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Students hone skills in intramural advocacy tournaments

This fall, Georgia Law continued in its tradition of holding intramural competitions, allowing second- and third-year students to showcase their advocacy skills.

More than 36 students participated in the 2006 J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition, with second-year students Cameron D. Hawkins and Jennifer S. Blakely capturing the title.

Eighteen teams entered the 2006 Talmadge Moot Court Competition. Second-year students Tully T. Blalock and Emily E. Shingler won the final round, and second-year student Naveen Ramachandrappa was named the tournament’s best oralist.

Kellie Casey Monk (J.D.’90), Georgia Law advocacy director, applauded the students for their hard work and emphasized the valuable training opportunities “in-house” tournaments provide students.

Remaining classrooms renovated

Renovations were completed this summer on the six classrooms awaiting updates – classrooms C, D, E, G, H and I. Although these rooms received a technology upgrade including the installation of wireless Internet access and multimedia teaching equipment in 2002, their physical appearance and furnishings remained virtually unchanged until this summer’s construction project.

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In October, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spent three days at Georgia Law, where he lectured in constitutional law and education law classes, met with various student groups, held a question and answer session with the student body and mingled with alumni at a tailgate prior to the Mississippi State football game, which he attended as a guest of UGA President Michael F. Adams.

Justice Clarence Thomas speaks at a lunch with members of the Davenport-Benham Black Law Students Association.

J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition final round participants included: (back, l. to r.) juror Horace Johnnson (J.D.’82); presiding judge Callaway Chair Emeritus Ron Carlson; jurors Steve Jones, Advocacy Director Kellie Casey Monk (J.D.’90), Assistant Professor Erica Hashimoto, Ann Grier (J.D.’84) and Ken Mauldin (J.D.’80); (front, l. to r.) juror David Sweat (J.D.’79); second-year students Alexandra Yeager and Jennifer Blakely; jurors Melvin England (J.D.’56), Harris Hines, Robert Goldsmith (J.D.’80), Associate Dean Paul Kurr and Lisa Godbey Wood (J.D.’90); and second-year students Cameron Hawkins and Chase Sampier.

Participating in the 2006 Talmadge Moot Court Competition were: (l. to r.) second-year students Jennifer Blakely and Naveen Ramachandrappa; tournament judges Assistant Professor Sunja West, J.D. Smith (J.D.’71) and Michael Terry (J.D.’87); and second-year students Tully Blalock and Emily Shingler.

Classroom C as it appears now after renovations. Please note the individual electrical outlets that support laptop use, the multimedia teaching equipment and the new furnishings.