

Moot Court Association
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Petition for Waiver of Moot Court Requirements

By the Moot Court Association constitution, membership in the Association requires participation in Soapbox, the first-year oral advocacy event, and the first-year LSP Appellate Argument event. These requirements may be waived by a decision of the Moot Court Executive Board, in its sole discretion. The Board will only consider petitions that meet the following requirements:

1. Petition is submitted no later than one week prior to the start of packet sales for the competition in which the petitioner wishes to compete.
2. Petition includes the following:
 - a. A legitimate reason for failure to participate in Soapbox or the LSP Arguments;
 - b. A demonstration of the petitioner's substantial interest in the substantive area of law of the competition or in oral advocacy, generally. This substantial interest may be demonstrated by relevant work experience, relevant course work, or relevant co-curricular activities. For transfer students, substantial interest may be demonstrated by involvement with the petitioner's previous school's moot court program; and
 - c. A letter from a Catholic University of America faculty member that attests to the petitioner's substantial interest. Please note that an exception to this requirement is currently being considered for students who have transferred to Catholic University from another law school, but at this time this requirement is in effect for all petitioners.
3. At its discretion, the Moot Court Board may require an interview with the petitioner and question the petitioner as to his or her petition.

Petitions may be submitted by email to the Moot Court Chancellor, Zach Rothstein, either by email at cuamootcourt@gmail.com or by hard copy to the Chancellor personally in the Moot Court Association office or by appointment. The Chancellor is also available to meet with any petitioner or prospective petitioner for clarification of these requirements.

Thank you for your interest in Associate membership in the Moot Court Association.