

# Welcome to GAMTI

The Great American Mock Trial Invitational  
November 3-4, 2012

## IMPORTANT DATES

**9/14** - REGISTRATION FEE DUE

**10/2** - LAST DAY FOR GROUP  
RATE AT WASHINGTON SUITES

**10/3** - LAST DAY FOR GROUP  
RATE AT CROWNE PLAZA

**10/5** - LAST DAY FOR GROUP  
RATE AT THE LIAISON

**10/5** - LAST DAY FOR GROUP  
RATE AT THE WASHINGTON COURT

**10/12** - LAST DAY FOR GROUP  
RATE AT THE PHOENIX PARK

**10/28** - SUBMIT ATTENDEE LIST TO  
AAH4RE@VIRGINIA.EDU FOR  
COURTHOUSE SECURITY

## WELCOME!

Welcome all to the 2012 Great American Mock Trial Invitational! We look forward to seeing you in November.

We want to be sure that you have the best experience possible, from one beautiful courthouse to experienced judges to convenient lodging.

This packet contains a great deal of important information. Please review it promptly and carefully, so we have plenty of time to address any questions or concerns that arise.

### **This packet contains:**

- Important Dates (see left!)
- Registration Details
- Tournament Schedule
- Rules for Use of Courthouse
- Acceptance of Responsibility Form
- Hotel Information

# Registration

Registration fee: \$350 per team  
Fee due: Friday, September 14  
Make check out to: Collegiate Mock Trial at the University of Virginia  
Mail check to: Collegiate Mock Trial at the University of Virginia  
c/o Professor Toby Heytens  
580 Massie Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

If you believe you will have difficulty meeting the September 14 deadline, you must email us no later than two weeks ahead of time (August 31). We will charge a late fee to any team whose registration fee is received after September 14, but before September 28. After September 28, the spot of any team that has not paid its registration fee will be offered to a team on the waitlist. Please let Anya know if you need an invoice, a receipt, or anything else.

\*Registering late will trigger a \$50 late fee.

## Tentative Schedule

@ Prettyman Courthouse  
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.



### Saturday, November 3

- 8:30 am: Team registration
- 9:00 am: Opening ceremonies
- 9:45 am: Round 1 captains' meeting
- 10:15 am: Round 1
- 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 2:30 pm: Round 2 captains' meeting
- 3:00 pm: Round 2

### Sunday, November 4

- 9:15 am: Round 3 captains' meeting
- 9:45 am: Round 3
- 12:30 pm: Lunch
- 2:00 pm: Round 4 captains' meeting
- 2:30 pm: Round 4
- ASAP: Closing ceremonies



# The Field

**Schools from 17 states...**

**9 former national championship programs...**

**1 great field**

We are excited to welcome to **GAMTI 2012:**

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Duke University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Furman University
- The George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Howard University
- Loyola University - Chicago
- Macalester College
- Miami University of Ohio
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Northwood University
- Rhodes College
- University of California - Berkeley
- University of California - Los Angeles
- University of Georgia
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Washington University in St. Louis

# E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN Courthouse

333 Constitution Ave, N.W. • Entrance on 3rd Street, N.W.

## Rules for Use of the Courthouse

We hope you enjoy use of the courtrooms, but our continued ability to use the Courthouse depends on staying in the good graces of all courthouse personnel, including the judges whose individual permission we must solicit in order to hold this event. We need all participants to follow the following guidelines to help ensure that we can continue to host in courthouses in the future.

### *In general*

- Food and drink (including coffee or sodas) may be consumed only in designated areas.
- We will supply our own trash bins through the building. No trash may be placed in any other trashcans, including those in the courtrooms.

### *Courtrooms*

When the last person leaves a courtroom after the round, there should be nothing to indicate that anyone was there. In particular:

- There must be no eating of any kind (including gum, candy, or mints) inside any of the courtrooms by anyone, including spectators or judges. Participants must immediately report any violations to the Faculty Tournament Director.
- Water is the only beverage that may be consumed inside any of the courtrooms. No sodas, no coffee. Water must be in a secure container and any spills must be cleaned up immediately.
- Participants (competitors, spectators, and volunteer judges) must not move anything except the chairs at counsel table and the bench and may not touch anything except the chairs, the surface of the counsel tables and the bench, and the floor. Participants must not move or touch podiums, computers or other electronic equipment (including microphones), papers or other documents that may be in the courtroom, or easels or exhibits. This rule applies regardless of whether any such items are in the way or will make the round more uncomfortable or difficult for the competitors and regardless of anything a volunteer “judge” may say or do to the contrary. If any questions arise, participants must consult the Faculty Tournament Director.
- The chairs at counsel table must be reset precisely as they were before a team exits the courtroom.

Strict adherence to all of these Rules is essential. Things that may seem small to us—such as a failure to return all chairs at counsel table to their original positions before leaving the courtroom—are rarely viewed that way by the people who work in these courtrooms and will arrive on Monday with the expectation that things will be exactly as they left them on Friday. And, at the end of the day, their opinions are the only ones that matter in terms of our ability to use the courthouse.

The next page contains a form that must be completed by each team’s captain and by a coach for any team that has one. No team will be permitted to compete until we have received its form.

# Acceptance of Responsibility

## (All teams must complete)

I am the captain/coach of the team indicated below.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the "Rules for Use of the Courthouse."

I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to ask questions if I believe that anything is unclear and always to err on the side of caution.

I acknowledge that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that all of the participants in any round in which my team competes comply with these Rules. I understand that this obligation applies not only to myself and the student members on my team, but also includes the members of the teams against which we will be competing, spectators (whether affiliated with my team or not), volunteer judges, and coaches.

