Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is such a privilege to lead the New York Law School Moot Court Association (MCA) as the newly elected Chair for 2019–20!

First, on behalf of the MCA, I would like to thank our beloved former MCA Faculty Advisor, Professor Susan Abraham, for her 14 years of dedication and service to the MCA. Professor Abraham recently stepped down as our advisor to pursue other academic endeavors, and MCA will miss her greatly. Although we are sad to see Professor Abraham go, we are very pleased to welcome Adjunct Professor Ann Schofield Baker ’97, who has eagerly stepped into the role of MCA Advisor this past spring. Professor Baker has already begun to develop and implement new strategies to enhance the MCA. We look forward to benefitting from her leadership and guidance.

Our 2018–19 Executive Board did an incredible job this past year; their commitment and dedication helped us successfully execute the Charles W. Froessel Intramural Moot Court Competition and the Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition. Through the Froessl Competition, our former Executive Board selected 20 new MCA members, many of whom are members of the 2019–20 Executive Board. We have created an interesting and thought-provoking fact pattern for the 43rd annual Froessl Competition, which will be held September 27 to 29, 2019. Please save the date!

It has been a pleasure to serve as a member of this tight-knit team over the past two years, and I am incredibly proud of our MCA members for their diligent work and impressive achievements. I am looking forward to providing guidance and leadership to the MCA throughout the 2019–20 academic year. Finally, I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to our graduating MCA members, who will be greatly missed as they move forward on their journeys to becoming hardworking, passionate attorneys.

Sincerely,

Jena Silverman
2019–20 Moot Court Association Chair

Q & A With the New Faculty Advisor

Get to know Adjunct Professor Ann Schofield Baker ’97, the MCA’s new Faculty Advisor, and learn about an exciting initiative she is leading.

What experiences led you to the MCA?

After I after graduated from NYLS in 1997, I spent over 20 years in “Big Law” in Manhattan as a partner specializing in complex commercial and intellectual property litigation. In that role, I trained many litigation associates and junior partners on everything from brief writing skills to effective oral advocacy. I have also served as an adjunct professor at NYLS for many years.

On a personal note, I think that teaching students to be more effective advocates is embedded in my DNA. My dad was a distinguished courtroom attorney who practiced for over 50 years, first as a prosecutor, then as criminal defense attorney. As a kid, he sometimes pulled me out of school to watch one of his heated cross examinations or closing arguments. My mom was a gifted teacher of English Literature who taught me the power of the written word, proper grammar, and how to connect with students. My role at NYLS as a teacher of oral and written advocacy pays homage to their individual strengths.

What are your thoughts on the new role?

I am keenly aware of the exceptional training that the MCA provides to young lawyers and know the value that potential employers place on that training. I’m also very excited to be part of the MCA’s next phase of growth.

What MCA initiatives are underway?

I am pleased to announce that I have developed a pilot program that will pair certain moot court teams with a dedicated, experienced attorney coach. The experienced attorney coach will work with the team’s student coach to intensify practice moots and provide valuable feedback at competitions. Experienced coaches in the pilot program will be hand-selected from exceptional attorneys with a minimum of 10 years of practice experience. They will receive the title of Senior Fellow, NYLS Moot Court Association.

In addition, the Senior Fellows will receive a $1,000 stipend thanks to generous support from MCA alumni Brian Schrader ’98, President and CEO of BLA, one of the country’s top eDiscovery vendors. He has committed to funding the pilot project for two years, and we are truly grateful.

How can alumni get involved in the pilot program?

If you have at least 10 years of practice experience in the New York City area and are interested in applying for a Senior Fellow position, please reach out to me at ann.baker@nyls.edu. Non-alumni coaches are also welcome, so please encourage any exceptional contacts who would be well-suited for this role to apply.

Are there other opportunities for alumni to support the MCA?

Absolutely! I encourage all of you to volunteer to moot our teams as they prepare for competition, and to serve as a judge in the annual Froessl and Wagner competitions. You can earn valuable CLE credit for your time and provide priceless feedback to our students as they hone their skills. Please reach out to me if you would like to be added to our list of active MCA alumni!

Is there anything else you’d like to note?

I am honored to assume the role of Faculty Advisor from Professor Susan Abraham. Professor Abraham guided the MCA with devotion for many years. She has also provided me with valuable advice as I have transitioned into the position. I am truly grateful for her unwavering support, and I look forward to an exciting year ahead!
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It was an honor to serve as the 2018–19 Chair of the New York Law School Moot Court Association! From organizing the annual Charles W. Froessel Intramural Competition in September to putting together the esteemed Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition in March, the MCA worked diligently, and I am proud of all the team has accomplished this past year.

We welcomed 20 new MCA members through the Froessel Competition in September. Throughout the fall, our teams competed with distinction in competitions across the country. During the spring, our teams competed with distinction and placed well in a number of competitions. Our Wagner Competition was outstanding, and the majority of schools who competed expressed great enthusiasm for the fact pattern and how smoothly the competition ran. We also strengthened our internal training and our connection to the MCA alumni network.

Serving as last year’s Chair was a gift and privilege, and I cannot thank the team; the Executive Board; our prior Faculty Advisor, Professor Susan Abraham; and our new Faculty Advisor, Adjunct Professor Ann Schofield Baker ’97 enough for such a fantastic year! There is much to look forward to in 2019–20, and I cannot wait to see what our Executive Board accomplishes!

Sincerely,

Lili Shainis
2018–19 Moot Court Association Chair

## 2018 Fall Competitions

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1. Sit on a Hot Bench:
Volunteer as a judge for the Froessel Competition in the fall or the Wagner Competition in the spring. Watch your email for invitations. CLE credit is available.

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Your gift to the Moot Court Fund helps cover competition expenses, such as fees, travel, and lodging. Donate online at www.nyls.edu/give (under the “Other” designation, specify “Moot Court Fund”), or send a check to New York Law School, Office of Institutional Advancement, 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013.

3. Share Your Skills:
Moot students who are preparing for competitions, and help NYLS continue its impressive record.

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