



THE JEFFREY G. MILLER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



February 19–21, 2026
Final Round February 21, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m. NELMCC Office
78 N. Broadway, P218
White Plains, NY 10603

REGISTRATION

- Register online
- Deadline: October 1, 2025
- Nonrefundable fee: \$1,195.00 Payable by Credit card on Eventbrite Link. Checks are accepted. Mail to Lorraine Rubich c/o Pace Haub School of Law, NELMCC; 78 N. Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.
- Includes light breakfasts, lunches and receptions during the competition for team members and one coach; other expenses not covered
- Open to 48 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 24, 2025. Team comprised of two or three law students (see Rule III (A)).
- [Team Payment](#)
- [Team Registration](#)
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

- Pace Haub Law School, 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
- [Book your stay with Sonesta Hotel](#)
- Sonesta Hotel reservation DEADLINE: January 19, 2026.
- Pace Haub Law will furnish shuttle service between hotel and campus

PROBLEM

- Problem to be released by email on October 1, 2025 to one team contact only.
- Q&A period—questions pertaining to problem are allowed only through the deadline of October 24, 2025 pursuant to Rule II (B)

BRIEFS

- Refer to Rules regarding 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 by Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, 11:59 p.m. 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 19, 2026 are followed by the third preliminary & quarterfinal rounds on Friday, February 20. and conclude with the semifinal round on Saturday, February 21, 2026.
- Final round will take place Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., 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

- If space permits, One coach may observe in the courtroom. No written or oral communication may occur between coaches and team members during the oral arguments.
- 2—Point deductions will be made, if it is determined that interference has taken place by a coach, professor, or visitor.

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 1, 2025	Registration deadline
October 1, 2025 (on or about)	Problem & Rules distribution by email to registered teams
October 24, 2025	Deadline for questions relevant to the Problem
October 24, 2025	Teams must be constituted by this date (see NELMCC Rule III (B)) Deadline for Team Member Confirmation Form online submission to NELMCC
November 20, 2025	Measuring and Non-Measuring briefs due. Email briefs to nelmcc@law.pace.edu by November 21, 2025 for posting on web in Fulfillment of Service on Opposing teams. See Rules for details
January 19, 2026	Sonesta Hotel reservation deadline
February 8, 2026	Confirm 1 coach attendee for competition, email, name and phone
February 18, 2025	Advance Check in at Hotel
February 19, 2026	Competition Check in at Elisabeth Haub School of Law
February 19, 2026	Preliminary Rounds I & II (Thursday)
February 20, 2026	Preliminary Rounds III & Quarterfinal Round (Friday)
February 21, 2026	Semifinal Round (Saturday morning)
February 21, 2026	Final Round — Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 p.m. Gerber Glass Moot Courtroom