



Call for Volunteers

Family Law Lawyers Needed to Judge ABA Competition

Each year, approximately 100 U.S. and Canadian schools participate in the ABA Law Student Division Client Counseling Competition. The purpose of the competition is to promote greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventive law and counseling functions of law practice and to encourage students to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills in the lawyer-client relationship in the law office.

Family Law is the topic of the 2006-2007 Counseling Competition. In February 2007, 12 law schools across the country will host regional competitions. There should be a total of 48 judges per regional competition.

Lawyers interested in serving as regional volunteer judges should contact Peggy Pissarreck at pissarm@staff.abanet.org or 312-988-5621.

The dates and locations are listed below:

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Roger Williams University Law School, Bristol, RI
Pace Law School, White Plains, NY
Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS
South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX
Lewis and Clark School of Law, Portland, OR

Saturday, February 17, 2007

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD
University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC
John Marshall Law School- Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI
The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL
Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA
William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV

The Client Counseling Competition was conceived and developed as a legal teaching technique by Professor Louis M. Brown of the University of Southern California Law Center. Originally called the Mock Law Office Competition, it began on an interscholastic level in 1969 with two schools competing and has been held each year since then. The American Bar Association Law Student Division has administered the competition since 1973.

The competition simulates a law office consultation in which law students, acting as attorneys, are presented with a client matter. They conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client and then explain how they would proceed further in the hypothetical situation.