

**Rules for the  
Twentieth Annual  
Stetson International Environmental  
Moot Court Competition  
2015–2016**

**International Finals  
(and North American Regional)**



**STETSON LAW**

**The International Finals will be held on  
April 13–16, 2016**

**at**

**Stetson University College of Law  
1401 61st Street South  
Gulfport, Florida 33707**

IN COOPERATION WITH THE

American Bar Association Section of International Law  
International Environmental Law Committee

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, and  
International Environmental and Resources Law Committee

The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section

Stetson Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Stetson Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy

## Important Dates

Problem distributed** .....	July 6, 2015
Deadline for requests for clarification of the Record.....	September 4, 2015
Memorial due ( <b>must be received by this date</b> ) .....	November 20, 2015
Deadline for protests concerning memorials .....ten days after memorials have been posted (memorials will be posted on the Stetson web page after all the regional rounds have concluded)	
Foreman Biodiversity Lecture and Welcome Dinner .....	April 13, 2016
International Wildlife Law Conference .....	April 14, 2016
Check-in, Q&A, Orientation, and Dinner.....	April 14, 2016
Preliminary Round 1.....	April 14, 2016
Preliminary Rounds 2–4 .....	April 15, 2016
Quarterfinals.....	April 16, 2016
Semifinals.....	April 16, 2016
Championship Round.....	April 16, 2016
Awards Ceremony and Closing Reception.....	April 16, 2016

Check-in and the orientation for coaches and competitors—will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in the Mann Lounge. At least one representative of each team **must** attend; all members are invited to attend. Dinner will be served.

The Championship Round will start at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. The Awards Ceremony and Closing Reception will start shortly after the conclusion of the Championship Round (approximately 3:30 p.m.) and will conclude around 5:00 p.m. Tampa International Airport is about 30–40 minutes from campus.

\*\*The problem (or Record) is available on Stetson’s International Environmental Moot Court Competition website, <http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/iemccc/index.php>.

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**RULES FOR THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL  
STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION  
2015–2016<sup>1</sup>**

**A. COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND FORUM**

**1. Competition Committee Defined**

The Competition Committee is comprised of Professor Roy Gardner, Professor Brooke Bowman, Erin Okuno, and other members who may be appointed to serve. Members of the Competition Committee will not be actively affiliated with any team registered to participate in the Competition.

**2. Powers of the Competition Committee**

- a. The Competition Committee has the sole discretion to enforce all Competition rules.
- b. The Competition Committee has the sole discretion to interpret the Competition rules. No interpretation of the Competition rules is valid unless obtained in writing from the Competition Committee.
- c. The Competition Committee has the sole discretion to answer questions about the Record and all other papers that constitute the Problem.
- d. The Competition Committee has the sole power to resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition.
- e. The Competition Committee has the power to change or supplement the Competition rules, should any changes or supplements become necessary. Changes and supplements will be communicated to participating teams as quickly as possible.

**3. Participation of Competition Committee Members**

Members of the Competition Committee will not judge memorials or oral arguments, unless the Competition Committee members have been screened off from knowing the teams' random number assignments.

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<sup>1</sup> For the most part, these rules also apply to the North America Regional Round. Any differences between the rules for the International Finals and the rules for the North America Regional Round will be noted.

#### **4. Questions and Inquiries**

Any questions or inquiries about the Competition should be directed to the Competition Committee **in writing**. To the extent a question or inquiry affects other teams, a copy of each written question and answer will be circulated to all participating teams. The deadline for requests for clarification of the Record is September 4, 2015.

#### **5. Contact with the Competition Committee**

The Competition Committee may be reached at

**By mail:** International Environmental Moot Court Competition  
Attn: Professor Roy Gardner  
Stetson University College of Law  
1401 61st Street South  
Gulfport, Florida 33707

**By e-mail:** [gardner@law.stetson.edu](mailto:gardner@law.stetson.edu)

#### **6. Forum**

The problem will be set in the mock International Court of Justice (ICJ). To the extent that the Competition rules are silent, ICJ rules will apply. If an ICJ rule conflicts with a Competition rule, the Competition rule will prevail.

