

# Moot Court Bibliography

## Law Library Resources

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This is a short, non-comprehensive compilation of selected materials about Moot Court that are available online and at the UConn Law Library. For further assistance, please contact a reference librarian.

#### Internet Resources

##### *Webcasts/Podcasts:*

- United States Supreme Court:
  - Oyez Project – A “multimedia archive devoted to the Supreme Court of the United States and its work. It aims to be a complete and authoritative source for all audio recorded in the Court since the installation of a recording system in October 1955. Available at: <http://www.oyez.org/>
- U.S. Courts of Appeals (audio only):
  - Fifth Circuit, available at: <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/OralArgumentRecordings.aspx>
  - Seventh Circuit, available at: <http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/fdocs/docs.fwx?dname=arg>
  - Eighth Circuit, available at: <http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/oralargs/oaFrame.html>
  - Ninth Circuit, available at: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/>
- State Appellate Courts:
  - Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, available at: <http://www.suffolk.edu/sjc/>
  - New York Court of Appeals, available at: <http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/crtnews.htm#Cases>
  - New Jersey Supreme Court, available at: <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/webcast/archive.htm>

##### *Moot Court/Briefs:*

- Using Westlaw to Write a Brief. Available at: <http://west.thomson.com/productdetail/1-5795-5/RM157955/productdetail.aspx>
- Using Westlaw for Moot Court. Available Electronically via Westlaw. Available at: <http://west.thomson.com/productdetail/1-5797-5/RM157975/productdetail.aspx>
- Lexis-Nexis Guide for Moot Court. Available electronically via Lexis.
- FindLaw Supreme Court Briefs. Available at: [http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme\\_court/briefs/index.html](http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/briefs/index.html)
- American Bar Association Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases. Available at: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/>

*Blogs:*

- SCOTUS Blog – Supreme Court of the United States Blog. *Available at:* <http://www.scotusblog.com/wp/>
- Mootness: The Moot Court Blog (archives only). *Available at:* <http://mootness.typepad.com/>
- Split Circuit Blog – “A blog dedicated to tracking developments concerning splits among the federal circuit courts.” *Available at:* <http://splitcircuits.blogspot.com/>

*Transcripts:*

- Westlaw Supreme Court Oral Argument Database: SCT-ORALARG (transcripts from 1900 on)
- Lexis Supreme Court Oral Arguments: Legal > Federal Legal – U.S. > Supreme Court cases and Materials > United States Supreme Court Transcripts
- Oral Arguments by Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw LLP: contains transcripts and audio recordings of arguments made before the Supreme Court by the firm’s attorneys. *Available at:* [http://www.appellate.net/sup\\_court/default.asp](http://www.appellate.net/sup_court/default.asp)
- Transcripts and Oral Arguments: A Research Guide on how to obtain transcripts and recordings of arguments before the US Supreme Court. *Available at:* [http://www.supremecourtus.gov/oral\\_arguments/availabilityoforalargumenttranscripts.pdf](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/oral_arguments/availabilityoforalargumenttranscripts.pdf)

**Resources Available at the University of Connecticut School of Law Library**

*Books:*

- University of Connecticut School of Law, Moot Court Handbook (1980) Reserve: KF 281 .C6 U5.
- Ruggero J. Aldisert, *Winning on Appeal: Better Briefs and Oral Argument* (2003) Fifth Floor: KF 9050 .A93 2003.
- Alan Dworsky, *The Little Book on Oral Argument* (1991) Reserve: KF 8870 .D89 1991.
- Judith D. Fischer, *Pleasing the Court: Writing Ethical and Effective Briefs* (2005) Fifth Floor: KF 250 .F58 2005.
- James Gardner, *Legal Argument: The Structure and Language of Effective Appellate Advocacy* (2007) Reserve: KF 8915 .G28 2007.
- Bryan A. Garner, *The Winning Brief: 100 Tips for Persuasive Briefing in Trial and Appellate Courts* (2d ed 2004) Fifth Floor: KF 251 .G27 2004.
- *Handbook of Appellate Advocacy: UCLA Moot Court Honors Program* Fifth (1998) Floor: FK 251 .H36 1998.
- Kenney F. Hegland, *Trial and Practice Skills in a Nutshell* (3d ed. 2002) Fifth Floor: KF 8915 .Z9 H668 1998.

