

UW Students Win Honors in Moot Court Competitions

In tournaments around the nation and around the world, UW law students have brought recognition to the Law School in moot court competitions, capturing honors for their skills in oral advocacy and brief-writing:

Following the 2006 debut of a UW Law School team at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, the Law School's East Asian Legal Studies Center sponsored a team to participate in both the 2007 Hong Kong and Vienna Vis competitions in March and April.

The Hong Kong group advanced to the semi-finals, competing against 46 teams from around the world. Team members Kate Sorensen and Leanne Holcomb received honorable mention for the Best Oralist award, and the team placed second in the Best Respondent's Memorandum category.

The Vienna group, competing against 178 teams, advanced to the first elimination round of 32

teams. Second-year student D. Richard Rasmussen received an honorable mention for Best Oralist.

Two second-year students were recognized as outstanding oral advocates at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition at the University of Notre Dame in February. At the prominent international competition, students write and argue a fictional case before the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Michael Klein was named Best Oralist among 64 competitors at the tournament, and David Warning received the Third Place Oralist Award.

At the National BLSA Midwest Regional convention in Chicago, second-year student Jason Wilson of the Law School's Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team was named Best Oral Advocate of the Midwest Region, which includes 48 law schools.

At the Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition

held at the Cardozo School of Law in New York City, second-year UW law student Jennifer Hartung placed second as Best Oralist from among 70 competitors.

At the University of Buffalo Law School Mugal National Tax Moot Court Competition, second-year students Sarah Fowles and Mark Schuman proceeded to the semi-final round and were honored with second place in the Best Brief competition.

Members of the various teams expressed appreciation to fellow students who coached them and to faculty coaches, including Professors Carin Clauss, Ralph Cagle, and Susan Steingass. Participation on one of the Law School's several moot court teams helps students to develop strong writing and oral advocacy skills, intellectual flexibility, the ability to function well under pressure, and the self-confidence necessary to be successful advocates.

LLSA to Host 2007 National Conference

The University of Wisconsin Law School Latina/o Law Student Association has been selected to host the Eleventh Annual National Latina/o Law Student Association Conference in October 2007. This will be the first NLLSA Conference to be held in the Midwest. The event will bring approximately 300 Latina/o law students and attorneys from across the nation to Madison.

"I am very excited for our LLSA Chapter," said LLSA president and NLLSA secretary Claudia Catota.

"Although it will be a lot of hard work, this is a tremendous opportunity for us to work together and to showcase the many things that we do."

The UW Law School was chosen by the NLLSA Executive Board to host the event based on LLSA's detailed proposal that included ideas for an open forum and debate on immigration, community service projects, and suggested topics for workshops and panel discussions.



Anthony Trillo and Claudia Catota, President of the Latina/o Law Student Association, prepare for a LLSA event.

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