### **B. REGIONAL AND OTHER QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

#### **1. Teams Must Compete in Regional or Other Qualifying Round**

Except as provided below, a team must compete in a regional or other qualifying round before advancing to the International Finals. Regional Rounds are expected to be held in Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Ireland, Latin America, India, Ukraine, and North America, before the International Finals. Memorials submitted from Regional Rounds will be re-graded for the International Finals. Any disputes arising out of Regional Rounds shall be resolved by the Regional Coordinators.

- a. The regional or other qualifying round will consist of a memorial and oral arguments.
- b. In determining how many teams advance to the International Finals, each region will be represented by one team for every six teams that participate in the regional or qualifying round. For

example, if there are six teams participating in a regional round, only the top team will advance to the International Finals. If there are ten teams participating in the regional round, the top two teams will advance to the International Finals.

- c. No individual country may have more than five teams in the International Finals. No individual school may have more than two teams in the International Finals.
- d. With the approval of the Competition Committee and the relevant Regional Coordinator, a school that hosts a Regional Round, and competes in that Regional Round, will automatically advance one team to the International Finals, even if the team from the host school did not otherwise qualify. (Only one team from a host school may advance to the International Finals.)
- e. In the interest of having the greatest number of countries participating in the Competition, the Competition Committee may establish additional Regional Rounds.

## **2. A Team Participating in the Regional Rounds from the Host School**

It is permissible for the host school to have a team in the regional rounds, so long as the following constraints are met:

- a. The team's coach cannot be involved with any aspect of hosting the Regional Round, which includes but is not limited to, not having access to the bench brief during the team's preparation for the oral arguments (or after, if the team advances).
- b. Practice round judges cannot judge the team during the Regional Rounds.
- c. During the Regional Rounds, the coordinators will ensure that all judges do not know the affiliation of the host school's team. And all conflicts of interest must be resolved before the round begins.
- d. Individual team members should be counseled to not reach out to the legal community for assistance with their oral arguments, unless first cleared by the team's coach and the regional coordinator.

## **3. International Memorial-Based Qualifying Round for Teams from Regions Without a Regional Round**

- a. If a team is from a region without a regional or other qualifying

round, the team may qualify for the International Finals through the memorial-only qualifying round.

- b. Teams must register for the memorial-only qualify round by October 23, 2015, and must submit to the Competition Committee their memorials in accordance with these rules by November 20, 2015.
- c. In light of the Competition's history and its interest in encouraging greater participation, the Competition Committee will extend invitations to teams with the top-ranked memorials if they are of sufficient quality to warrant an invitation.
- d. Questions about a team's eligibility to participate in the memorial-only qualify round should be directed to the Competition Committee (see section A(5) above).

## **C. TEAM COMPOSITION**

### **1. Team Defined**

- a. A team consists of two or three persons, each of whom satisfies the criteria listed in section C(2) below. [**Note:** Some regional rounds may permit up to five team members. While this is permissible in part to encourage broader participation, if a team advances to the International Finals, the team will be restricted to no more than three team members.]
- b. No person may be a member of more than one team, nor may any member of a team discuss the problem or related substantive matters with any member of a different team. Team members may only discuss the problem or related substantive matters with members of their own team.
- c. Only two team members may present arguments or otherwise participate in any particular round (all three may argue during the competition, but only two may argue in any particular round).
- d. All team members may participate in any other aspect of the Competition, including practice rounds, and researching and drafting the memorial.
- e. Only two team members may sit at counsel table during a round. If there is a third team member, he or she should sit behind his or her teammates, and he or she may not communicate with his or her teammates during the round, even if the teammates are not arguing at that particular moment.

## **2. Qualifications of Team Members**

- a. No team member may hold a law degree from a United States law school.
- b. Each team member must be enrolled in a full-time or part-time Juris Doctorate or equivalent program in the law school they represent. The Competition Committee will determine on an individual basis whether potential team members from countries other than the United States meet these criteria.
- c. Except as noted above, members may not hold or be enrolled in any graduate legal program, such as an LL.M. or S.J.D. program, or the equivalent.

## **3. Replacing Team Members**

No team member may be replaced after the team's memorial has been written or substantially written, except with the express written consent of the Competition Committee, which will require a showing of good cause.

