

## Applications Wanted for Patent Moot Court Competition

Are you interested in practicing patent law or patent litigation? If so, you should consider applying to compete in the AIPLA Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition—the premier patent moot court in the United States. Two qualifying students will be selected to form a team of patent appellate advocates in this unique, fun, and challenging competition.

The Giles Rich competition simulates briefing and oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which is the exclusive federal patent appellate court. The moot court problem presents real cutting-edge patent law issues, and the judges include nationally-renowned patent litigators and actual Federal Circuit judges.

With the coaching of Professor Daniel Brean (himself an experienced Federal Circuit advocate) and the help of other local IP attorneys, students selected to form the 2-person team will work closely together to draft a set of briefs—one brief arguing each side of the case. Then both team members will practice and prepare to each orally argue both sides of the case. This dual-advocacy format provides unparalleled patent litigation training and experience. And in addition to the outstanding educational, networking, and resume-boosting value of this competition, participating students are eligible to receive **two (2) credits** for their efforts.

The 2019 problem and competition details will be announced by early November. Briefs are typically due in late January, with the oral arguments being held in March in Chicago, IL (and again in Washington, DC in April for teams that advance from the regional to the national competition). Note that eligibility to travel to the regional and national competitions is contingent on the quality of the team's performance through the briefing phase of the competition.

To apply, interested students must submit the following information via email to Professor Brean ([dbrean@uakron.edu](mailto:dbrean@uakron.edu)) by **Monday, October 1**. Applications must include:

- (1) Your name, @zips.uakron email address, and year in law school;
- (2) A copy of your current resume;
- (3) A list of IP courses you have taken (or are currently taking) and your grades earned in each course (if available);
- (4) Your LARW grade;
- (5) A brief legal writing sample or excerpt thereof (10 pages or fewer); and
- (6) An optional one-page (300 words or fewer) explanation of why you are interested in this competition and why you should be selected for the team.

Because of the patent-centric nature of the Giles Rich competition, prior patent law coursework or related experience is strongly preferred. Prior coursework or experience in federal courts and/or appellate advocacy is also a plus.

More information about the competition, including last year's problem and rules, is available at the AIPLA website: <https://www.aipla.org/resources2/programs/Pages/Moot-Court-Competition.aspx>. Please contact Professor Brean with any questions.