Advocacy teams secure two national championships and other top honors

Georgia Law’s advocacy teams had an outstanding season that included two national titles, two regional championships and domination at the state level, among other prestigious finishes and awards.

**National Moot Court Competition**

Georgia Law placed *second in the nation* out of more than 150 teams from across the country at the 63rd Annual National Moot Court Competition. Representing the law school were: (l. to r.) third-year students Lucas D. Bradley, Michael C. Gretchen and Matthew V.H. Noller. Additionally, Gretchen was named *best oralist* of the competition.

**National First Amendment Competition**

Georgia Law captured the *top trophy* at the 23rd Annual National First Amendment Moot Court Competition, which took place at Vanderbilt Law School in February. Representing Georgia Law were third-year students Mary Beth Martinez (left) and Katie A. Croghan. The duo competed against a field of more than 30 teams from across the country to earn the national title.

**Intrastate Moot Court Competition**

Georgia Law teams swept the Intrastate Moot Court Competition, making this the eighth consecutive year Georgia Law has won this tournament and the 10th its students have authored the best brief. Second-year law students Yasmine S. Antoine, Adam J. Fitzsimmons and Allison L. Hill were named *competition champions*, while second-year law students David B. Dove, Clayton O. “Clay” Knowles and Emily K. Westberry finished second. These teams also won first and second place for the tournament’s *best brief*, respectively, and Knowles was named the competition’s *best overall oralist*.

**Legal Ethics and Professionalism Competition**

It was an all UGA final at the Third Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition, with teams from Georgia Law capturing both *first and second place*. Hosted by Mercer University, this is the second year in a row Georgia Law has won this national competition. Third-year students (l. to r.) Chandler L. Smith and Timothy F.J. “Tim” Dean comprised the winning team, while classmates Nneka A. Egwuatu and Scott F. McAfee finished second. Additionally, McAfee was named the tournament’s *best oralist*.

**ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition**

Second-year law students (l. to r.) Utrophia D. Robinson, Margaret E. “Maggy” Randels and Alexandria E. Seay where recognized for the *best brief in the nation* at the American Bar Association Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition, which is one of the largest and more prestigious moot court tournaments in the country with more than 200 teams routinely competing. The Georgia Law team finished the contest among the *top 16*, after capturing first place at the regional level.

**Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition**

After a one-year hiatus, the Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition returned with a new name and with Georgia Law taking home the *championship trophy* and improving its record in this traditional rivalry between the universities of Georgia and Florida to 20-8-2. Third-year law students John A. Eunice and Jocelyn N. Maner composed the winning team.