## **4. Coaches and Advisors**

- a. Each team may have one or more coaches.
- b. If a school enters more than one team in the Competition, each team must have a different coach. In other words, two teams cannot be coached by the same coach.
- c. Once the record has been released, coaches/advisors may not help the team members with drafting or editing of the memorial. A coach or advisor's assistance must be in accordance with Rule H(1) below.
- d. Nothing in this rule prevents non-coach, practice-round judges from seeing different teams; however, no person may share substantive information from one team with another team. For example, if an individual serves as a practice judge for one team, he or she may later serve as a practice judge for another team, but may not tell one team what the other team argued during its presentation.

## **D. SCORING AND AWARDS**

### **1. Breakdown**

- a. Except for the Final Round, scores for each round will be determined by counting the team's memorial score as one-third of the total score and oral score as two-thirds of the total score.
- b. The oral score will be determined by a panel of judges. The judges will not know the teams' memorial scores.
- c. In the Final Round, the winner will be determined solely on the decision of the judges. The teams' memorial scores do not factor into the final-round score.

### **2. Awards**

- a. The International Finals will conclude with the announcement of the following awards:
  - (1) the Competition Champion;
  - (2) runner-up;
  - (3) semifinalists;
  - (4) best overall memorial;
  - (5) runner-up memorial;
  - (6) third place memorial;
  - (7) top five oralists in the Preliminary Rounds; and
  - (8) best individual oralist in the Final Round.
- b. To be eligible for the best individual oralist in the Preliminary Rounds, a competitor must argue at least three times. For those who argue four times, the low round score will be dropped.
- c. The same individual may not win both best oralist awards—the best individual oralist in the Preliminary Rounds and the best individual oralist in the Final Round.
- d. The awards for the North America Regional Rounds may vary. At

the minimum, the following awards will be presented:

- (1) the Regional Champion;
- (2) runner-up;
- (3) best memorial;
- (4) top three oralists in the Preliminary Rounds;<sup>2</sup> and
- (5) best individual oralist in the Final Round.

## **E. MEMORIALS (BRIEFS)**

### **1. Sides**

- a. Each team must submit **either** an Applicant or Respondent memorial to the Competition Committee by November 20, 2015 (for purposes of these rules, the Applicant is the Federal States of Aliya and the Respondent is the Republic of Rincossi).
- b. Teams will prepare an Applicant or Respondent memorial based on rules for each Regional Round. For example, in the North American Regional, a team may choose to write for either the Applicant or Respondent. In other regionals, the regional coordinator may leave the choice to a team's discretion, assign a side, or require teams to prepare memorials for both sides.
- c. If a school enters more than one team in the Competition, one team must represent the Applicant and the other team must represent the Respondent. And the two teams cannot collaborate during the memorial-writing process.

### **2. Problem**

- a. The hypothetical facts on which the Competition is based will be drafted by a person or group of persons knowledgeable in the field of international environmental law.
- b. The person(s) who drafts the problem will also prepare—or supervise the preparation of—a bench memorial that will be provided to persons who judge oral rounds.

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<sup>2</sup> To be eligible for oralist awards in the preliminary round, the oralist must have argued for both parties.

### 3. Format

- a. The memorial may not exceed **6,500 words** on 8-1/2 x 11-inch pages (or the standard paper used in the courts of the team's country), with one-inch margins at top, bottom, left, and right. **Footnotes do count toward the word limit.** Note: Most word processing programs can provide you with a word count. And deductions may be taken if the memorial is over the word count.
- b. The memorial must be typed and double-spaced. A team does not violate the double-spacing requirement by including written material properly that is single spaced, such as a block quote.
- c. Each memorial must include the following sections, which **do** count toward the word limit: statement of facts, summary of argument, argument with point headings, and conclusion.
- d. Each memorial must also include the following sections, which **do not** count toward the word limit: front and back cover pages, table of contents, questions presented, statement of jurisdiction, index of authorities, signature block, affidavit (see Addendum A, included at the end of these rules), and appropriate appendices.
  - (1) **Limit on Use of Authorities:** Teams may not use—in memorials or oral argument—any case issued, order decided, or actions that affect the status of any treaty (for example, signature, accession, ratification, entry into force) after October 16, 2015.
  - (2) **Citations:** All citations must conform to the most current version of either *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* or the *ALWD Guide to Legal Citation* (fifth edition, Aspen Publishers). Teams from outside the United States should make a good effort to comply with proper citation format.
  - (4) **Identification:** To facilitate anonymous grading, names of the team members and the school they represent may not appear on the memorial. Names of the team members and the school they represent may only appear on the affidavit **that must be submitted with the original memorial** (see Addendum A).

