

Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition For Undergraduates

On Saturday April 9, 2016, THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW will host its Seiberling Constitutional Law Undergraduate Moot Court Competition sponsored by the CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. Akron's Center for Constitutional Law is one of only four resource centers established by Congress to promote education and research on constitutional law. You can find out more about the Center here. Akron Law is also one of the leading advocacy law schools in the country, with award-winning Trial Advocacy teams, national Moot Court teams, our unique Summer Trial Academy, and trial advocacy classes.

The focus of the Con Law Moot Court Competition is to expose undergraduate students to the vitality of Constitutional Law by arguing a currently pending United States Supreme Court case before senior judges, lawyers, and law faculty. The case chosen this year, Voisine v. United States, raises questions regarding gun rights in the context of domestic violence. The case will not require briefing and students may rely upon any pleading filed in the actual case. The materials for the Voisine case can be found on SCOTUSblog here. Each team member will argue one of the two issues in the case for both the Petitioner and the Respondent.

The competition will be held in the court rooms of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas adjacent to The University of Akron School of Law. The final round will be argued before Judge Alice Batchelder and Judge Deborah Cook, both of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Dean Matt Wilson of Akron Law, and one additional federal court judge. Other state and federal court judges will judge the earlier rounds. The competition will take place over one day, beginning at 9 a.m. with a lunch around noon. It will be limited to sixteen teams (a maximum of two teams per school), and will use a two-preliminary rounds format, with four teams advancing to a semi-final round.

If you are interested in competing, please <u>Register Online</u> by March 15, 2016. Contact Robin Lombardi (<u>robin4@uakron.edu</u> or 330-972-6363) with any questions. The fee for competing is \$25.00 per team and includes lunch.