The Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program is proud to present our 2020-2021 Newsletter Series: Spotlighting Moot Court Success, and this September edition welcomes our new Tulane Law Moot Court members.
With each Newsletter edition, we will introduce you to our esteemed Alumni in the Alumni Spotlight section.

We will also update you on any recent Moot Court Program accomplishments and highlight our upcoming events. Please help the Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program congratulate the 2020-2021 junior members, senior members, and student coaches. Thank you for your continued support!

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Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program Alumni Spotlight

Honorable Karen K. Herman
Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1994, Cum laude | Trial discipline

After graduating from Tulane Law School, the Honorable Karen K. Herman distinguished herself as a top prosecutor within the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, with over 20 murder convictions and 100 felony trials. During that time, Judge Herman was asked to lecture several times on DNA evidence and began teaching trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Tulane University Law School.

After Hurricane Katrina, Judge Herman was recruited to serve as the Executive Director of Court Watch NOLA, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to transparency and efficiency in the criminal courts. After building Court Watch into a prominent voice in the community, Judge Herman was elected to the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in 2008. While maintaining a full criminal docket, she presides over the sole Orleans Parish Mental Health Court and serves on several judicial committees.

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She is currently the Chief Judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. Judge Herman was the Co-Chairperson of the Louisiana Bar Association Diversity Committee. Additionally, the Metropolitan Crime Commission has repeatedly ranked Judge Herman as first in judicial efficiency.

She has lectured for the Louisiana Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police on ethics, professionalism, and various aspects of criminal procedure and constitutional law. Judge Herman is married to alumnus Steve Herman (L’94).

“I competed in the Junior Trial Moot Court competition my second year in law school. I really loved the energy of the competition and having to think on my feet. That experience really set me on my path towards the District Attorney’s office and going to trial as much as possible. I ultimately tried over 100 jury trials as a prosecutor. The Finals of the competition were held in Federal Court in front of Judge Adrian Guy Duplantier. It was three male students and me, and I came out victorious. It was a very proud moment in my career!”

- Hon. Karen K. Herman

Mr. Steve Herman

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1994, Magna cum laude, Order of the Coif | Trial discipline

Steve Herman practices in New Orleans with Herman, Herman & Katz. The author of America and the Law: Challenges for the 21st Century, Herman teaches an advanced civil procedure course in complex litigation at Tulane University Law School, as well as an advanced torts seminar on class actions at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

A Finalist for Public Justice’s Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2005, he is a past president of the Louisiana Association for Justice and a fellow of both the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Litigation Counsel of America. Herman served for six years as a Lawyer Chair for one of the Louisiana Disciplinary Board Hearing Committees and currently serves on the LSBA’s standing Rules of Professional Conduct Committee. For the past ten years, he has served as Co-Liaison / Co-Lead Class Counsel for Plaintiffs in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Litigation. Steve Herman is married to alumna Judge Karen Herman (L’94).
“For better or worse, I come from a long line of trial lawyers. Both my father and my uncle are on the marble. We were proud, along with my uncle Fred and some of my other law partners, to establish an endowment for the Tulane Moot Court Program, in honor of my grandfather, Harry Herman.” … “The most fun and rewarding aspect, however, was getting to compete as a 3L with my wife.”

- Steve Herman

Tell us your Moot Court story!

Spotlighting Moot Court Success

Let's congratulate our new Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program coaches, competitors, and members across our five disciplines!

Our five disciplines include: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Appellate, Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Mock Trial, and Willem C. Vis International Arbitration (Vis).

The Appellate discipline consists of five teams: International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge John R. Brown Admiralty (JRB), Jeffrey G. Miller Environmental (Pace), Asylum & Refugee (I&A), and The National Moot Court Competition. The BLSA discipline is comprised of three teams: the Constance Baker Motley (CBM) Mock Trial team, the Nelson Mandela International Negotiations team, and the Thurgood Marshall Appellate Moot Court team.
Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program announces a new discipline!

Jayde Encalade, BLSA Chair, shares her perspective and excitement:

"Until 2020, unlike Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program competitors, BLSA competitors did not receive academic credit, an entry on their transcript, or any other acknowledgment of their hard work. But this year, that all changes. BLSA Moot Court will become part of the Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program. This is HUGE news. Even more exciting, most BLSA competitors will still be eligible to be members of a Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program team.

This merger shows the school's commitment to financially supporting future participation in the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) competitions, and its acknowledgment that the work of BLSA competitors is no less than what is done by members of Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program.

If last year was any indication, BLSA Moot Court is a force to be reckoned with. With the resources and support of the Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program, competitors this year will be unstoppable. I can't wait to get to work and see all that BLSA Moot Court accomplishes this year!"

If you have any questions, email Jayde Encalade or blsamootcourt.tulane@gmail.com.

BLSA

Aicha Kyria Aime-Marcelin
Andrea Ewalefo
Antonio Milton
Arielle Sims
AsheLee Singleton
Christopher Williams-Lopez
Courtney Fontaine
Erica Powell
Jayde Encalade
Jelani Watson
Jennifer Siew
Karli Wells
Maya Rex
Michelle Domingue
Tiarra Riggins
Tracey Gant
Ashley Waters
Bailey Boesch
Brennan Spoor
Darcy Samuelsohn
Devon Griger
Diego Villalobos
Holli Packer
Jakob Scheidt
John Tom Mostellar
Julie Schwartzwald
Karli Wells
Katie Ricks
Lucy Dieckhaus
Mary Trimble
Patrick Hogan Crosby
Peter Uli
Peter Vesich
Rachel Archey
Rebecca Alba
Trace Hancock
Zachary Creel

Mock Trial
Mock Trial
Alyssa Shahrestani
Bryn Sarner
Catherine Grimm
Chandler Block
Christopher Nunziato
Christian Dylan Farrow
Erica Powell
Hayden Hawkins
Japreena Kaur
Jared Shurman
Jayde Encalade
Jennifer Siew
Meredith Clement
Noah Blum
Patrick Flanigan
Rosa Acheson
Sam Goodis
Shane Thomas
Sydney Tucker

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Anthony Sabitsky
Chelsea Ryan
Rachel Solino

Competition Spotlight
Eight and counting ... our competition teams are preparing to virtually compete across the country!

All-Star Bracket Challenge Competition team (Mock Trial discipline): October 15-18

The Georgetown Federal White-Collar Crime Invitational team (Mock Trial discipline): October 30- November 1

ABA Negotiations Competition team (ADR discipline): November 30

The National Moot Court Competition team (Appellate discipline): October (regionals) and February (finals)

Mississippi Southern Classic Competition team (Mock Trial discipline): February 11-14

Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition team (Pace) (Appellate discipline): February 17-19

Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition team (BLSA discipline): March 3-7

Constance Baker Motley (CBM) Mock Trial Competition team (BLSA discipline): March 3-7

Nelson Mandela International Negotiations Competition team (BLSA discipline): March 3-7


We need Alumni Coaches for Moot Court!

As we begin our 2020-2021 academic year, we would like to invite you to invest your time in our Program. Any level of time commitment would be appreciated by our disciplines and teams. From a few hours on a single evening as a guest judge to a
weekly role in preparation for a competition as a Practitioner Coach, we value any and all feedback and time! If you are interested in applying to be a Practitioner Coach, please email us below as soon as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to Lucy Dieckhaus at ldieckhaus@tulane.edu or the Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program at lawmootcourt@tulane.edu with any questions. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to meeting each of you!

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