Each team will be assigned an identification number that is to appear in the uppermost right-hand corner of its front memorial cover.

#### 4. Service of the Memorial

- a. Every team must submit an electronic copy of its memorial to the Competition Committee. This rule applies to all regional rounds, including those rounds in which the memorials are being judged by judges affiliated with that particular regional round. All memorials must be submitted to the Committee.
- b. The memorial should be sent as an email attachment in Word format. **Do not send the memorial as a PDF-file.**
- c. Please name the memorial using your team's random number and "A" for Applicant or "R" for Respondent. For example, if you are assigned team number 1600 and wrote for the Applicant, the file name should be 1612A.doc or 1612A.docx.
- e. The electronic version of the memorial **must be received** by the Competition Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on November 20, 2015. The Committee will then post each memorial on the Stetson website after **all** regionals have concluded (see section E(5) below).
- f. Memorials that arrive after the deadline may receive a deduction for being submitted late.
- g. In addition to the memorial, each team should submit a signed affidavit. The affidavit should be separate from the memorial, but attached to the same e-mail. The affidavit can be submitted as a PDF-file.
- h. The memorials should be sent to Professor Brooke Bowman, at [bowman@law.stetson.edu](mailto:bowman@law.stetson.edu). Please include the following in the subject line of the e-mail: "2015 IEMCC Memorial XXXX" (and XXXX is the team's random number).

#### 5. Service on Other Teams

Teams should not send copies of their memorial to any other team. As noted in paragraph 4(c) above, the Competition Committee will post the memorials of teams advancing to the International Finals on the Stetson website, as soon as **all** regional or qualifying rounds are complete.

Teams competing in the North America Regional Rounds will have access to the memorials of the teams participating in the North America Regional Round prior to the regional round.

## **6. No Changes After Submission**

Once the memorials have been submitted to the Competition Committee, or to any regional competition, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed. In addition, no written material outside the memorial will be accepted.

## **7. Grading**

- a. Each memorial will be scored by a panel of judges knowledgeable in the areas of international and/or environmental law.
- b. The scores will be averaged and that average will be the memorial score used throughout the International Finals. However, the memorial score will not be used to determine the Final Round winner.
- c. Memorials will be graded for both content and style. The factors memorial judges will consider include, but are not limited to, the following: legal substance; use of authority and extent of research; issue analysis; logic and reasoning; clarity and organization; persuasiveness; thoroughness; style; grammar; spelling; citation frequency and form; and compliance with Competition rules.
- d. Memorial scores will not be released until after the Competition is completed. At that point, the Competition Committee will release a list that reflects the teams' ranking.
- e. The minimum score on any memorial will be 60.

## **8. English**

Each memorial must be submitted in English.

## **F. ORAL ARGUMENT PROCEDURES**

### **1. Time and Place**

- a. All oral arguments will be held at Stetson University College of Law, on April 13–16, 2016.
- b. Courtroom assignments will be provided upon arrival.
- c. Stetson University College of Law's Gulfport campus has five mock courtrooms. The first Preliminary Round will be held on Thursday, April 14, and the remaining three Preliminary Rounds will be held

on Friday, April 15.

- d. **During the Preliminary Rounds, each team will argue four times and will argue for both the Applicant and Respondent.**
- e. Please have one team representative check-in and attend the mandatory orientation meeting on Thursday, April 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Mann Lounge. (Dinner will also be served prior to the first Preliminary Round.)
- f. The North America Regional Rounds will be held in late January/early February. Additional information about this Regional Round will be posted on the website.

