



MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE BILZIN SUMBERG POLICY DEBATE TOURNAMENT SEASON OPENER

Logistics:

- Saturday, October 11, 2025
- FIU - Modesto Campus, Graham Center Room 140
- 1200 SW 8th Street Miami, Florida 33199
- Arrival Time: 7:00 AM sharp

Please report directly to the Graham Center, Room 140. Late arrivals will result in a forfeited round.

Students and parents, please reach out to your coach directly for any questions.



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Bilzin Sumberg

BILZIN SUMBERG DONATES \$10,000 TO SPONSOR MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE'S OCTOBER 11TH TOURNAMENT AT FIU

Miami, FL – October 3, 2025 – The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) is proud to announce Bilzin Sumberg's \$10,000 donation in support of its upcoming Policy Debate Tournament, taking place Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Florida International University – Modesto Campus.

The invitational will bring together both middle school and high school debaters from across Miami-Dade to compete in three rounds of policy debate. This event includes Novice and Varsity divisions, giving new and experienced debaters alike the chance to test their skills on the national policy debate resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

"Supporting the Miami-Dade Urban Debate League is more than community engagement—it's an investment in the future talent pipeline," said Adrian Felix of Bilzin Sumberg.

Kalyn Lee, Program Director of MDUDL, added: "We are so happy that this partnership with Bilzin Sumberg is continuing. Their support helps ensure more students across Miami-Dade have the opportunity to build confidence, think critically, and lead with purpose."

About Miami-Dade Urban Debate League

The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) empowers students through academic debate, helping them develop research, communication, and leadership skills that prepare them for college, careers, and civic life.

About Bilzin Sumberg

Bilzin Sumberg is a Miami-based commercial law firm with a deep commitment to serving the South Florida community. In addition to providing strategic counsel across real estate, corporate, finance, restructuring, litigation, and tax, the firm actively invests in programs that expand educational and economic opportunities. Bilzin Sumberg's long-standing partnerships with local organizations reflect its belief in cultivating the next generation of leaders and strengthening the communities where its team members live and work.

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By **Teresa Estefan** - September 30, 2025

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Talk Fast, Think Faster: Why Debate Is a Game Changer for Our Miami Youth

For legal professionals, supporting student debate is not charity. Rather, it is an investment in the next generation of advocates, thinkers, activists and change-makers.

4 minute read | September 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM By **Brianna Sainte**



Brianna Sainte of Shubin Law Group. Courtesy photo

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Thank you to the Shubin Law Group for sponsoring the Shubin Law Group Policy Debate Tournament on September 13, 2025. We are grateful for your continued support!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM
SWEEPSTAKES!

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MDUDL Student Information

Calling all MDUDL debaters!

Please be sure to complete your League Registration Form before the Tournament 2! You will need a parent to help you!

Link:

<https://naudl.tfaforms.net/403145>

Tournament 2 Argument Limits

Middle School:

- On-Case Aff, On Case Neg
- DA - Russia

High School Novice:

- On-Case Aff, On Case Neg
- DA - Russia

High School Varsity:

- Open



COACHES CORNER

Tournament 2 Reminders

- Arrival is at 7:00 AM ET, Round 1 begins at 7:30 AM ET.
- Final entries and drops must be made by Wednesday, October 8, 2025 by 12:00 AM ET - no exceptions.
- All students must have a copy of their FIU forms (emailed to coaches) physically printed and brought the tournament to participate.

Debate en Español

- DEE Tournament 1 - November 15, 2025
- DEE Tournament 2 - January 2026
- DEE Tournament 3 - March 2026
- National Tournament - April 10-13, 2026 at Harvard University (Nacional division) Qualification required

This format is open to both middle school and high school teams. All tournaments this year will be held virtually.



Save The Date

INAUGURAL AWARDS GALA

Miami-Dade Urban Debate League

We are thrilled to invite you to our Inaugural Awards Celebration 2026, a special evening dedicated to recognizing the outstanding achievements, unwavering commitment, and exceptional spirit that has driven our success throughout the year.



Saturday
May 2, 2026



Time
6:00 PM

BRIZA ON THE BAY, MIAMI FL
1717 N BAYSHORE DR, MIAMI, FL 33132



For sponsorship opportunities,
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2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

4-6 AUG	MONDAY- WEDNESDAY	13 SEP	SATURDAY	11 OCT	SATURDAY
Location: University of Miami Arrival: 7:00 AM		Location: MDC-North Arrival: 7:00 AM		Location: FIU - Modesto Arrival: 7:00 AM	
15 NOV	SATURDAY	13 DEC	SATURDAY	10 JAN	SATURDAY
Location: MDC- Hialeah Arrival: 7:00 AM		Location: Barry University Arrival: 7:00 AM		Location: MDC North Arrival: 7:00 AM	
28 FEB	SATURDAY	28-29 MAR	SATURDAY- SUNDAY	10-14 APR	FRIDAY- MONDAY
Location: MDC Kendall Arrival: 7:00 AM		Location: Middle School Nationals Virtual Arrival: N/A		Location: High School Nationals Harvard University Arrival: N/A	



2025–2026 SY CALENDAR

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APR

SATURDAY

CD3 - High School Only

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
U.S. Courthouse

Arrival: TBA

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MAY

SATURDAY

Inaugural Award Gala

Briza on the Bay

Arrival: 6:00 PM

