

The Younger Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association would like to invite you to participate as a judge during the **24th Annual Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition**, which will be held in Washington, D.C. from **March 20-21, 2019**. Law schools come from across the country for this prestigious event, and it is because of the dedication of volunteers like you that this event has been such a success. Below we have compiled a few **Frequently Asked Questions** to help address any questions you may have about volunteering as a Moot Court judge:

- **Do I qualify to serve as a Moot Court judge?**
YES! If you are a retired or practicing attorney or judge, you can be a Moot Court judge.
 - **What is the role of a Moot Court judge?**
A Moot Court judge scores the competitors' oral advocacy skills.
 - **Do I have to judge alone?**
No, other judges will serve alongside you in your courtroom.
 - **What sort of advance research do I need to do?**
The Moot Court problem and "bench memo," which explain the legal issues in detail, will be sent to you before the competition. We ask that you review these documents before the competition. No additional research is needed.
 - **Will there be any training for Moot Court judges?**
A brief informational meeting will be held before judging to familiarize you with the rules of the competition and methods of scoring.
 - **When and where do I need to go?**
*The largest number of judges are needed for the preliminary rounds of the competition to be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**, at the D.C. Superior Court. We ask that judges arrive at 5:30 p.m. and plan on staying until 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.*
- NOTE:** *If you are not able to participate on Wednesday, March 20, slots are available on Thursday during the day for subsequent rounds of the competition. Please let Alea Al-Aghbari know if Thursday would be better for your schedule.*
- **Can I watch the final round of the competition?**
Absolutely! Judges are invited to observe the final round of the Moot Court competition and attend the accompanying reception. Both will be held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces the evening of Thursday, March 21.
 - **How do I sign up?**
If you have any questions about volunteering, please call or email Alea Al-Aghbari (571-481-9114) at your earliest convenience. If you are interested in judging, please fill out the attached registration form and send to Alea Al-Aghbari (aalaghbari@fedbar.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition Directors