## **2. Time per Team and Rebuttal Time**

- a. Each oral round will be limited to sixty minutes; each team will have thirty minutes to argue.
- b. Teams representing the Applicant in a round may reserve up to five minutes of their time for rebuttal by (1) informing the bailiff before the round how much rebuttal time will be reserved and the time breakdown for each team member, **and** (2) requesting rebuttal time from the presiding judge in the beginning of the Applicant's argument.
- c. Only one team member may argue on rebuttal; either participating member may give rebuttal. The team member arguing the rebuttal does not need to be designated in advance of the argument.
- d. Previously reserved rebuttal time may be waived by the Applicant following the close of Respondent's argument. However, the Applicant may not otherwise reallocate rebuttal time once the round begins.
- e. Sur-rebuttal by the Respondent will not be allowed.
- f. Each participating team member must intend to speak for at least ten minutes (in addition to rebuttal time).
- g. Nothing in this rule requires a 50/50 split of time between co-counsel. However, any reserved time not used by one oralist will not be reallocated to another oralist.
- h. During the oral arguments, a bailiff will keep time for each team and provide the following time cards: 10, 7, 5, 3, 1, and stop. Oralists

are welcome to take a timer to the podium; however, the bailiff's timer is the "official" time. (And if a timer is taken to the podium, the timer cannot have email or Internet capabilities, and the timer should not make any sounds.)

- i. During the oral arguments, laptops or other electronic similar devices are not permitted at counsel table.

### **3. Anonymity**

- a. Although counsel may introduce themselves to the tribunal in the usual manner, the team's law-school affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before, during, or **after** the oral argument (because some judges may preside in more than one round).
- b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers must refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, patches, or pins, or carrying identifying material (such as a notebook with a school logo).
- c. Each team will be provided with a table card with the school's team number. The card should be placed on counsel table facing the judges at the beginning of the round and should remain on the table throughout the round.

### **4. Contact with Judges**

- a. All team members and individuals affiliated with a team are prohibited from speaking with the judges before a round.
- b. Also, since individuals may judge more than one round, until a team is eliminated from the Competition, team members and individuals affiliated with the team should not speak with judges about any substantive matters or teams' identification.

### **5. Judges and Judging Criteria**

- a. Barring unforeseen circumstances, each round will be judged by at least three persons.
- b. Judges will be provided with a copy of the bench memorial and the problem.
- c. Oral argument judges will **not** be provided with copies of the participants' memorials.

- d. Each judge will score each participating team member; the judges' scores for that round will be added to determine the team's oral-argument score for a round.
- e. The scores of all judges will be averaged to determine the oral-argument portion of a team's score.
- f. Each judge will receive a grading form outlining the factors to be considered during the judging process; the grading form will also identify what excellent, average, and below average scores should be in each category.
- g. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to: organization and clarity; analysis and thoroughness; knowledge of facts and law; courtroom manner and style; ability to answer questions and control argument; persuasiveness; and professionalism.

## **6. Critiques**

Each judge will be requested to provide a short oral critique at the end of each round. Judges' scores for the oral arguments will not be released until after the Competition. The minimum score on any individual oralist's argument will be 60.

## **7. Announcements**

- a. After all of the Preliminary Rounds have been completed, the eight teams advancing to the Quarterfinal Round will be announced.
- b. After the Quarterfinal Rounds have been completed, the four teams advancing to the Semifinal Rounds will be announced.
- c. Similarly, after the conclusion of the Semifinal Rounds, the two teams advancing to the Final Round will be announced.
- d. The winner of the Final Round will be announced during the Awards Reception.

## **8. Stetson's Participation**

Stetson may not enter a team in the International Finals.

## 9. English

All oral arguments will be conducted in English. Judges may take into consideration that English is a team's second language in scoring the competition.

## 10. Visual Aids

Visual aids and other similar devices may not be used during oral argument. And no documents (cases, reports, etc.) should be handed to the judges.

