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The Framers' Plan and History's Response

Mini-Moot Court-*United States v. Lopez (1995)*

Time slot: 2:15-3:45 PM

Mini-Moot Court overview:
Prior to beginning this simulation, you will be given initial background information and facts of the case via a Power Point presentation, followed by a group discussion.

Specifically, this activity involves a mini-moot court simulation where an appellant court will be reviewing the decision of a lower court by re-examine the facts of the case, arguments presented by the attorneys and points of law as determined by questions posed by the justices.

At the conclusion of the court session the Justices will announce their opinion and/or dissent along with their reasoning.

Mini-Moot Court Roles:
Each participant of the institute has been randomly assigned to one of the following roles:
•Attorneys for the petitioner-representation for individual, company, or organization who lost in the lower court.
•Attorneys for the Respondent-representation for individual, company, or organization who won in the lower court.
•Justices-individuals (judges) sitting on the Bench listening to the case.

Mini-Moot Court Instructions:
Upon conclusion of the introductory case background session and review of the simulation protocol you will be dismissed to a specific area where, with the help of the mentors you will begin preparing for your role in the simulation. Please bring your copy of United States v. Lopez Mini-Moot Court Activity developed by ©Street Law, 2019, as a reference. **Time slot: 2:15-3:15**

During this preparatory time, you will discuss the characteristics, duties and organize necessary materials to successfully fulfill your role. Experienced mentors will assist your group to select speaking roles, content and strategy to win.

Mini-Moot Court Protocol: Time slot: 3:20-3:35
•Chief Justice will call the Court to order and announce the case and remind the attorneys they may be interrupted by a Justice posing a question at any time during their presentation.

•Chief Justice will recognize the attorneys for the Petitioner, ask them to step forward to present their initial argument. **3 minutes**

•Chief Justice will recognize the attorneys for the Respondent, ask them to step forward to present their initial argument. **3 minutes**

•Chief Justice will recognize the attorneys for the Petitioner, ask them to step forward to present their rebuttal argument. **2 minutes**

•Chief Justice will recognize the attorneys for the Respondent, ask them to step forward to present their rebuttal argument. **2 minutes**

•The Court will deliberate and hand down their decision

Debrief: Time slot: 3:30-3:45

Assignments:

Attorneys for the Petitioner	**Attorneys for the Respondent**	**Justices**
Mentors and participants	*Mentors and participants*	*Mentors and participants*
Ken Boesch	Marcus McGuinn	Trish Baumgartner
Jennifer Wells	Mark Newton	Crystal Charles
Anthony Senor	Matthew White	Darrin Griffin
Sarah Willis	Melissa Tate	Carrie Homan
Rachel Fuller	Angela Womack	Mike Wersching
Lisa-Wirtz-Hamptom	Brain Craft	Tashyana Dowell
William Willis	Mende Thorn	Ryan Kaden
Kevin Reichardt	Dane Stausing	Kevin Reichardt
Julie Stausing	Denise Crider	Rebecca Rose
Leslie Schnieders	Levi Maxwell	Mike Minter
Chris Vogt	Chris Keller	