

2021 Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition (ETAC)

Estrella, LLC and George Washington University Law School proudly announce their 7th edition of the Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition (ETAC) to be held on April 10 & 11, 2021, fully virtual on Zoom.

“The devastation of Hurricane Maria precluded ETAC in 2018 and the pandemic halted it again in 2020. But as we did after the hurricane, we are coming back. Our law firm is committed to helping law students develop their litigation skills in a real courtroom scenario, which now include the ‘virtual courtroom.’ We are excited to announce that this year we have the most diverse group of law schools participating ever: 14 law schools from every time zone in the U.S. and Puerto Rico; 4 schools are new this year and 2 have competed in all seven years; schools are from every tier of the law school rankings,” said Alberto G. Estrella, Managing Member of Estrella, LLC.

ETAC will begin on April 10 with the preliminary rounds and the final rounds on April 11. They will be held via Zoom.

During the competition, students will have the opportunity to present evidence, conduct direct and cross-examinations, and argue their cases before a jury composed of judges. This event allows the students to put their law school training and knowledge to the test, by preparing and presenting a civil torts case before a panel of experienced trial attorneys. At the end of each session, the panel will provide feedback to the students to further the development of their professional careers.

The 14 law schools participating in ETAC this year are:

- *Brooklyn Law School*
- *Chapman University, Fowler School of Law*
- *Emory University School of Law*
- *Fordham University School of Law*

- *George Washington University Law School*
- *Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center*
- *Pace Law School*
- *University at Buffalo School of Law*
- *University of Colorado Law School*
- *University of Florida*
- *University of Michigan*
- *University of Pennsylvania Law School*
- *University of Puerto Rico School of Law*
- *University of Virginia*

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Estrella, LLC is one of the oldest and most respected law firms in Puerto Rico, delivering comprehensive and cost-effective legal strategies to Puerto Rico's highest-profile companies, some of which have relied on the firm's legal assistance for more than 50 years.

For more information on the competition email etac@estrellallc.com.