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March 16–19, 2017

The Twenty-Ninth Annual
Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate
Moot Court Competition

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Ruby R. Vale

Ruby R. Vale (1874 – 1961), born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was the son of Joseph Griffith and Sarah Ruby (Eyster) Vale. He was named after his maternal grandmother's family. He received his secondary education at the Dickinson Preparatory School, and he later graduated from Dickinson College in 1896 with bachelor of Philosophy degree. In 1896 he came to Milford, Delaware, to teach and serve as principal of the Milford Classical Academy.

In 1898, Vale left the Academy and returned to Dickinson College to study law. In 1899, he received his Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts degrees. He was admitted to practice in Pennsylvania in 1899, and became associated with the Philadelphia law firm of Alexander and Magill. After Alexander's death, he continued as a partner of Magill. Thereafter, Vale practiced independently for many years in Pennsylvania, specializing in corporation, banking, and insurance law. He was highly regarded by judges and members of the Pennsylvania Bar. Vale was also a prolific writer of scholarly articles and treatises on negotiable instruments, mechanics' liens, and



rules of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. He is perhaps best remembered for his multivolume work titled, *Vale's Pennsylvania Digest*, which for many years was the authoritative source of Pennsylvania law.

Ruby R. Vale married Maria Elizabeth Williams on January 21, 1901, in Milford, Delaware. The couple made their residence in Milford in the Williams family home. After it was destroyed by fire, the Vales paid for construction of a new city hall on the site and donated it to the city of Milford.

The Ruby R. Vale Foundation was formed upon his death. It provides financial support for the Ruby R. Vale Distinguished Scholar Program.

Widener University Delaware Law School Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition Registration Form

March 16 – 19, 2017

Name of Law School (as you would like it to appear in print):

Mailing Address:

Telephone: ()

Fax: ()

Contact Person:

Contact Person E-Mail:

Contact Person Telephone: ()

Registration Fee: \$500 (1 team) \$1,000 (2 teams)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Second team registration will be refunded if not accepted.)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28, 2016, OR FIRST 24 TEAMS TO REGISTER

Please make all checks or money orders payable to:

WIDENER UNIVERSITY

Registration material should be submitted to:

Moot Court Honor Society
Widener University Delaware Law School
c/o Rosemary Callahan
4601 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803-0406

Please direct all questions to **Veronica Vizzard** at (484) 343-0688

E-mail: vavizzard@mail.widener.edu

REGISTRATION FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECOND TEAM REGISTRATION FEE, IF SPACE DOES NOT PERMIT PARTICIPATION.

Competition Schedule

Registration Deadline	October 28, 2016
Problem Distribution	January 11, 2017
Briefs Due	February 3, 2017

Oral Arguments

(Times subject to change)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

Check-in	4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Competitors Meeting	5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
First Preliminary Rounds	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

Second Preliminary Rounds	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Third Preliminary Rounds	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Distinguished Scholar Lecture	4:00 p.m.
Banquet	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

Quarter-Final Rounds	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Rounds	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

Final Round	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony	Following Final Round

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition

Widener University Delaware Law School Moot Court Honor Society invites you to participate in the twenty-ninth annual Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition held on March 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2017, in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Corporate Competition introduces participants to the cutting edge of corporate law. As Delaware's only law school, Delaware Law School is in a unique position to draw on the resources and experience of the distinguished Delaware corporate legal community. The decisions of the Delaware Supreme Court are considered preeminent and are adopted by many states around the country.

An integral part of the competition is the Distinguished Scholar Lecture. The 2017 Distinguished Scholar Lecture speaker is Professor Sean J. Griffith. Professor Griffith is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and received his law degree magna cum laude from the Harvard Law School. Currently, Professor Griffith teaches at Fordham University School of Law and serves as the T.J. Maloney Chair in Business Law. In addition, he is the Director of the Fordham Corporate Law Center. His expertise includes both corporate and securities law, which stems from his time in private practice at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York and more recently his experience as a shareholder advocate objecting to settlements of merger class actions, both in Delaware and elsewhere.

For the past 27 years, competitors from prestigious law schools throughout the country have participated in Vale. In March 2016, 18 teams from 17 law schools participated in our competition. The competition gives law students the opportunity to address current corporate legal issues with members of the Delaware judiciary and Delaware corporate legal community.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Veronica Vizzard
Vice President, Moot Court Honor Society
Chairperson, Ruby R. Vale Corporate Competition

Description of the Competition

The Corporate Competition is an interscholastic appellate moot court competition sponsored by the Moot Court Honor Society of Delaware Law School. Attorneys and judges from the bench and bar of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey judge each round of the competition. The problem will contain at least two corporate issues of current legal relevance. The competition is open to the first 24 teams to register. Each school may enter one team and also place a second team on the wait list. The second team will remain on the wait list until October 28, 2016. At that time, if space is available, the second team will be admitted. A team may consist of two or three members.

Accommodations

For competitors' convenience, the DoubleTree Hotel reserved blocks of rooms at a discounted rate at the DoubleTree Wilmington, located within walking distance of the campus. The link for rooms is listed below and can also be found on Delaware Law's Moot Court webpage.

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/I/ILGCPDT-WVC-20170315/index.jhtml>

Banquet

All participants are invited to join us at the Double Tree Hotel on Friday, March 17, 2017, for the competition banquet. The registration fee includes banquet admission for 3 people. A \$60.00 fee for each additional attendee shall be sent in by February 24, 2017. Please make checks or money orders payable to Widener University.

Awards

Recognition awards will be presented to the two finalist teams, the Donald E. Pease Best Corporate Brief Award winners, and the Best Oral Advocate Award winner.

The Supreme Court of Delaware



Justices of the Supreme Court of Delaware have participated as final round judges in past Vale competitions. Pictured: Justice James T. Vaughn, Jr., Justice Randy J. Holland, Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr., Justice Karen L. Valihura and Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr.

2016 Corporate Competition Winners

WINNERS

Susan Restrepo, Patrick Schlembach
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

FINALISTS

Lauren DiBiase, Micah Dickie, David Anderson
Mercer Law School

BEST BRIEF

Kyle Thelen, Alex Ackerman, Sam Casson
Marquette Law School

BEST ORAL ADVOCATE

Susan Restrepo
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law