As director of student life here at University of Wisconsin Law School, it is my honor to invite you to serve as a judge for this year’s Evan A. Evans Moot Court Competition. Being one of only a handful of constitutional law competitions offered throughout the country, Evans is a valuable opportunity for students to develop strong writing and oral advocacy skills by arguing constitutional issues in a case authored by a member of the student-run board.

As you may know, our students initiated this competition to honor the contributions of Judge Evans, a UW Law School graduate who served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

This year’s competition runs from March 13 to March 15, 2015, at the Dane County Courthouse. Judges are needed for the following rounds:

Friday, March 13, 2015

Round 1: 4:30-6 p.m.

Round 2: 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

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The success of this event depends heavily on the caliber of judging we are able to secure, so I hope you will consider lending your time and expertise to the competition this year.

Please email or call me if you are interested in judging any of these rounds. Should you choose to participate, before the competition, we will forward a bench memo detailing the problem. Wisconsin CLE credits are also available for those who judge.

This year’s problem, written by 3Ls Lisa Fishering and Jeff Krug, is based on two legal issues in the criminal arena: the first question is whether a state’s lethal injection protocol creates a substantial risk of harm in violation of the Eighth Amendment’s ban of cruel and unusual punishment. The second question is whether the police use of an individual's real time and historic cell phone location data without a warrant is a violation of the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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