



## **Advocacy Club @ Law School - Boot Camp for Law Students - On Zoom**

**Nine x 90-minute Sessions starting Tuesday, January 31,  
from 7:00-8:30 EST**

The Advocacy Club's Boot Camp presents the basic techniques of oral advocacy using experiential 'Learn by Doing'. A mix of plenary sessions to present and demonstrate the techniques and small group breakouts for the participants to practice what we preach.

This program, led by Advocacy Club member lawyers, focuses on the correlation between case analysis and execution (how to think of a case and use that thinking in interviews, examinations and argument). Gather the information, figure out what you want to accomplish, then get it done. These sessions improve the performance of students in all their courses.

Why sign up?

- Learn the methods of case analysis that apply to all areas of law.
- Practice advocacy techniques with feedback in a risk-free setting.

- Establish a network of like-minded students and lawyers.
- Learn a comprehensive approach to advocacy.
- Get a strategic advantage over your non-member peers.
- Gain access to the Advocacy Club as a full member.
- The Boot Camp will take place over two months, with homework (reading, podcasts, exercises).
- For more information and to reserve your space, contact Advocacy Club founder and senior litigator (ret'd), [John Hollander here](#).
- Cost: None.

The Fall 2022 AC@LS included nine 1Ls from uOttawa Common Law. Some - not all - participated in the prestigious, competitive Nelligan Moot Court Competition. Of these, three made the semi-finals, two made the finals, and one won outright! One of last year's winners, now a 2L, took part in this AC@LS, too. Makes one wonder about cause and effect.

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***Read what the Fall 2022 class had to say:***

I am sending a big thank you to you for this 'course'. My moot partner and I made it to the semi-finals at the Nelligan Moot Court Competition for 1Ls, and the judges from our final round made a point of finding us and letting us know that they were advocating for us to go to the final. They were precise in the feedback that our summaries before and after arguments were very well done and allowed the judges to follow our arguments clearly. This came DIRECTLY out of your handbook!

By enrolling in Advocacy Club @ Law School early in the semester, I was used to dedicating time to a non-graded project, AND it was one of my anchors of joy early on in this law school process. My approach to mooting was the same- from a place of learning and fun- and worked for my partner and me.

These building blocks help give some confidence to the idea that litigation is doable and that it is a field I could see myself in. I just wanted to say thanks for the skills and a “fun” law school project that helped remind me early on why I’m doing this. Because I want to.

*Miranda Minassian, 1L, uOttawa Common Law – Nelligan Semifinalist*

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I just wanted to reach out and thank you for organizing and donating your time to run the advocacy club. Participating in the Advocacy Club Boot Camp @ Law School has been a very informative and worthwhile experience. It allowed me to learn and develop many different techniques and skills about oral advocacy that I have not yet been exposed to in law school.

The structure of the Boot Camp was very conducive to my learning the skills from the show-notes and in plenary, then being able to practice those skills in the breakout rooms. This was a great test to ensure that I was absorbing the material. You, and the other team leads, have been fantastic throughout.

*Brendan Lowry, 3L, Queen's*

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It was such a wonderful few months at the Advocacy Club’s advocacy boot camp. Thank you so much to the great leadership and mentorship from John Hollander, Alana Guy, Alice Mihailescu, Dylan Dilks, Grace Tran, J.D., and Matthew Benson. I enjoyed meeting my team leads and colleagues, learning essential advocacy skills, and honing my public speaking through weekly simulations.

I highly recommend any advocacy enthusiasts like me sign up for future boot camps and events. Or, if you are not sure about advocacy yet, this is a safe space to try it out and have fun!

*Emma Huang, 3L, uOttawa Common Law*