

# Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions' Waiver

*Each team member must sign a waiver*

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Re: PARTICIPATION IN THE NOTRE DAME BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITIONS'  
*(includes the McCloskey and Social Competitions)*

I am pleased to participate in the Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions' (the "Competitions"), the purpose of which is to choose the best business plan prepared by members of the Notre Dame Community and to foster entrepreneurial activities at Notre Dame. My team and I are submitting an entry according to the Competitions' rules and regulations, which I have read completely and fully understand. I understand that in order for my team to be eligible for these competitions, all team members individually must execute letters such as this.

In the course of participation in the Competitions, my team will submit an entry (the "Entry") for evaluation. The Entry includes a business overview and could include a full business plan and oral presentation if my team is selected to advance to further rounds of the Competitions. This Entry will contain the ideas, inventions, and concepts (collectively "Ideas") of my team and myself. While the Competition judges and others associated with the Competitions will take reasonable steps to maintain the Entry and Ideas in confidence, I acknowledge the possibility and effect of possible disclosure of the Entry and any Ideas contained therein. I also acknowledge that the Entry I submit may be reviewed by the University of Notre Dame for its determination of whether it maintains any interest in the Ideas. I understand that the Gigot Center may use my Entry, as well as photographs or videos taken during the competitions for educational purposes as specified in the competition rules.

I understand that judges and mentors for the Competitions (collectively "judges") will be acting in a private capacity and are not considered agents of the University of Notre Dame du Lac. Judges' opinions and evaluations in the Competitions will be final. I agree that neither I, nor anyone on my team's behalf, will contact or otherwise try to influence judges or anyone involved in the administration of the Competitions other than as specified in the Competitions' rules and regulations. I realize that any such contact or attempt to influence may result in disqualification from the Competitions. I also understand that if my team is selected for the finals, I am responsible for covering my own travel and lodging expenses to compete in the finals at Notre Dame. I understand that the Gigot Center may take photographs or video of me during the competition and may copy and distribute these materials for educational or promotional purposes.

I hereby release the individual judges of the Competitions, as well as the University of Notre Dame du Lac, its Trustees, officers, employees, and agents, from liability for any damages or injury arising from the Competitions, including damages from a disclosure of Ideas, and I waive any and all claims against the judges or the University of Notre Dame du Lac, its Trustees, officers, employees, and agents as related to these Competitions.

Very truly yours,

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Signature

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Plan Title

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Name (Please Print or Type)

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Date

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E-mail address

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Phone number