and has declined to do so.

c. The sponsoring organization has requested approval for participation from the faculty advisor of the Moot Court Board (the "Moot Court Advisor").

d. The sponsoring organization's request includes a description of the standards and process that will be used to select participants in the competition.

e. The sponsoring organization's request includes a description of the arrangements made by the organization for funding the expenses of participation.

f. The sponsoring organization's request complies with other requirements as to form, time, and content as established by the Moot Court Advisor.

g. The Moot Court Advisor, after providing an opportunity for comment by the Moot Court Board, has approved the sponsoring organization's request, including specifically approval of the arrangements for funding and the participant selection standards and process.

2. STANDARDS AND PROCESS FOR PARTICIPANT SELECTION

Students of the School of Law who participate in an external moot court competition, whether the Moot Court Board or another student organization is the sponsoring organization, may identify themselves by their relationship to the School only if the standards and process for selecting participants meet all of the following criteria:

a. Eligibility for participation may not be limited to members of a particular student organization.

b. Participants are selected either on the basis of their performance in the Walter Rice competition or on the basis of their performance in some other intra-school competition. If the selection is based on a competition other than the Walter Rice competition, the intra-school competition must be open to all students of the School who meet the eligibility criteria for participation in the external competition, and the judging of competitors and selection of participants must involve the active participation of a member or members of the full-time faculty.

c. To the extent that the expenses of participation will be funded by private sources (including contributions by individual students), the availability of funds does not depend on the outcome of the participant selection process.

C. COMPETITIONS IN WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Funds supplied by the University, the School of Law, or the Student Bar Association may be used to support student participation in an external moot court competition only if both of the following apply:

1. The Moot Court Advisor, after providing an opportunity for comment by the Moot Court Board, has approved financial support for participation in the competition.

2. The competition satisfies all of the requirements of part B of these policies.

D. COMPETITIONS FOR WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC CREDIT FROM THE SCHOOL OF LAW

No academic credit may be given for activities involved in or arising out of a student's participation in an external moot court competition unless all of the following apply:

1. Credit is given only for a course specifically approved by the faculty as a moot court competition course.

2. The competition is approved as eligible for credit by the Moot Court Advisor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

3. Eligibility for participation in the competition is open to all students of the School of Law in good academic standing who have completed their first year of law study.

4. Credit is given only on the basis of a faculty member's independent evaluation of the quality of each participant's work-product.

5. The competition satisfies all of the requirements of part B of these policies.

