

KUNA | ICJ Preparation Calendar

The ICJ Contentious and Advisory Cases are released **30 days prior to the first HS KUNA**. This calendar is not required, it is only a suggestion; however, it has been drafted and revised by ICJ veterans based on their experiences, and all steps are recommended as best practices!

Day 1

- Read: Welcome Letter, Program Guide, Index of Advocate Materials, & Case Assignments.
- Establish contact with your ICJ team to establish regular meeting times on a schedule that works for you. Set deadlines for when the oral argument outline should be completed, when all case material should be read and analyzed, and when all team members should be comfortable presenting the oral arguments.

Day 2

- Individually read & annotate the case at bar using the IRAC method (worksheet in advocate resources). Mark any questions you may have.
- Find a time with your team to discuss important findings and marked questions.
- Outline the main questions the case at bar presents.
- Start a brainstorm of useful facts and evidence for your oral argument outlines that all team members can access. Keep in mind what will be useful to opposing counsel.

Day 3

- Determine which team member is responsible for which piece of the oral argument.
- Keeping this in mind, move forward in analyzing supporting case materials using the IRAC method & any other strategies.
- Consider scheduling a time to meet with an attorney in your area for assistance. Contact jim@kyyymca.org if you need help doing this.

Days 4-7

- Continue analyzing supporting case materials.
- At the end of this time, talk to your team about your findings. Also, discuss the evidence you find especially compelling to include in your Memorials.

Days 8-10

- Read over the sample Memorial (in the advocate resource folder) with your team.
- Regularly meet with your team to draft and revise your Memorials.

Day 11:

- Spend a day brainstorming potential arguments of the opposing counsel and ways your team can address those arguments.
- Brainstorm potential questions the Justices can ask you and ways you can respond.

Days 12-20:

- Refine oral arguments so all team members can deliver an oral argument with ease.
- Schedule a time for mentors or peers to listen to your team's oral arguments.

Day 21:

- Deliver your current (and most likely rough) oral arguments to your mentors or peers. Have one of these individuals read out the logistical pieces of the ICJ Procedure and to keep time.

- When one team member is presenting, have other team members serve the role of Justice and ask questions.
- Use this experience to gauge potential timing and wording issues.
- Debrief after with your team to discuss what worked well and what did not. Use this debrief to propel revisions for your team.
- Edit any piece of your Memorials.

Days 22-25:

- Work as a team to revise and strengthen your previous oral arguments.
- If possible, continue to read the oral arguments out loud to each other.
- Individually practice your oral arguments.

Days 26-29

- Continually deliver your oral arguments to your team and any other outside resources.
- Refine your arguments until you feel completely comfortable delivering them.

Day Thirty:

- Ensure that you have ten copies of your Memorials printed.
- Pack for KUNA
- RELAX! You earned it :)