

Environmental Law Programs

Since 1978, the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University has provided an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Our faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and serve as national and world leaders in the field. Our alumni work in government environmental agencies, law firms, nonprofit organizations, corporations, and law schools and universities across the country and around the world. For decades, our program has been ranked among the top in the nation.

Our curriculum trains lawyers of tomorrow in proven techniques to solve complex environmental, land use, energy, and resource challenges by offering an environmental law program focused on helping students acquire practice-ready skills and knowledge. We lead the profession in many of our clinics, centers, institutes, and externship opportunities.

We also offer an LLM in Environmental Law with optional concentrations in three areas, Global Environmental Law, Land Use and Sustainable Development Law, and Energy and Climate Change Law. The LLM program prepares lawyers to address the scientific, economic and political forces that shape the environment, to protect our natural surroundings and promote smart and sustainable development.

Our Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law, one of the few such programs in the country, prepares legal scholars to teach environmental law in the U.S. and abroad.



29TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

2017 NELMCC Invitation to Judge Preliminary Rounds



N E L M C C

THE JEFFREY G. MILLER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Elisabeth Haub School of
Law at Pace University

February 23-25, 2017



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The Competition

The Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (NELMCC) is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, through Saturday, February 25, 2017 in White Plains, New York.

Every year since 1989, student advocates nationwide assemble at Pace Law to compete in the largest inter-school moot court competition of any kind under one roof. Over 200 competitors and 150 attorneys participate in grading briefs and serving as judges for the three days of the event.

The event tests skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy involving issues drawn from real cases to provide first hand experience in environmental litigation and creating a rigorous academic experience.

The Competition is distinctive in that three adverse teams argue the issues, reflecting the fact that environmental litigation frequently involves multiple parties — the government, a public interest group and a member of the regulated industry.

Oral Rounds

Oral arguments begin with the preliminary rounds on Thursday and conclude with the final round on Saturday, which is open to the public. Judges evaluating the oral arguments include attorneys with environmental law expertise, local attorneys and judges from the nation's courts. Final round judges are members of the federal and state benches and the US EPA's Environmental Appeals Board.

The Problem

Each year the legal problem drafted involves timely issues of national importance to the practice of environmental law.

Awards & Winners

Awards are conferred on the winners in each of the following categories:

- ▶ Winning Team
- ▶ Finalist Teams (two)
- ▶ Best Oralist
- ▶ Best Oralist - Honorable Mention
- ▶ Best Brief Overall
- ▶ Best Briefs in Remaining Parties (two)

Recent winners include:

Year	Winner	Finalists
2016	Univ of Mississippi	Univ of Alabama Univ of Houston
2015	Univ of Mississippi	Vermont Law Univ of Montana
2014	Univ of Mississippi	Louisiana State Univ Univ of Utah
2013	Vermont Law	Lewis & Clark Appalachian Law
2012	Univ of Mississippi	Lewis & Clark Univ of Denver

On the Web

Information on current and previous moots is available at www.law.pace.edu/nelmcc. The final round on Saturday, February 25, will be recorded and archived on the NELMCC website.

Judging the Competition

Complete the Judging Form, detach along the dotted line and send to us. We will either email or mail confirmation of your registration along with the problem, bench memo and instructions in late January.

To provide our competitors with a high quality experience, we ask that our judges become familiar with all preparatory materials prior to the oral arguments. Attorneys should arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled round for final instructions.

CLE Credits for Judging

Attorneys admitted to the New York bar for more than two years may earn two practice credits per round of judging. Attorneys in states other than New York will need to check with the state CLE department to determine if the program will satisfy that state's requirements.

According to New York State CLE rules, newly admitted attorneys (attorneys admitted to the bar less than two years from the competition date) cannot earn CLE credits for judging moot court competitions.

Attorneys must sign in and out on the attendance sheet before and after each round of judging to receive CLE credits.



FREE ETHICS CLE PROGRAM

In conjunction with ABA SEER, we are pleased to offer an ethics CLE program, "2017 Ethical Challenges for Environmental Lawyers," free of charge to attorneys who judge at least one round of the competition. Preregistration is urged.

DATE & TIME: Friday, February 24, 1:00-3:00 pm
LOCATION: Judicial Institute Lecture Hall
TITLE: 2017 Ethical Challenges for Environmental Lawyers
CLE CREDITS: 2 ethics credits

DESCRIPTION: This lively two-hour presentation will examine various hypothetical scenarios familiar to environmental practitioners. Among other ethical issues, the scenarios will focus on the unique issues faced by environmental lawyer statutory and regulatory duties to report. The hypotheticals will also cover working with experts, conflicts, and the attorney client privilege. Each scenario will be presented by one panelist and then commented on by the other panelists. Each panelist represents a different perspective: in-house counsel, government lawyer, outside counsel and expert. The moderator will highlight the potentially applicable Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Speakers include Pamela Esterman, Principal, Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C.; Steven Russo, Chair, New York Environmental Practice, Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Derek McBean, General Counsel, GHD Consulting Services., Inc.; Fern Fleischer Daves, General Counsel, Thermostat Recycling Corporation and a government lawyer (TBD).

Attorneys admitted in New York are eligible for two CLE credits; attorneys admitted in other states should check with the state's CLE department to determine if this program will satisfy its requirements.

Please complete and return the CLE Registration Form with the 2017 NELMCC Judging Form in this brochure.

CLE Registration Form

ONLY complete if you plan to attend the ethics CLE program

- I will attend the CLE Program on Friday, February 24, from 1-3pm.
(Please be prompt. You must attend the entire session to qualify for CLE credits.)
- I will ALSO participate in the 2017 NELMCC as a judge for at least one of the rounds.
(NELMCC Judging Form must accompany CLE registration)

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Address

Title

Firm/Organization/Court

Business Address (Street)

Business Address (City, State, Zip)

Business Phone

Email

The CLE program is **free** for all who judge a NELMCC round. To qualify, this form must accompany the 2017 NELMCC Judging Form.

Note: Attorneys admitted in states other than New York must check with that state's CLE department to determine if the program will satisfy its CLE requirements.

Return your completed form(s) to:

Leslie Crincoli
 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
 Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
 78 North Broadway, Preston 212
 White Plains, NY 10603

2017 NELMCC Judging Form for Preliminary Rounds

Sign up below:

(confirmation will be sent)

Time

- Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:30am - 11:30am
- Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- Friday, February 24, 2017 9:30am - 11:30am

Name (First, MI, Last) Title

Firm/Organization Home address?
 Business address?

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Email Address

Check One:

- I want to receive judging materials by EMAIL to address above
- I want to receive judging materials by MAIL to address above

Check if you are a first time judge of the competition

Please provide the following biographical information exactly as you would like it to appear in the printed competition program.

Bar admission is a requirement to judge.

Bar Admission (jurisdiction & month/date)

Undergraduate Degree (specify) & School

Law Degree (specify J.D./LL.B.) & School Indicate yr if Pace alum

Other Degree(s) & School(s)

Indicate if adjunct prof & school name

Please return your completed form & business card to the address below.

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