## G. SEQUENCE OF ORAL ROUNDS AND ADVANCEMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL FINALS

### 1. Preliminary Rounds

- a. Four Preliminary Rounds will be held.
- b. Each team will argue in each Preliminary Round.
- c. Each team will argue on- **and** off-memorial at least once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- d. During the first three Preliminary Rounds, teams will be power-protected based on memorial score (higher memorial scores compete against lower memorial scores).
- e. During the last Preliminary Round, teams will be power-matched based on their record in the first three Preliminary Rounds (highest-ranked team competes against second highest-ranked team, etc.). The Competition Committee may alter the power-matched rankings so that teams will not compete against any team more than once during the Preliminary Round.
- f. The schedules for the first three Preliminary Rounds will be available at the orientation meeting on Thursday, April 16. Since the fourth preliminary round is power-matched (see section G(1)(e) above), the schedule for the fourth round will be announced after the completion of the third preliminary round.
- g. Each team will be scored on a combination of its average memorial score and average oral score (one-third memorial and two-thirds oral).
- h. Each team's score will be compared to its opponent's score in that

round, and the differential determined.

- i. The teams with the best won-lost records will advance to the Quarterfinal Rounds.
- j. In the event of a tie in won-loss records, the team winning the highest percentage of judges' ballots during the four Preliminary Rounds will advance.
- k. If a tie occurs on the percentage of ballots won, the team with the highest positive point differential over its opponents during the four Preliminary Rounds will advance.
- l. The Competition Committee will not change pairings simply because teams from the same school are scheduled to argue against one another.
- m. The ranking of the teams, or bracket, stays the same after the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds.
- n. **A note regarding the North America Regional Rounds:**  
Depending upon the number of schools participating in the North America Regional Rounds, there may be only three Preliminary Rounds at these regionals.

If that is the case, the first two Preliminary Rounds will be power-matched based off of the memorial scores. The third Preliminary Round will be power-matched based on the teams' records in the first two Preliminary Rounds.

## 2. Quarterfinal Rounds

- a. The eight highest-ranking teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarterfinal Rounds.
- b. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The higher-ranked team will choose which side they wish to represent.
- c. Each team will be scored on a combination of its average memorial score and average oral score (one-third memorial and two-thirds oral).
- d. Each team's school will be compared to its opponent's score in that round, and the winning team from that courtroom will advance. (Scores from teams in one room will not be compared to scores of

teams in another room.)

- e. In the event of a tie, the team winning the highest percentage of judges' ballots will advance.
- f. If a tie occurs on ballots, the team with the higher memorial score will advance.
- g. The top four winning teams will advance to the Semifinal Rounds, based on memorial scores and oral scores earned during the Quarterfinal Rounds. Advancement will be determined in the manner described above in subsections G(2)(c)–(f).
- h. Depending upon the number of schools participating in the North America Regional Rounds, there might not be Quarterfinal Rounds,

### **3. Semifinal Rounds**

- a. The four highest-ranking teams will advance to the Semifinal Rounds.
- b. The highest-ranking team will argue against the lowest-ranking team. The higher-ranked team will choose which side to represent.
- c. Each team will be scored on a combination of its average memorial score and average oral score (one-third memorial and two-thirds oral).
- d. Each team's school will be compared to its opponent's score in that round, and the winning team in that courtroom will advance. (Scores from teams in one courtroom will not be compared to scores of teams in another courtroom.)
- e. In the event of a tie, the team winning the highest percentage of judges' ballots will advance.
- f. If a tie occurs on ballots, the team with the higher memorial score will advance.
- g. The two highest-ranking teams will advance to the Final Round, based on memorial scores and oral scores earned during the Semifinal Round. Advancement will be determined in the manner described in subsections G(3)(c)–(f) above.

#### **4. Final Round**

- a. The top two highest-ranking teams will meet in the Final Round. The higher ranked team will choose which side to represent.
- b. The winner of the Final Round will be determined solely on the basis of oral presentation in the Final Round. The judges will caucus to determine the winning team and the best oralist in the Final Round. The judges are not obligated to use score sheets.
- c. The winner of the Final Round will be designated the Competition Champion.

#### **H. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

##### **1. Assistance on Memorials**

- a. A team may receive only the following assistance on the memorial:
  - (1) Team members may discuss with their coach and with others affiliated with their school (as long as other rules contained herein are not violated) general principles of international environmental law.
  - (2) The coach may provide general guidance on the overall organization of the brief, but may not assist with the actual writing and may not edit the paper or correct citation format.
  - (3) Teams for which English is a second language may seek assistance within their schools regarding English grammar and spelling.
- b. A team may hold oral practice rounds before its memorial is submitted to the Competition Committee or to a regional competition.

