

Consider volunteering to judge the ABA Virtual Regional Arbitration Competition at Northern Illinois University College of Law! (CLE credit available)

Northern Illinois University College of Law invites you to judge the ABA Virtual Regional Arbitration Competition on November 19–20, 2021 via Zoom. Competitors will be representing many law schools from around the country. Illinois CLE credit is available for competition judges.

This competition provides law students with legal training in arbitration and promotes excellence in arbitration advocacy. Participating students prepare and present an arbitration case and are involved in opening statements, witness examinations, exhibit introductions, evidentiary presentations, and summations.

The rounds will be held Friday, November 19, and Saturday, November 20, at the following times:

- Round 1: Friday, November 19, 8:30 am to 11:45 am (Central Time)
- Round 2: Friday, November 19, 1:30 pm to 4:45 pm (Central Time)
- Semifinal Round: Saturday, November 20, 8:30 am to 11:45 am (Central Time)
- Final Round: Saturday, November 20, 1:30 pm to 4:45 pm (Central Time)

We need significantly more volunteers for the Friday rounds than for Saturday. Please consider signing up for the Friday rounds if at all possible.

Judges will receive an electronic copy of the competition problem (Case File), a Bench Brief (overview of the Case File), a sample Score Sheet/Ballot, instructions for judging, and the Arbitration Hearing Procedures (including supplemental rules applicable to the virtual format). Reviewing these materials and our Judge Orientation videos is the only preparation requested of competition judges. During the competition, judges will score the student competitors and provide brief feedback on their performance.

Volunteer practitioners, like you, make our competitions a foundational experience for law students honing their real-world skills. The Arbitration Competition provides a means for law students to practice and improve their practical skills.

Illinois CLE credit is available for judging one or two rounds of the competition. For details of how CLE credit is calculated, see [here](#). CLE credit for judging a second round is halved, and no CLE credit is awarded for judging beyond the second round.

Please contact me at amamo@niu.edu or sign up on the [linked Google form](#) by **Wednesday, October 27** to let me know which round(s) you would like to judge or if you have any questions. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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