

## **Opportunities for Student Distinction (OSD) Program: Alumni/ae Coaches Needed for 2009-2010 Competitions!**

OSD is looking to pair interested alumni/ae coaches with student teams based on competition type, topic and the professional's area of practice, as well as their interests and activities while enrolled at NUSL. If you or any fellow alumni/ae are interested in becoming a coach for these or any other moot court competitions, please contact Professor Susan Maze-Rothstein, director of the Opportunities for Student Distinction program, at [Smazeroth@comcast.net](mailto:Smazeroth@comcast.net)

### **NYC Bar National Moot Court Competition-**

The OSD program seeks an alumnus/a to serve as the coach for the NYC Bar National Moot Court Competition team. This nationally recognized competition is an annual inter-law school event designed to promote the art of appellate advocacy and allow law students to hone their lawyering skills by arguing before prominent members of our profession. The competition consists of regional (Nov. or Dec.) and national final rounds (Jan. or Feb.).

To learn more about the NYC Bar Competition, go to:  
[www.nycbar.org/YoungLawyers/MootCourt.htm](http://www.nycbar.org/YoungLawyers/MootCourt.htm)

### **Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition-**

NUSL's Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition team is comprised of members of the Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA), and former LALSA alumni/ae are especially desired as coaches. The competition is held each March in conjunction with the HNBA Annual Mid-Year Conference, and provides law students with the opportunity to hone their brief-writing and oral advocacy skills while exploring a complex legal issue.

To learn more about the Hispanic National Bar Competition, go to:  
[www.hnba.com/mc/page.do?sitePageId=78464&orgId=hnba](http://www.hnba.com/mc/page.do?sitePageId=78464&orgId=hnba)

### **Honorable Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition-**

NUSL's Tang National Moot Court Competition team is comprised of members of NUSL's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), and former APALSA alumni/ae are especially desired as coaches. The competition is sponsored by the NAPABA Law Foundation and Judicial Council and honors the late Judge Thomas Tang. The annual competition is designed to reach out to APA law students and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their writing and oral advocacy skills. The 2009 competition will be held November 19-22, 2009, in Boston.

To learn more about the Tang competition, go to:  
[www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=moot](http://www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=moot)

### ***Coaching Time Commitment***

Mock trial and moot court competitions require a significant time commitment from both the alumni/ae coaches and student teams. Coaches and teams are responsible for coordinating and maintaining a meeting/coaching schedule. It is optimal for coaches to travel with the team to the competition, which is usually two to three days long, on a weekend and often in another state. Alumni/ae coach travel and accommodation expenses for school-sponsored competitions, like those listed above, are covered by NUSL.