

Independent Study Contract for Competitions



OFFICE OF
THE REGISTRAR

Student Information

Name _____ Date _____

AU ID Number _____ Email _____

Registration Information

Course: LAW-799C-

Academic Year _____

Semester:

Graduating? Yes No

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

Nature of this project:

Please indicate the name of the competition:

Please check the amount of credits for your Independent Study:

	Credit(s)	Hours to Log
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	42.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	85

Brief description and master timetable of the competition:



Every independent study contract for a competition must be signed by the Associate Director of Student Competitions in the Trial Advocacy Program, [Stephanie Johnson \(C109\)](#). JD students may register for no more than 12 hours of non-contact credits, including but not limited to, independent study, during their law school careers. LLM students are limited to 6 hours of non-contact credits. Some state bars may have stricter limitations.

I understand that I must comply with the academic regulations and Honor Code set forth by American University Washington College of Law.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Approval of Contract

The student will be registered in _____ which does / does not require a written product. Students must submit the hours log and satisfy all other competition requirements in order to earn credit.

Faculty Sponsor: _____
(Print Name)

Faculty Sponsor: _____ Date: _____
(Sign Name)

Trial Advocacy Program Sponsor: _____ Date: _____
(Print and Sign Name)



INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT - COMPETITION

This contract must be completed by you and approved by your faculty advisor, and signed by the Associate Director of Student Competitions in the Trial Advocacy Program, [Stephanie Johnson](#) (C109). Please deliver the completed contract to the Office of the Registrar to complete registration, either electronically to registrationservices@wcl.american.edu or by hand to the Office of the Registrar (Suite C107). The course number for an independent study competition contract is **LAW-799C**.

Approval Procedure

1. Student completes independent study contract.
2. Student secures faculty advisor.
3. Faculty advisor and student determine:
 - a. Nature and outline of project;
 - b. Schedule for completion; and
 - c. Number of credits.
4. Student obtains faculty advisor's signature on independent study competition contract.
5. Student prepares a brief description of the work and attaches it to this contract.
6. **All independent study contracts for competitions must be signed by the Associate Director of Student Competitions in the Trial Advocacy Program, [Stephanie Johnson](#) (C109).**
7. Once approved by all parties, the student delivers the completed contract to the Office of the Registrar, either electronically to registrationservices@wcl.american.edu or by hand to the Office of the Registrar (Suite C107). The Office of the Registrar will add the credit(s) to the student's schedule within three business days.
8. Students must meet all academic requirements set out by their faculty advisor and the law school, including that students must submit an hours log accounting for all time spent on the independent study competition. Students must work and log at least 42.5 hours per credit hour in order to receive credit, and must log all hours, even if the total hours worked exceeds 42.5 hours.
9. Students must submit their independent study work and the hours log to their faculty advisor for grading before the end of the exam period for the current semester, or earlier as directed by their faculty advisor. Requests for extension beyond the current semester must be approved by the Faculty Advisor and the Office of the Registrar, and will result in an incomplete for the current semester. Any credits that are not completed by the end of the following semester will automatically be converted to a failing grade.
10. Independent studies for participating in competitions are graded on a pass/fail basis.