I understand that I must immediately report any violations of those Rules to the Faculty Tournament Director and that failure to do so will be deemed a violation of those Rules.

I understand that the tournament hosts will be taking photographs of the courtrooms before the tournament and will be checking the courtrooms throughout the weekend to ensure strict compliance with those Rules.

I understand that failure to comply with any of these obligations will result in sanctions to be determined in the sole discretion of the the Faculty Tournament Director. I understand that those sanctions may include, but are not limited to, being required to pay for any cleaning expenses. I also understand that any violations may jeopardize my program's future ability to attend this tournament or other tournaments.

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Coach Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X

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Captain Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

## RESERVATIONS

### Phoenix Park

520 North Capitol Street  
Washington, DC  
Phone: 202-638-6900

[www.phoenixparkhotel.com](http://www.phoenixparkhotel.com)

Single / Double: \$89  
Triple / Quad: \$129

RATES VALID UNTIL: Oct 12, 2012

Reservations: "Virginia Mock Trial"  
Group code #: 17023

Amenities  
Breakfast: Not included  
Wi-Fi: Included  
Parking: \$40 at the hotel

### Washington Suites

Washington Suites Alexandria  
100 South Reynolds Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Phone: 703-370-9600 x 7257  
Fax: 703-370-7238

<http://www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com/>

Double / Studio: \$115  
1 Bdrm. Suite (5 ppl): \$125

RATES VALID UNTIL: Oct 2, 2012

Group Name: Virginia Mock Trial

Amenities  
Breakfast: Included  
Wi-Fi: Included  
Parking: Free on-site

### Crowne Plaza Nat. Airport

1480 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, V.A. 22202  
Phone: 843-760-5839

[www.crowneplaza.com/Arlington-Airport](http://www.crowneplaza.com/Arlington-Airport)

Single / Double: \$99  
Triple / Quad: \$99

RATES VALID UNTIL: Oct 3, 2012

Reservations:  
[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=9951303](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9951303)

Amenities  
Breakfast: Not included  
Wi-Fi: Included  
Parking: \$19 on site

### The Liaison

415 New Jersey Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: 202-638-1616  
[www.affinia.com/liaison/](http://www.affinia.com/liaison/)

Group Name: GAMTI

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### Washington Suites

The Washington Suites building was previously an apartment complex, and it shows in the size of the rooms. All suites feature a kitchen and separate living rooms from the sleeping areas.

The group rate is not available on their website, so please make reservations by phone or fax. Be sure to mention GAMTI to secure the group rate. If submitting your request by fax, please use the form at the back of this packet.

### Washington Court

The Washington Court Hotel boasts a newly renovated complex as well as a view of the Capitol Building. The hotel is located close to Union Station, as well as to the National Mall. A fitness center and business center are also available to guests.

For parking, Union Station's public lot is a great option.

### Washington Court

225 New Jersey Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: 202-628-2100

[www.washingtoncourthotel.com](http://www.washingtoncourthotel.com)

Single / Double: \$119  
Triple / Quad: \$129

RATES VALID UNTIL: Oct 5, 2012

Group Name: Virginia Mock Trial VAMT

Amenities  
Breakfast: Not included  
Wi-Fi: Not included  
Parking: \$43 on site (valet only)

Single / Double: \$139  
Triple / Quad: \$169

RATES VALID UNTIL:  
Oct 5, 2012

Amenities  
Breakfast: Not included  
Wi-Fi: Not included  
Parking: \$45 on site

### The Phoenix Park

The affordable Irish-themed hotel is located on Capitol Hill, just steps from scores of restaurants.

The rooms are more cozy than spacious, but the location is very convenient. The Phoenix Park hotel is .8 miles from Prettyman Courthouse, the restaurants of Union Station, and numerous area restaurants.

A nearby parking alternative is Union Station:  
<http://www.unionstationdc.com/parking>

### Crowne Plaza National Airport

The Crowne Plaza Hotel has newly renovated rooms throughout the facility. In addition, its proximity to the Reagan National Airport makes it a great choice for those teams coming in by air. A full-service restaurant is open to guests in the lobby.

The hotel even provides to guests a free shuttle service to the airport, and is close to public transportation into the city.

### The Liaison

The Liaison is mere blocks from the Prettyman Courthouse, with several coffee shop and restaurant options also within walking distance.

Rooms are all newly renovated, and a fitness center and business center are available to guests. In addition to hourly wi-fi rate access in the rooms, free wi-fi is available in the lounge.



**WASHINGTON SUITES**  
**ALEXANDRIA**

*Reservation Request Form*

**100 S. Reynolds Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 Phone: 703-370-9600 Toll Free: 1-877-736-2500**

**Fax: 703-370-1434 Email: [Reservations@wsava.com](mailto:Reservations@wsava.com) Website: [www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com](http://www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com)**

**Reservation Request form Fax to:**

**703-370-7238**

**Reservation Request form Email to: [Reservations@washingtonsuitesalex.com](mailto:Reservations@washingtonsuitesalex.com)**

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Department	
Phone	
Fax	
Billing address	
Credit card name	
Credit card number*	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Group Name	GAMTI: Mock Trial Group
Arrival Date	
Departure Date	
Number of Travelers in Party	
Smoking Preference (Smoking or Non Smoking)	

*\*All group reservations can be guaranteed for late arrival by a credit card and are subject to 72 hour cancellation policy.*

*When calling the hotel please ask for "in house reservations". If you prefer to e-mail your reservation request, please fill out this form and e-mail to [Reservations@wsava.com](mailto:Reservations@wsava.com). You can also fax this form to 703-370-1434. A confirmation letter will be e-mailed to you the next business day of receiving your e-mail.*

**Thank you for choosing the Washington Suites Alexandria!  
We wish you a nice trip and a pleasant stay at our hotel.**