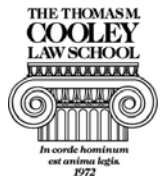




CAT BENNETT NATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL COMPETITION APPLICATION
 February 16-19, 2011
 San Antonio, TX



National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers & Thomas M. Cooley Law School

SCHOOL NAME:

FACULTY CONTACT: Name of coach who will attend competition is preferred. Also list secondary contact.

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:(Faculty Coach)

PHONE: (Secondary Contact)

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE October 1, 2010

Please provide us with current e-mail address for correspondence. All business relating to the competition will be conducted via e-mail. Correspondence will be with **faculty only**, not students. If you can provide us with information for faculty that will be traveling with the team, that would be preferable.

HAS YOUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN THE NACDL CRIMINAL TRIAL COMPETITION BEFORE? WHEN?

WHAT OTHER STUDENT TRIAL COMPETITIONS HAS YOUR SCHOOL ENTERED IN THE LAST DECADE OR SO?

HOW HAVE THEY DONE? _____

DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A NACDL BRANCH OR CRIMINAL LAW ORGANIZATION? _____

HOW ACTIVE IS YOUR ORGANIZATION? _____

PLEASE ATTACH ANY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO TRIAL ADVOCACY

By signing this application, I certify that if my school is chosen it will be responsible for transportation, hotel, and meal costs for my team. Each school chosen will enter a team of four students. A faculty member or someone designated by the school (not a student) must attend at all times. I have checked to see that my school will fund this trip before applying.

By signing I also certify that I have read and agree, on behalf of myself and my team, to abide by the Rules throughout the Competition.

 FACULTY SIGNATURE

 DATE

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Katherine Fleming
 Thomas M. Cooley Law School
 300 South Capital Ave.
 Lansing, MI 48933

Phone: (517) 371-5140 ext. 2848

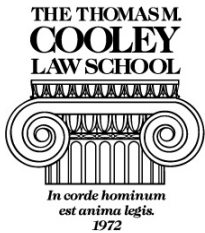
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2011 NACDL / COOLEY LAW SCHOOL
CATHY BENNETT NATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL COMPETITION
APPLICATION

September 1, 2010



Dear Trial Team Coach:

Your school is cordially invited to apply for the 20th Annual Cathy Bennett National Criminal Trial Competition. This unique competition is sponsored each year by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. This event will take place during the NACDL 2010 Meeting on February 16-19, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas.

We expect to notify all applicants sometime in October regarding team selections. Please note that all communication with teams regarding the competition will be via e-mail, so please include current e-mail addresses on your application. We prefer that the contact email is the person that will be accompanying the team if invited to compete.

For the 9th year, Professors John Scott and Jerry MacDonald from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan will act as co-directors of the Competition, with the assistance of NACDL representatives. Cooley Law School has, throughout its 36-year existence, consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to teaching trial advocacy and to practical scholarship in the law. Consistent with that commitment, Cooley has volunteered time and financial backing to ensure the continuation of this traditionally excellent Competition.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION: This is a Criminal Trial Competition, and twelve law schools are invited each year to participate. In accordance with tradition, the two finalists from the previous competition will be invited back, and thus we will have slots available for ten “new” schools.

Each school participating must send one team consisting of four members. Each team member must participate as an attorney either for the defense or prosecution, and as a witness for their colleagues when representing the opposite side in the competition. To the extent practicable, all witnesses will be “gender-neutral” so you can concentrate on picking the best trial students available.

There is no entry fee for this competition. However, each team is responsible for its own transportation, hotel and meal costs. Rooms may be booked at reduced NACDL rate by teams, but remember to book early as the room blocks fill up quickly. NACDL allows faculty members to attend seminars free of charge during the trial rounds.

It is important to note that consistent with the tradition of this competition, advisors must be faculty, no student advisors will be allowed, and that faculty advisors will not be permitted to sit in on the trials.

The Competition begins on Wednesday evening with a Registration & Reception for team members and advisors, followed by a mandatory Faculty Advisors meeting. Three preliminary rounds will be held, (two Thursday and one Friday morning) before the four semi-finalists are determined. The semi-finals will be held Friday afternoon and the finals Saturday morning. All rounds will be judged by panels of experienced criminal trial lawyers and judges.

We request that you review the competition Rules before applying so as to avoid any misunderstandings prior to or during the competition. These Rules can be found at www.cooley.edu/newsevents/nacdl/. Please review the Rules carefully as they address some issues that are unique to this Competition. If you would like a copy of the rules emailed to you, please send a note to flemingk@cooley.edu.

John Scott / Jerry MacDonald