



MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

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THANK YOU STEARNS WEAVER MILLER AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY!

We would like to extend our warmest thank you to both Stearns Weaver Miller and Florida International University for hosting and sponsoring our Stearns Weaver Miller Policy Debate Tournament on January 27, 2024! We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing our impact together.



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PRESS RELEASE

29 JANUARY 2024

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY THROUGH GENEROUS \$10,000 DONATION TO THE MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

Miami, FL - January 29, 2024 - Stearns Weaver Miller, a prominent full-service Florida law firm, has exemplified its dedication to the South Florida community by donating \$10,000 to the Miami-Dade Urban Debate League, serving as the sponsor for the Stearns Weaver Miller Policy Debate Tournament on January 27, 2024. This is their third consecutive annual donation, assisting the League in returning full force post pandemic.

The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League plays a crucial role in empowering and enriching the lives of young individuals by providing them with valuable skills through the art of competitive policy debate. By contributing to the organization, Stearns Weaver Miller is investing in the future of the community, fostering the growth of leaders who may, in turn, give back to the South Florida community.

This generous donation and sponsorship further underscore Stearns Weaver Miller's longstanding dedication to charitable giving and community impact. Over the past four years, the firm has contributed over \$2.5 million to not-for-profit organizations, showcasing its unwavering commitment to creating a positive difference in the community it serves.

Coral Del Mar Lopez, Stearns Weaver Miller attorney and Miami-Dade Urban Debate League Board Member expresses, "Stearns Weaver Miller is so proud of the Miami-Dade Urban Debate League and its continued commitment to students across Miami-Dade."





WELCOME JUSTIN LUGER TO THE MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Justin is a Partner at Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. in Coral Gables where he represents private and governmental entities in South Florida in both state and federal courts. Justin handles complex commercial, business, and municipal/government litigation. A fourth-generation native Miamian, Justin is passionate about helping to grow the Magic City through civic participation.

He served for 3 consecutive years as general counsel to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce – one of the youngest to ever hold the position in the over 100-year history of the Chamber. He was recently recognized by the Daily Business Review as a 2023 “Innovator” for outstanding work in the recovery of over \$1.5 Million from FEMA on behalf of the Village of Pinecrest for amounts expended in post-disaster recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma in 2017. Justin is a graduate of Emory University and the University of Miami School of Law.



Looking for an internship?

We're Hiring

Open Positions

- ✓ Junior Debate Instructor
- ✓ Marketing/Communications Intern
- ✓ Community Outreach Intern

Apply according to your interests and skills!

Deadline: March 31, 2024

Apply today at
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TENTATIVE 2024-2025 SY CALENDAR

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Tournament	Date
Summer Debate Institute	July 30–August 1, 2024
Tournament 1	September 14, 2024
Tournament 2	October 19, 2024
Tournament 3	November 16, 2024
Tournament 4	December 14, 2024
Tournament 5	January 25, 2025
Tournament 6: Nationals Qualifiers	February 22, 2025
CD3	TBA
High School Nationals	TBA
Middle School Nationals	TBA

Locations TBA



Announcements

Nationals Qualifiers

We are excited to see you at our Nationals Qualifiers on February 24 ,2024 at Florida International University. Don't miss out on your opportunity to represent our league on the national stage!

High School Nationals

- Location: Chicago, IL
- Dates: April 12-14, 2024
- Eligibility:
 - Your school must have attended at least 3 tournaments this season
 - All teams can still qualify as there are three tournaments remaining.

Middle School Nationals

- Location: Virtual
- Dates: May 4-6, 2024
- Eligibility:
 - Your school must have attended at least 3 tournaments this season
 - All teams can still qualify as there are three tournaments remaining.

League Practice

Be sure to attend our next League wide Practice on February 13 , 2024

5:30 - 6:30 PM EST. Be there!

Register on our website at www.miamiudl.org/events



Donate

Refer to the following donation tiers to view the impact of your contribution:

\$100-\$10,000

"Friend of MDUDL"

- Provides support for up to 40 debaters

Donors receive:

- A feature on various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$10,000-\$20,000

"Bronze Donor"

- Covers the costs of a full-day tournament for 200 debaters

Donors receive:

- Recognition as a **co-sponsor** of a tournament
- Features on various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$20,000-\$40,000

"Silver Donor"

- Covers the transportation and management costs of 2 full-day tournaments for 200 debaters

Donors receive:

- Recognition as the **name** and **sole sponsor** of a tournament
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$40,000-\$50,000

"Gold Donor"

- Sponsors a scholarship for a debater's collegiate education
- Supports the programming of local debate coaches

Donors receive:

- Recognition as the **scholarship's namesake**
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

ABOVE \$50,000

"Platinum Donor"

- Sponsors the MDUDL Summer Institute
- Provides a scholarship for a debate student's collegiate education

Donors receive:

- The **League Philanthropy Award**
- Recognition as the **sponsor** of the MDUDL Summer Institute and the **scholarship namesake**
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

