SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL TITLE AT SOUTH TEXAS MOCK TRIAL CHALLENGE

Earlier this year, the law school won the 6th Annual South Texas Mock Trial Challenge, an invitation-only national advocacy tournament. Third-year students Jake Edwards (second from left) and Chris Stokes (left) argued the case, and second-year students Oliver Ladd (right) and Lauren Lutton served as witnesses. Third-year student Andrew Smith served as student coach. In addition to being undefeated throughout the competition, the group was presented with the Outstanding Trial Brief Award, and Stokes was named the Most Professional Advocate.

Second-year students Lauren Crim (right), Ryan Giles (second from right) and Taryn Winston represented the law school in the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition. They advanced to the final four in this national moot court tournament, overcoming teams from Louisiana State University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Akron and Howard University. The team’s student coach was third-year student Matt Rosenthal (second from left).

Third-year students Callen Carroll (center), Andrew Smith (right) and Chris Stokes participated in the Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship during January. This invitation-only competition was for the top 16 moot court programs in the country based on performances from the previous academic year, and the trio finished as semifinalists. Other law school teams qualifying for this prestigious competition were from: Baylor University; Georgetown University; Michigan State University; Southern Methodist University; Stetson University; Texas Tech University; the University of California, Hastings; The Ohio State University and the University of Oklahoma in addition to Chicago-Kent, Florida Coastal and the South Texas College of Law.

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School of Law negotiation teams won top honors in two national competitions during the 2016–17 academic year.

In the Energy Law Negotiation Competition, two law school teams captured both first and second place.

Third-year law students Blake A. McLemore and L. Joe Potente won the national title, and second-year students Ryan J. Mumper and S. Chase Parker were second place winners. The teams competed at the South Texas College of Law against the Southern Methodist University and Tulane University law schools in their final rounds respectively. They were assisted in preparation by law school graduate Reginald R. “Reggie” Smith (J.D.’87), who practices energy law in Houston, and Associate Professor Lisa Milot and Adjunct Professor Daniel J. “Dan” King, who served as guest judges while the teams practiced before the competition.

Notably, this was the first time UGA has participated in this tournament.

Additionally, third-year student Ben Hill and second-year student Steven D. “Steve” Zavodnick and second-year student L. Joe Potente were named national champions at the Transactional LawMeet in New York. A second law school team comprised of third-year students Molly H. Cash and Hannah R. Coleman also competed at the event.

Pursuing a highly competitive position in Washington, D.C., and driven by an environmental law interest, Spencer conveyed a keen sense of purpose and focus to our visitors. As the donors described their inspiration for creating the endowed scholarship – a lifelong mentor who advocated passionately for the environment – Spencer responded with gratitude. He shared his plans for the future and reflected on his law school life.

These donors used their commitment to tell the story of their mentor and friend. And my shy, soft spoken student, who graduated this May, is now forging his own path. This gift has connected these people through what is now a shared story.

We welcome the opportunity to help you explore your philanthropic commitment to the School of Law and to watch with you as your story unfolds.

—Senior Director of Law School Advancement Anne S. Moser