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The Twenty-Fourth Annual August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Products Liability Moot Court Competition

September 13, 2010

Dear Moot Court Competitor:

On behalf of the law firm of **Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, LLP** and the **University of Cincinnati College of Law**, the University of Cincinnati Moot Court Honor Board cordially invites your school to compete in the ***Twenty-Fourth Annual August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Products Liability Moot Court Competition*** to be held March 4-5, 2011 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The ***August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Moot Court Competition*** is the only national competition exclusively devoted to products liability law. The competition honors Mr. August A. Rendigs, Jr. (1895-1988), one of Cincinnati's most respected trial lawyers. This competition is open to thirty teams from ABA-accredited law schools. Registration forms received after all thirty spots have been filled will be placed on a waiting list. We encourage schools to register more than one team, however, the second team will only be able to participate after we have accommodated all of the first teams from others schools.

Each competing team must write one appellate brief and argue both sides of the appeal. All participants must argue at least once during the three preliminary rounds. Based on preliminary round performance, teams will be selected to compete in the quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds.

In addition to the competition, we offer enjoyable social programs and provide a friendly atmosphere to all competitors. Your registration fee covers the costs of meals during scheduled oral arguments, a semi-formal banquet with a keynote speaker, and other social events.

The University of Cincinnati Moot Court Honor Board strives to offer one of the country's best appellate moot court competitions by providing a rewarding, educational, and fun-filled event. We secure the highest caliber of judges to preside over oral arguments. Last year our final round panel featured many distinguished members of the state and federal bench and bar, including:

- Hon. Eugene E. Siler, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Hon. Chief Justice Price, Supreme Court of Missouri
- Hon. Daniel J. Crothers, Supreme Court of North Dakota
- Hon. Stephen J. Markman, Supreme Court of Michigan
- Hon. Marian P. Opala, Supreme Court of Oklahoma
- Hon. Donald L. Corbin, Supreme Court of Arkansas
- Hon. Jim Gunter, Supreme Court of Arkansas

- Hon. Dale Wainright, Supreme Court of Texas
- Hon. Brent Benjamin, West Virginia S. Court of Appeals
- Hon. David Borden, Sepreme Court of Connecticut (retired)
- Hon. Patrick J. Duggan, U.S.D.C. Eastern District MI
- Hon. Denise Page Hood, U.S.D.C. Eastern District MI
- Louis D. Billionis, Dean and Nippert Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law
- Michael D. Eagen, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl
- Paul McCartney, Partner, Rendigs, Fry, Kiely, & Dennis

The bench for this year's competition promises to be equally distinguished.

The *Twenty-Fourth Annual August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Products Liability Moot Court Competition* registration fee is **\$500 per team** if postmarked by the registration deadline of Friday, November 19, 2010. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed for all registrations received after that deadline. Please make checks payable to the University of Cincinnati Moot Court Honor Board. Applications are not complete until the registrations form and the registration fee are received. Please return the form with payment to our offices at:

University of Cincinnati College of Law
 Moot Court Honor Board
 ATTN: Sean Graves, Rendigs Competition Director
 P.O. Box 210040
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0040

We welcome your participation and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Rendigs Competition Director, Sean Graves, by telephone at (937) 631-0197 or via e-mail at rendigs2011@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
 University of Cincinnati College of Law
 Moot Court Honor Board