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## 2010 HOFFMAN CUP TOURNAMENT WEEK INFORMATION SHEET

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Welcome to the 2010 Hoffman Cup Tournament!

The Hoffman Cup is Sturm's most prestigious trial advocacy crown. The award is named for Sturm's esteemed alumnus, the late, Daniel Hoffman.

The Hoffman Cup is sanctioned by the law school's Trial Advocacy Department (TAD), and is administered by the officers and members of the Moot Court Board (MCB). Twenty-eight (28) teams and five (5) alternate teams will be selected to compete in The Cup. The information detailed below will be useful as you consider the 2010 Hoffman Cup. A list of the important dates regarding this year's Cup is on the backside of this page.

Since one of the purposes of The Cup is for it to serve as an educational experience, teams may receive help and assistance from anyone – attorneys, clerks, parents, siblings...you name it. Additionally, there will be a Hoffman Primer, taught by Professor Schott, on Sunday, October 17 2010, from 1:00 to 4:00, to give examples of introducing evidence and answer any questions.

In previous years, the teams that were permitted to compete in the Cup signed-up based upon a random sign-up process. This process did not reflect a team's quality, experience, or commitment in any manner (and it was a liability due to teams staying up all night and sleeping over). Thus, the Merit Selection System was implemented. Entry applications are due on Friday, October 1, 2010 by 6:00 p.m. to the Moot Court Board. Applications must be accompanied by a bond check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Bond checks and applications should be dropped in locker #146A. Teams will be notified of their selection by Monday, October 4, 2010. If a team selected to compete drops out of the Hoffman Cup after the drop deadline on October 11, 2010 at 6:00pm, or does not complete its tournament round obligations, the team forfeits the entire bond check to the Moot Court Board. Any team not selected to compete will receive their entire bond check back.

**EXEMPTIONS.** There are a few exemptions that are awarded, based upon teams that previously displayed their prowess and achievement. To that end, exemptions will be afforded to any team that advanced to at least the Semifinals in the 2009 Hoffman Cup. One qualifier is, the team must be comprised of the same attorneys as the 2009 team. Additionally, a team that includes the winner of the prior Hoffman Cup Best Orator Award will also receive a selection exemption.

Any questions or appeals about the Cup should be directed to Sarah Stone at [ssone11@law.du.edu](mailto:ssone11@law.du.edu). Any questions submitted by teams about rules and procedures, and any questions of general interest, will be forwarded to all of the competitors. This will keep answers uniform and help you stay informed.

The Board is looking forward to a great Cup this year. Most of all, good luck!