

Supreme Court Program Logistics

Welcome to Penn Model Congress and to the Supreme Court Program! We are very excited to have you as part of this exciting and challenging program. We hope that you have had a chance to review thoroughly the case materials sent out previously, as your circumspect pre-conference preparation will be crucial to an informative and intellectually stimulating Supreme Court Program. Below is the operative schedule for the Supreme Court Program; **this is the only place that you find a schedule for the Supreme Court.** There is not a Supreme Court schedule in your bill book. It is imperative that you know which roles you will be playing during the sessions. **Please carefully review the section entitled “Roles.”** Following the schedule and roles sections is a brief description of the mechanics of the Supreme Court Program sessions. Any questions, please contact the Supreme Court Director, Rachel Levick, at rachel.levick@gmail.com.

Roles:

Using the chart below, determine your role during each session. The team numbers correspond to your team number listed in the chart on the schedule on page 2.

Court Room	Team	Case 1 Role	Case 2 Role	Case 3 Role
A	1	Petitioner	Judge	Respondent
	2	Respondent	Petitioner	Judge
	3	Judge	Respondent	Petitioner
B	4	Petitioner	Judge	Respondent
	5	Respondent	Petitioner	Judge
	6	Judge	Respondent	Petitioner
C	7	Petitioner	Judge	Respondent
	8	Respondent	Petitioner	Judge
	9	Judge	Respondent	Petitioner
D	10	Petitioner	Judge	Respondent
	11	Respondent	Petitioner	Judge
	12	Judge	Respondent	Petitioner

The cases referenced above are:

- **Case 1:** “Everson”: EVERSON (Petitioner) v. BOARD of EDUCATION of the TOWNSHIP of EWING (Respondent), 1947
- **Case 2:** “Kyllo”: Danny Lee KYLLO (Petitioner) v. UNITED STATES (Respondent), 2001
- **Case 3:** Surprise Case, to be announced at the close of Session 1

That is, if your team is assigned “Petitioner: Case 1,” you will argue Everson’s case against the “Respondent: Case 1,” the Board of Education of Ewing Township. If your team is assigned “Justice,” you will adjudicate on the case at hand. As noted clearly, you will fulfill two roles during Session 1: Friday, February 26th, and one role during Session 2: Sunday, February 28th.

Schedule:

Find your name and note your team number below. **Session 1 (Cases 1&2) will take place on Friday, February 26th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, and Session 2 (Case 3) will take place on Sunday, February 28th, from 9:00am to 11:00am.**

Court Room	Team	Name	School
A	1	Alex, Blake Mahler, Austin	Newark Academy
	2	Arias, Anthony Clement, Stephen	East Lyme
	3	Brandt-Sarif, Trevor Newman, Jenny	Shalhevet
B	4	Bruno, Kohler Schindler, Emma	Saint Ann's
	5	DiFazio, Adriana Linero, Carmen	Harrison
	6	Efrosman, Stephanie Levine, Samantha	Great Neck North

Court Room	Team	Name	School
C	7	Garland, Amy Solovay, Sarah	The Brearly School
	8	Kamins, David Rapkin, Lindsay	Hamilton
	9	Keyles, Gavi Lucas, Julian	Montclair
D	10	Langevin, Kali White, Meghan	Goffstown
	11	Levorse, Jack Malinconico, Daniel	New Egypt
	12	Mirzakhali, Lauren Zaback, Justin	Dover

Detailed logistics during sessions:

The sessions will be 3 hours in length. Identical to oral argument on the U.S. Supreme Court, the petitioner and the respondent will be allotted 30 minutes each, inclusive of questioning from the Justices, to present. Upon the completion of oral argument, the petitioner, the respondent, and the PennMC staff member will leave the room for 10 minutes in order to allow the Justice delegates to deliberate and form preliminary opinions. Following the 10 minutes, the PennMC staff member will enter the room for no more than 5 minutes to discuss the outcome of the deliberation, to cast his or her vote, if necessary to determine a majority, and to ensure that the opinions (brief in length) of the Court are prepared. The petitioner and the respondent will reenter the room and the opinions of the Court will be read and discussed lightly for anywhere between 5 and 10 minutes. The Court will break for 5 minutes and, following the recess, will begin the same process again with the second case and the new roles. Roles and procedure for the Sunday, February 28th Session will be determined at the close of Session 1.