##### **2. Affidavit**

- a. Each team member must sign a copy of the enclosed affidavit, which must be submitted with the original memorial to the Competition Committee.
- b. By signing the affidavit and submitting a memorial to the Competition, each team member certifies that the memorial has been prepared in accordance with the Competition rules, and that it represents the work product solely of such team's members.

- c. A blank affidavit is attached as Addendum A.

### **3. Assistance on Oral Argument**

A team may be assisted in the preparation of its oral argument, except as limited by section H(4) below.

### **4. No Collaboration with Other Teams**

- a. No member or coach of any team still eligible to participate or actually participating in the Competition may attend any practice or argument of another team or receive information from any person who has attended such practice or argument.
- b. In addition, while a team is still active in the Competition, no team member, coach, or other affiliated person may “scout” other active teams.
- c. If a school sends two teams, and one team is eliminated but the other is still active, both teams will then be treated as one team, for purposes of this rule only.

## **I. CHALLENGES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **1. Memorials and Pre-Oral Argument Challenges**

- a. Any complaint or challenge of a memorial or any other pre-oral argument matter must be submitted in writing to the Competition Committee no later than ten days after the memorials have been posted on the Stetson website.
- b. Should the allegedly offensive conduct occur after that time, the complaint should be submitted within twenty-four hours of its discovery.
- c. The complaint or challenge should be directed to the Competition Committee and should specify in as much detail as possible the nature of the complaint or challenge. No other person should be copied on the complaint or challenge.
- d. After reviewing the complaint or challenge, the Competition Committee will, if necessary, contact other affected teams and issue a ruling.
- e. The ruling of the Competition Committee will be final and may not

be appealed.

## **2. Oral Arguments and Other Competition Challenges**

- a. Complaints or challenges concerning any oral argument or conduct during the Competition must be reported to the Competition Committee within ten minutes of the conclusion of the round in which the allegedly offensive conduct occurs.
- b. Conclusion of the round, for purposes of this rule, will be the end of the Applicant's rebuttal period.
- c. Complaints or challenges that occur during the Competition that do not relate to a particular oral argument should be reported to the Competition Committee as soon as possible, but in no event later than fifteen minutes before the next-scheduled oral argument round.

## **3. Conflicts of Interest**

A judge's alleged conflict of interest should be reported to the Competition Committee before that particular round commences. Otherwise, the conflict is deemed waived.

## **4. Penalties**

Penalties may range from warnings, to point deductions, to disqualification, depending on the nature and severity of the offense. Multiple offenses by a single team will warrant more severe penalties.

## **5. Waiver**

Failure to comply with the procedures in this section will waive the complaint or challenge.

# **J. MISCELLANEOUS**

## **1. Use of Problem**

The problem for this Competition may not be used by any participating school, for any reason, including intra-school competitions, without the express written consent of the Competition Committee. The Competition Committee has granted permission for the problem to be used in the regional rounds in Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Ireland, Latin America, India, Ukraine, and North America to select teams to participate in the International Finals.

**2. Scores**

Scores will not be made available, either orally or in writing, until the Competition is completed. After the Competition, the Competition Committee will provide scores and/or rankings to each school's designated representative.

**3. Professionalism**

All teams should conduct themselves ethically and with professionalism.

**4. Costs**

All costs associated with the Competition should be borne by the schools of individual team members or by individual team members. Stetson will not reimburse participants for costs associated with the Competition.

**ADDENDUM A:**

**AFFIDAVIT**

We have read the Rules of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition. Our memorial submitted was prepared in accordance with the Competition Rules; we have not received any unauthorized assistance.

Please print each team member's name under the signature, as you would like the name to appear on participation certificates.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print clearly) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print your names as you wish them to appear on a certificate)**

Signatures (1) \_\_\_\_\_

of team members: (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

**(A reminder: Footnotes do count towards the word count, see Rule E(3)(a).)**

Memorial Number: \_\_\_\_\_