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**DOMENICK L. GABRIELLI  
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THE MOOT COURT BOARD OF ALBANY LAW SCHOOL INVITES YOU  
TO PARTICIPATE IN AND CELEBRATE THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
DOMENICK L. GABRIELLI NATIONAL FAMILY LAW MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN ALBANY, NEW YORK, MARCH 1-2, 2024.





## REGISTRATION AND BRIEFS

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Registration/Postmark Deadline

NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023

Confirm Registration

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Problem Released (online)

JANUARY 17, 2024

Briefs Postmarked

## ORAL ARGUMENTS

MARCH 1, 2024

Preliminary Rounds

MARCH 2, 2024

Octofinal, Quarterfinal,  
Semifinal & Final Rounds

The problem, rules, and additional competition information will be available at the Albany Law School Moot Court website at: [www.albanylaw.edu/mootcourt](http://www.albanylaw.edu/mootcourt).

More details will be included in registration confirmation emails.

## DOMENICK L. GABRIELLI NATIONAL FAMILY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Gabrielli Family Law Competition is a national event open to the first 28 teams to complete the registration materials and submit payment. Teams must consist of two or three competitors who are currently enrolled in law school. The Competition involves both written and oral advocacy skills, which will be judged by prominent members of the local bar, state and federal judges, Albany Law School professors, and members of the Albany Law Moot Court Board.

### BACKGROUND

The Gabrielli Competition was created to honor the late Domenick L. Gabrielli, who served as an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals for ten years. Many other colleges and universities have honored his work and dedication to the profession. Albany Law School's Moot Court Board is especially indebted to Judge Gabrielli because he helped create and promote the Moot Court Program. He has given us all inspiration. We hope this year's Competition will honor his memory and challenge all to test and improve their advocacy skills.

### THE PROBLEM

The problem for this year's Competition will focus on current issues in the field of family law, which lend themselves to challenging oral arguments and competition.

Last year's problem addressed two conflicting petitions from a mother and a father, the two of which have split physical custody between their twin daughters. The issues presented to the New Scotland Court of Appeals were: (1) whether the State of New Scotland, Third Appellate Division, correctly determined that the father failed to show that the relocation to New York (and placement in the father's physical custody) was in the child's best interest and thus properly found that it was in the child's best interest to return to the mother's custody; and (2) whether the State of New Scotland, Third Appellate Division, correctly determined that the mother was the best fit to address the issue of obtaining birth control pills for the child, that it was in the child's best interest to be able to take birth control pills, and that the statutes violate the child's liberty interests.

### HOSPITALITY

Refreshments and light snacks will be available to participants between all rounds of the competition.

All participants are invited to a formal dinner on Friday, March 1, following the preliminary rounds. On Saturday, March 2, a light breakfast upon check-in and lunch will be provided. A reception will be held following the final round.

### AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the Gabrielli champions, finalists, and semi-finalists, as well as the top three individual oral advocates and to the teams with the top three briefs.

