



# THE JEFFREY G. MILLER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



February 22-24, 2024  
Final Round February 24, 2024 @ 1:30PM

NELMCC Office  
78 N. Broadway, P212  
White Plains, NY10603

## REGISTRATION

- Register online at [www.law.pace/nelmcc](http://www.law.pace/nelmcc)
- **Deadline: October 2, 2023**
- **Nonrefundable fee: \$895.00** Payable by Credit card on Eventbrite Link.. Checks are accepted mail check to Haub School of Law- NELMCC; mail to NELMCC office with copy of registration confirmation email
- Includes light breakfasts, lunches and receptions during the competition for team members and one coach; other expenses not covered
- Open to 51 teams; teams accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Registrations received after deadline are considered at the discretion of the NELMCC Board

## TEAMS

- **One team allowed per school**
- Team must be constituted and form completed by **October 26, 2023**. Team comprised of two or three law students (see Rule III (A)) Competition is online.
- Team registration Form can be found on the NELMCC website: [law.pace.edu/nelmcc](http://law.pace.edu/nelmcc)
- Teams are responsible for travel, accommodations and other expenses except as noted above

## OFFICIAL RULES

- Rules are posted on the NELMCC website

## COMMUNICATION

- **Official correspondence will be directed ONLY to the one person listed as the team contact on registration form**
- Team contact is responsible to distribute all official correspondence to each team member.

## LOCATION

- White Plains, NY. This competition is easily accessible to NYC and major airports; a convenient 45-minute train ride to Grand Central Station on Metro North Railroad.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Teams are responsible for accommodations and must book directly with the hotel
- Discounted room block is provided at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains, New York
- Sonesta Hotel **reservation DEADLINE: February 1, 2024.**
- Detailed reservation information will be provided to all registrants
- Haub Law will furnish shuttle service between hotel and campus

## PROBLEM

- Problem to be released by email on or about **October 2, 2023 to one team contact ONLY.**
- Q&A period—questions pertaining to problem are allowed only through the deadline of **October 26, 2023** pursuant to Rule II (B)

## BRIEFS

- Refer to Rule IV for detailed brief writing and submission instructions
- Each team will write a brief for one of three parties' legal positions of their choosing
- Briefs are graded by practicing environmental attorneys for content, legal analysis and accuracy
- Briefs are graded for correct Bluebook citation, spelling, punctuation and format
- Both Measuring Brief and Non-Measuring Brief must be emailed to [nelmcc@law.pace.edu](mailto:nelmcc@law.pace.edu) by Monday, **Nov. 20, 2023, 11:59PM EST.**
- **A deduction will be applied to late brief submissions.**

## ORAL ROUNDS

- See Rule V for detailed instructions
- Oral arguments begin with two preliminary rounds on **Thursday, February 22, 2024** are followed by the third preliminary & quarterfinal rounds on Friday, February 24th and conclude with the semifinal round on Saturday, February 24, 2024

- **Final round will take place Saturday, February 24 at 1:30PM, EST.**
- Each argument features three adverse teams
- Judges evaluating the oral rounds include regional attorneys with environmental law expertise, alumni and Haub Law faculty
- At least two, and in most courtrooms three, judges will comprise a bench
- **Competitors may not use laptops or other electronic devices, including but not limited to iPads, cell phones, & smart watches in the courtroom.**
- Scoring in the preliminary rounds is based on a combination of brief scores and scores from the oral arguments
- Scoring in the later rounds is based solely on oral performance

## OBSERVING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS

- Coaches are allowed to observe quietly in the audience; no written or oral communication may occur between coaches and team members or judges during the oral arguments.
- **To maintain Team anonymity, coaches may not communicate with their Team during oral arguments. Point deductions will be made, if it is determined that interference has taken place by a coach or faculty.**

## AWARDS

Winning Team  
Two Finalist Teams  
Best Brief Overall  
Best Briefs (remaining 2 parties)  
Best Oralist  
Best Oralist—Honorable Mention



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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 2, 2023	Registration deadline
October 2, 2023 (on or about)	Problem & Rules distribution by email to registered teams
October 27, 2023	Deadline for questions relevant to the Problem
October 27, 2023	Teams must be constituted by this date (see NELMCC Rule III (B)) Deadline for Team Member Confirmation Form online submission to NELMCC
November 20, 2023	Measuring and Non-Measuring briefs due. Emailed to Elisabeth Haub School of Law <a href="mailto:nelmcc@law.pace.edu">nelmcc@law.pace.edu</a> by November 20 for posting on web in fulfillment of service on opposing teams. See Rules for details
February 1, 2024	Sonesta Hotel reservation deadline
February 8, 2024	Confirm 1 coach attendee for competition, email, name and phone
February 21, 2024	Advance Check in at Hotel
February 22, 2024	Competition Check in at Elisabeth Haub School of Law
February 22, 2024	Preliminary Rounds I & II (Thursday)
February 23, 2024	Preliminary Rounds III & Quarterfinal Round (Friday)
February 24, 2024	Semifinal Round (Saturday morning)
February 24, 2024	Final Round — Saturday Afternoon, 1:30PM Judicial Institute Lecture Hall