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Mission statement:

The purposes of the the Trial Advocacy Board are to (1) enhance student trial advocacy skills through intra-scholastic competitions, inter-scholastic competitions, workshops, and lectures; (2) to represent the University of Richmond at the highest level possible in intra-scholastic and inter-scholastic competitions; (3) provide a networking forum for student advocates and local litigators/judges; and (4) graduate experienced and practiced board members who will represent the Law School well.

What is TAB?

The University of Richmond Trial Advocacy Board (TAB) is a student-run organization dedicated to fostering basic trial skills in our student body. Through both intra-scholastic and inter-scholastic competitions, TAB allows students to experience the role of a trial lawyer. In competition, students hone their skills by arguing motions, giving opening and closing arguments, examining witnesses, and arguing points of evidence before a judge and a jury. The competitions give students the opportunity to gain practical experience and demonstrate their skills to the outside world. TAB regularly competes in the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Competition, the American Association for Justice Student Trial Competition, the National Trial Competition, and the National White Collar Crime Invitational among others. TAB membership is competitive. Invitations to join are extended based on student performance in both intra-scholastic and inter-scholastic competition. TAB generally hosts two intra-scholastic competitions per year.



What TAB is NOT:

- Moot Court - Appellate
- Writing intensive
- Law Skills III or a replacement
- Impossible if you haven't taken Evidence

How do I join?



2017 Intra-Scholastic Competition

The competition resembles an actual trial proceeding before a judge and jury. Competitors will be required to find a partner to act as co-counsel, and two witnesses to support its case-in-chief (the roles of whom are provided for in the case file).

During the course of the trial, each competitor will be required to:

- Make an opening statement or closing argument;
- Perform a direct examination of a witness;
- Perform a cross examination of a witness; and
- Make evidentiary objections through the course of the proceeding.

2017 Intra-Scholastic Competition Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
September 20	12:00 PM	Detailed Intra-scholastic Competition Meeting	Moot Courtroom
September 27	7:30-8:30 AM	Competition Registration	Room 304 (TAB Office)
September 28	9:00 AM	Confirmation Email Sent	N/A
September 29	5:00 PM	Intent to Compete Forms Due	Room 304 (TAB Office)
October 2	10:00 AM	Problem Release via Blackboard	N/A
October 4-20	12:00 PM	Various Training Session	TBD
November 6	6:00 PM	Preliminary Round 1	Richmond Circuit Court
November 7	6:00 PM	Preliminary Round 2	Richmond Circuit Court
November 9	6:00 PM	Quarterfinals	Richmond Circuit Court
November 13	6:00 PM	Semifinals	Richmond Circuit Court
November 16	7:00 PM	Finals	Moot Courtroom

Why do TAB?

It's fun... sort of!

It's a great way to get trial experience

Great way to see if you like litigation work

It's an adrenaline rush!

It is great practice in public speaking

Employers like to see it on your resume

It will prepare you for Law Skills III

I have questions...

Good! We can't wait to answer them and get to know you further.

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