

Individual Study  
Fall 2009  
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Appellate Argument

**Course Description:** This class is intended for students preparing to compete in the Midwest Regional Moot Court Tournament to be held November 20-21, 2009 at the College of Wooster. After reviewing the basic rules of appellate procedure, students will be expected to read the hypothetical case as well as all the precedent cases cited within the hypothetical case.

The case, *State of Olympus v. William DeNolf, Jr.*, may be downloaded from the WebCT (YSU) cite for this course.

The 2008 rules governing the competition may be found on the WebCT (YSU) cite for this course. The 2009 rules have not yet been released.

Performance Evaluation:  
Paper: 20%  
Assignments and class participation: 10%  
Oral Argument: 70%

**Course Outline:**

Weeks 1-3: Review/Briefing of cases

Week 4: Assemble arguments

Wednesday, October 7: Paper due: This should be a 3 to 5 page legal argument in response to one of the following queries.

1. Does the deployment of a visual enhancement device without a warrant violate the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments?

or

2. Does the sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole imposed on Respondent violate the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments?

October 7 (or earlier) – November 20: Oral Argument Practice Sessions

Most sessions will be held during class meeting times. Sessions will occasionally be held in the courtroom for the 7<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. The courthouse is located at 131 West Federal Street in Youngstown.

November 20 – 21: Competition at Wooster

November 23 – December 2: Review of performance, preparation for national competition.