

MOOT COURT COMPETITION SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	MOOT COURT COMPETITION
COURSE NUMBER:	LAW E532-1, LAW E532-2, or LAW E532-3
PROFESSOR(S) NAME:	Faculty Advisor/Coach – Connie Burtnett
PROFESSOR CONTACT INFO:	Professor: Email: CBurnett@empirecollege.com
SCHEDULE:	To be determined as the semester progresses and competition approaches
UNITS:	1, 2, or 3 units, student’s option based on financial and time commitments and constraints.
COURSE TYPE:	Elective
PREREQUISITES:	Exemplary completion of LAW R504–Moot Court.
COREQUISITES:	None
TEXTS AND MATERIALS: (Identification of any texts, materials and references used throughout the course.)	No new materials required. Moot Court LAW R504 materials are re-utilized and new case records are used by the competition organizers each year based on actual appellate cases.
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	This program provides a team of three law students to represent Empire College School of Law in the annual Roger Traynor Moot Court Competition. Under the guidance of faculty coaches, the team will research and write an appellate brief analyzing an actual case before the California Appellate Courts. After submitting their written brief, the team will participate in oral arguments before appellate judges and attorneys. Empire Law School has a tradition of excellence and success in this statewide competition.
COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (Description of what students will be expected to know and be able to do at the end of the course. What skills or knowledge will be gained by the end of the course.)	Students represent Empire College School of Law in the annual Roger Traynor Moot Court Competition. Under the guidance of faculty coaches, the team will research and write an appellate brief analyzing an actual case before the California Appellate Courts. After submitting their written brief, the team will participate in oral arguments before appellate judges and attorneys. Student competitors will research and publish an original appellate-level quality brief. Competition team will work under the guidance of a Professor or the Dean. Students will practice & improve research and writing skills. Students will argue their brief before judges and attorneys. Students will gain vital oral argument experience and practice.
FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD OF INSTRUCTION (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)	Students will research, write, review, and edit. The faculty advisor will mentor the students. Student authors will work under the guidance of a faculty advisor. Students receive rules and guidelines from the competition organizers and must adhere to them with unquestionable ethics.
EXAMS:	No exam in this course.
GRADING / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:	Empire College uses the following grading system for this class. <u>Pass/Fail Classes:</u> 65 - 100 P Pass/Credit 64 and Below F Fail/No Credit

	Grade is based 100% on quality of research, final written brief and oral arguments and finally by competing at the competition representing Empire College School of Law in a Professional manner.
ATTENDANCE:	Students work at their own pace and manage their own time. Competition team members must attend mandatory meetings and practices and attend the competition.
ASSIGNMENTS:	Students work on research, writing and editing at their own pace. Project checkpoints and deadlines will be set at the mandatory kickoff and subsequent meetings. Students can expect to expend a tremendous amount of time and energy during the course of the semester and will work closely with their fellow competition team members.
IMPORTANT MOOT COURT HISTORY AND INFORMATION:	<p>Dean and Faculty Advisor/Professor Burtnett hold tryouts and interviews for students who wish to be members of the Moot Court Team representing Empire College School of Law in the nationally recognized Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition. Tryouts and interviews will be held soon. Interested students will be required to submit a copy of the brief that they wrote in their Moot Court Class and sign-up to present a 5-minute argument on the legal issue(s) contained in that brief.</p> <p>Three students will be selected to participate on the team. The important dates for the competition are published. Below are examples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tryout/interviews: <u>December 4-6, 2014</u> 2. Team registration due: <u>Friday, Dec. 19, 2014</u> 3. Briefs due: <u>Friday, March 6, 2015</u> 4. Oral arguments: <u>April 11 & 12, 2015 -hosted by Golden Gate University School of Law</u> <p>Empire has a tradition of excellence in this competition and we hope that each of you will consider participating on the team. Interested students should sign up for an interview/tryout time in the Law School office no later than Dec. 3, 2014.</p>
APPLICATION:	INTERESTED STUDENTS APPLY AND GO THROUGH AN INTERVIEW PROCESS WITH THE DEAN AND FACULTY ADVISOR/COACH.

Syllabus subject to change.