- Alan D. Hornstein, *Appellate Advocacy in a Nutshell* (2d ed. 1998) Reserve: KF 9050 .Z9 H668 1998.
- *Introduction to Advocacy: Research, Writing and Argument* (Heather Leal et. Al. eds., 1996) Fifth Floor: KF 281 .A2 I57 1996.
- Thomas Mauet, *Fundamentals of Trial Techniques* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1992) Fifth Floor: KF 8915 .M38 1992 (2007 edition on Reserve)
- Laurel Oates & Annie Enquist, *Just Briefs* (2008) Fifth Floor: KF251 .O18 2008.
- L. Timothy Perrin, *The Art & Science of Trial Advocacy* (2003) Fifth Floor: KF 8915 .P48 2003.
- Teresa J. Reid Rambo, *Legal Writing by Design: A Guide to Great Briefs and Memos* (2001) Reserve: KF 250 .R36 2001.
- Antonin Scalia & Bryan A. Garner, *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges* (2008). Reserve: KF8870 .S35 2008.
- Steven Stark, *Writing to Win* (1999) Fifth Floor: KF 250 .58 1999.

#### *Selected Articles:*

N.B. – State bar journals are generally available on Westlaw in a separate database. We also maintain most state bar journals in print beginning at KF 200 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. The rest of the articles can be accessed via Hein Online or Westlaw and Lexis.

- On Brief Writing:
  - Christine M. Durham, *Writing a Winning Appellate Brief*, 10 Utah Bar J. 34, (1997). Available electronically via Westlaw.
  - Dwyer, Feldman, McBride, *How to Write, Edit, And Review Persuasive Briefs: Seven Guidelines From One Judge and Two Lawyers*, 31 Seattle U. L. Rev. 417 (2008).
  - Karl Linde, *Appellate Brief Writing - Some (Hopefully) Helpful Hints*, 25 Dec. Wyo. Law 18 (2002). Available electronically via Westlaw.
  - Gerald Lebovits, *Plain English: Eschew Legalise*, 80-DEC. N.Y. St. B.J. 64 (2008).
  - Brian L. Porto, *The Art of Appellate Brief Writing* 29 Vt. B. J. 30 (2003) Available electronically via Westlaw.
  - Harry Pregerson, *The Seven Sins of Appellate Brief Writing and Other Transgressions*, 34 UCLA L. Rev. 431 (1986).
  - Di Mari Ricker, *Winning Moot Court Brief Writers Share the Secrets of Their Linguistic Success*, Student Lawyer, December 1997, at 8. Fifth Floor: KF 288 .S83
  - Sarah E. Ricks & Jane L. Ivstan, *Effective Brief Writing Despite High Volume Practice: Ten Misconceptions That Result in Bad Briefs*, 28 U. Tol. L. Rev. 1113 (2006-07).
- On Oral Argument:
  - Henry Gabriel, *Preparation and Delivery of Oral Arguments in Appellate Courts*, 22 Am. J. Trial Advoc. 571 (1999).
  - Hugh C. Griffen, *Preparing for Oral Argument*, 17-FALL Brief 54 (1987).

- Brian Wice, *Oral Argument in Criminal Cases: 10 Tips for Winning the Moot Court Round*, 69 Tex. B.J. 224 (2006).
- Karen J. Williams, *Help Us Help You: A Fourth Circuit Primer on Effective Appellate Oral Arguments*, 50 S.C. L. Rev. 591 (1999).

*Video (VHS tapes):*

- Advocacy and the Art of Storytelling (NITA 1990) Reserve: KF 8915 .A39 1990.

*Audio (Cassette tapes – player available at Circulation Desk):*

- Connecticut Bar Association, *Appellate Advocacy* (The Association 1992) First Floor: KFC 4155 .A75 A67 1992.
- Connecticut Bar Association, *Successful Appellate Advocacy* (The Association 1997) First Floor: KFC 4155 .A75 S83 1997.

*Other:*

- National Moot Court Board Competition [Briefs] Fifth Floor: KF 281 .A2 N275.

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