# APPLICATION AND TRYOUT PROCESS FOR THE 2020 GILES SUTHERLAND RICH IP MOOT COURT COMPETITION

**DEADLINES**

Applications are due by **5:00 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2019** to the locked dropbox outside of TNH 4.110. Please review the application form carefully. Questions about the application process can be directed to Judy White, [jwhite@law.utexas.edu](mailto:jwhite@law.utexas.edu).

For additional questions or information about this competition, contact the team coach:

Peter McCabe at [pmccabe0922@gmail.com](mailto:pmccabe0922@gmail.com) or 312-909-0958

**TRYOUTS FOR THIS COMPETITION**

Tryouts will be held from November 5 and 7, 2019. If you cannot make it on one of those dates, contact Peter McCabe at [pmccabe0922@gmail.com](mailto:pmccabe0922@gmail.com) or 312-909-0958 to schedule a makeup date/time.

**Schedule**

Tryouts will be held from 2:30–5:30 pm on each of the following dates:

* Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – CCJ 3.336
* Thursday, November 7, 2010 – CCJ 3.336

**Application and Materials**

The material for the tryouts is the problem from the 2018 GSR Competition. The full problem, along with briefs for both appellant and appellee, are available for download here:

<https://law.utexas.edu/advocacy/imccp/current-competitions/interscholastic-tryout-info/2020-gsr-moot-court/>

In preparation for the tryout, you should address only the prior user defense. You may argue for either the appellant or appellee. You should act as if a three-Judge panel of the Federal Circuit is reviewing the case. You do not need to do any further research outside of the attached briefs in preparation for the tryout.

For the tryouts, choose one side and prepare an argument of approximately 5-7 minutes in length. The point of this exercise is simply to demonstrate your advocacy skills. You should not do any outside research or spend significant time on the question.

# University of Texas 2020 Giles Sutherland Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court Student Application

Name

Telephone Number(s) Graduation Year

E-mail

## EXPERIENCE

**COMPETITIONS** (Please list the name of any advocacy competitions in which you have competed, the date of the competitions and your results, if any.)

*Response:*

**COURSES/EXPERIENCE** (Please list any advocacy/appellate/brief writing courses you have taken or are currently taking, and any other academic, employment or other experience you have that may be relevant to the team(s) you would like to join.

*Response:*

**JOURNALS** (Please list any experience you have with law journals or other high-level written work.)

*Response:*

**OTHER** (Please list any other information or experience you would like considered.)

*Response:*

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**WRITING SAMPLE** (Submit a writing sample with your application. Your writing sample can be a memo or brief or any other writing you have substantially prepared. If you have taken a brief writing course, please submit the brief you wrote for the course as your writing sample; if you have not taken a brief writing course, you are welcome to submit any other recent writing sample. Do not include any samples written during a judicial internship if your Judge edited the writing sample in any way.)

**RESUME** (Submit a résumé with your application.)

**OTHER TIME COMMITMENTS** (Please list all major time commitments or travel commitments that might affect your ability to prepare a brief or participate as an oral advocate on a team.)

*Response:*

## ACKNOWLEGDEMENT

**I understand and agree to the following if I am selected to compete on an interscholastic team:**

1. I may not be a member of any other intramural or interscholastic advocacy team with conflicting practice or competition dates/times.
2. I understand that I may be required at times to practice as much as three or more nights a week and on some weekends. I understand that failure to attend practice, chronic tardiness, or chronic lack of preparation for practice may result in my disqualification from the team, which could subject me to sanctions by the Board of Advocates. I understand that voluntary withdrawal from the team will subject me to sanctions by the Board of Advocates, unless the coach releases me from the commitment in writing.
3. I understand that each team’s coach has the discretion to select the members of the team and assign roles within the team, and I agree to accept the coach’s decision.
4. I understand that my role on the team may be that of an alternate and not an advocate, and I am willing to participate fully on the team in that role. I understand that failure to participate fully on the team in the role to which I am assigned will result in my disqualification from the team and may subject me to sanctions by the Board of Advocates.
5. I agree to sign all forms required by UT Law for travel, including an acknowledgement of travel policies, a release and indemnification agreement, proof of health insurance, and a travel release form.

Signature: Date: