



Dear NSLNC Competitors, Coaches and Advisors,

We hope you all are enjoying a nice Labor Day weekend filled with tearing through the NSLNC fact patterns! As you begin your preparations for the big weekend, we would like to clarify a few points regarding the rules for this year's competition.

1. Please remember that if your school has two teams registered for competition, they *may not* collaborate in preparation for this competition. Additionally, interschool collaborations (i.e. scrimmages between two different law schools) are also prohibited. The purpose of this rule is to even the playing field for schools sending one team. We used the same rule for NSLNC 2011 without any issues.
2. All schools sending two competition teams represent the same side in Rounds 1 and 2, so these schools cannot share different confidential facts because they have the same confidential facts. In addition, schools sending two teams will not face each other in Rounds 1 or 2. It is also unlikely that two teams from the same school will face each other in the Final Rounds because four teams are chosen.
3. There is a typo in the rules about the length of competition. Each round is 75 minutes, not 90.
4. Coaches/Advisors may not pass notes or provide notes to competitors during any part of the negotiation; however there is no prohibition against students having notes. Furthermore, please be advised that Coaches/Advisors cannot advise students before the self-analysis period. In this regard, Rule 7 compliments Rule 4 and these rules should be read together. We are trying to prevent Coaches/Advisors helping their teams during the actual negotiation. Performance shall be based on competitor skill, not the skill of their coaches and advisors.
5. Confidential facts for the Final Round shall be released Saturday, September 29, 2012, after the announcing of the four Finalist Teams. These shall be released in paper and electronic format to the respective teams representing their side.

Please remember to book your hotel rooms as soon as possible – there is a convention the weekend of the competition at the San Diego Convention Center and rooms will go quickly. Our website (<http://www.tjsl.edu/conferences/nslnc>) has noted this information for six months and has contained a list of hotels close to the school that have graciously agreed to give special rates to NSLNC participants.

The rules, itinerary, match-ups/room numbers, maps, general information, and general facts will be posted or is already on our website, if you should need them. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or comments. **Please note the rules on when questions may be submitted regarding the fact patterns in Section 2, pages 1-2 of the NSLNC 2012 Rules sent via email and on the website.** We look forward to meeting all of you in a few weeks.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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