



FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT CASE COMPETITION



2026 First-Year Law Student Case Competition Participant Information Form

Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL (KMK Law[®]) in partnership with the University of Cincinnati College of Law, presents the 2026 First-Year Law Student Case Competition.

This program offers students the chance to engage directly with members of the legal community through speakers, networking opportunities, team presentations judged by KMK partners, in-house counsel, and community leaders.

Eligibility/Additional Information

The competition is open to any first-year law student who has encountered educational or economic obstacles, or would benefit from greater exposure to the legal profession.

To register, each team member must individually submit their resume and the attached registration form which, includes a section to list the name of a fellow teammate. Registration must be submitted to Kate Christoff, Director of Legal Talent, at casecomp@kmklaw.com by December 30, 2025. Space is limited.

The Competition will be held on January 16-17, 2026.

About Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL

The law firm of [Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL \(KMK Law[®]\)](http://www.kmklaw.com), based in Cincinnati, Ohio, is a nationally-recognized law firm delivering sophisticated legal solutions to businesses of all sizes—from *Fortune* 500 corporations to start-up companies. While we have primarily built our reputation in the tri-state area, including Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, our unwavering client-first approach has helped us extend our reach to include the entire nation. Founded in 1954, KMK has 140 lawyers and a support staff of approximately 150 employees. Additional information is available at www.kmklaw.com.

About The University of Cincinnati College of Law

[The University of Cincinnati College of Law](http://law.uc.edu), consistently ranked as a Best Value Law School, is pleased to partner with KMK Law to present this Competition - the first of its kind in a law school setting and an emerging model for entry-level talent acquisition. Additional information is available at law.uc.edu.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact Bailee Cline, KMK Law Legal Talent Coordinator at 513.579.6475 or casecomp@kmklaw.com.



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Participant Information

Full Name:

First

M.I. Last

Phone:

Email:

Education

Law School:

*Full time or
part time?*

*Expected Graduation
Year*

Team Member (Teams of Two Required for Registration)

Please identify a team member from your school. Note: Each team member must submit an individual registration form.

Full Name:

First

Last

Email Address

Required Statement (250-300 words): Why would you benefit from participation in this competition?

University of Cincinnati

Authorization, Release, and Waiver

Reference Number: **N/A**

Project Description: **2026 First-Year Law Student Case Competition**

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