

CIVIL RIGHTS MOOT COURT **AND** APPELLATE ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Beginning with Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston, the Howard University School of Law has been at the forefront of shaping the strategy of Civil Rights advocates and has provided a space for attorneys to practice civil rights arguments before presenting them at the Supreme Court. In the past few years, Howard University School of Law has mooted the attorneys arguing some of the most important civil rights cases of our generation, including cases related to affirmative action, the death penalty, same sex marriage, fair housing, and transgender rights.

SAMPLE CASES

Fair Housing/Fair Lending

- *Texas Dep't of Hous. & Cmty. Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.* (2015)
- *Jesinoski v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.* (2015)
- *Bank of Am. Corp. v. City of Miami, Fla.* (2017)

LGBTQ+ Rights

- *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015)
- *Whitaker By Whitaker v. Kenosha Unified Sch. Dist. No. 1 Bd. of Educ.* (7th Cir. May 30, 2017)
- *Maseterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* (2018)

Affirmative Action

- *Fisher v. Univ. of Texas at Austin* (2016)

Death Penalty

- *Buck v. Davis* (2017)

UPCOMING CASES

- *R.G. & G.R Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC* (Sept. 19, 2019)
- *Estate of Smart v. The City of Wichita* (Sept. 19, 2019)
- *Kansas v. Garcia* (Oct. 14, 2019)
- *McKinney v. Arizona* (Nov. 25, 2019)



IMPROVES OUTCOMES.

Attorneys who have mooted at Howard have reported that the experience helped them to be “focused, thoughtful and ready to handle an array of questions during arguments at the Supreme Court.”

INCREASES DIVERSITY.

The Civil Rights Moot Institute increases diversity of the Supreme Court and appellate bars by providing hands on experience in appellate advocacy to some of Howard’s most talented law students.

HELPS TO SHAPE CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION STRATEGY.

Howard’s Civil Rights Moot Institute brings together some of the leading minds in Civil Rights advocacy and appellate practice.

MERGES EXPERIENTIAL AND DOCTRINAL EDUCATION.

The Civil Rights Moot Institute gives students unique and invaluable exposure to Supreme Court practice, demonstrating to them the discipline, passion and rigor demanded to prepare and win a Supreme Court Case.



“NAACP LDF’s founder and first Director-Counsel, Thurgood Marshall, regularly prepared for Supreme Court arguments by engaging in rigorous moot court sessions at Howard University Law School. We are proud to continue that tradition to this day -- and the expert feedback and insightful questions that Howard faculty and friends provide, most recently in the Buck v. Davis case, have proven critically helpful in strengthening our arguments.”

Christina Swarns, Litigation Director NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund



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