Mediation

- What is Mediation?
  - For those students who want to engage in oral advocacy but are less interested in the competitive adversarial side, participation on the Mediation Team is a great opportunity. During this process, students are exposed to a simulated case and are then seated with the opposing party to come to a peaceful resolution of their differences.
  - As Advocate, students learn client management skills while negotiating for the interests of their client. As Mediator, students will learn to moderate the meeting of adversarial parties while proposing workable solutions designed to lead to the successful meeting of the minds of parties.
  - Mediation teaches necessary skills that will be useful no matter what career goals you may have. Students are recruited in the fall to participate in various invitational tournaments as well as the National Tournament at Brenau in Gainesville, Georgia.

- History of UTA Mediation
  - The University of Texas at Arlington Pre-Law Center entered the world of Undergraduate and International Mediation for the first time in 2016.
  - University of Texas at Arlington was privileged to host the International Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament in 2016. At this competition, students from all across the country vie for the title of All American Mediator.
  - At the 2016 International Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament, UTA was named the Best New Mediation Program in the country.

- How Can I Participate?
  - Participation in this tournament is open to all classes. Students interested in participating on next year’s Mediation team should email amber.white@uta.edu.

- Mediation FAQs
  - How do mediation competitions work?
    - Teams are composed of three students, each having the responsibility of taking on multiple roles during a tournament: Mediator, Advocate or Client. In competition, there are three preliminary rounds where students will rotate playing one of the designated roles. In semi-final and final rounds, students will have the opportunity of choosing which role they would like to fulfill.
How is mediation judged?

- Mediators are evaluated on the ability to get the parties to come to a peaceful resolution as well as their ability to get parties to divulge secret facts that would lead to that end. Students must work with a co-mediator (student from another school) to get parties to collaborate and negotiate. Mediators are evaluated against one another.

- Advocates and Clients are evaluated together on their ability to represent their interest while balancing the need for compromise. Each advocate/client is given a secret set of facts that either bolster or hinder their position. How advocates use those facts to advance their client’s position will award points for the team. Advocate/Client teams are evaluated against the other party.

Is there any cost associated with participation?

- Registration and travel costs (if necessary) are covered by the Pre-Law Center. Students must cover the cost of their meals.