The Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program is proud to present our 2020-2021 Newsletter Series: Spotlighting Moot Court Success. January's edition celebrates our Tulane Law Moot Court Program competition successes and previews future competitions.
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!

Tulane University Law School Moot Court Program Alumni Spotlight

Joseph Trytten
Tulane University Law School, J.D., 2019, *Cum laude*, Order of the Barristers | Appellate Discipline

Trytten grew up in California—just outside Los Angeles. An avid musician, he was drawn to New Orleans for its music history and culture. He attended Tulane University, graduating in 2017. Trytten took advantage of the university's "3+3" program as a senior—meaning that he was accepted to Tulane Law School and began taking first-year classes in his last year of undergraduate. Joe was inducted into the Order of the Barristers for his contributions as a Moot Court coach, competitor, and administrator. He graduated *cum laude* in the top quarter of his class in 2019, and was a research assistant to Professor Sally Brown Richardson. He also served as a competitor and a coach of the Moot Court's appellate competition discipline. He won First Place at the Intraschool Junior Appellate competition, and he was a Finalist in the Intraschool Senior Appellate Competition. As a Finalist, he had the privilege to argue an appellate case in front of a panel of federal judges. Trytten also

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had the distinction of clerking for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Kennedy Space Center Office of the Chief Counsel while he was in law school.

Trytten is now a second-year associate at Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett. He works in the general casualty group, and practices in the areas of insurance defense, maritime litigation, and municipality law.

“The best part of being on a Moot Court team is the sense of teamwork and camaraderie. Most of law school is a solitary endeavor. You study by yourself; you take exams by yourself; you rely on your own understanding of the material. But Moot Court offers a chance to be a part of team ... More than any other activity in law school, Moot Court is an opportunity to build a team and strive together towards a collective goal.”

- Joseph Trytten (L’19)
BLSA Appellate Team heads to nationals

Twice in as many years, Tulane’s Black Law Student Association Moot Court team has gone on to compete in the nationals.

During the weekend of Jan. 22, the Thurgood Marshall Appellate Team, comprised of teammates Aicha Kyria Aime-Marcelin (L’21) and Michelle Domingue (L’22), took third place in the Southwest Black Law Student Association Regional Competition (SWBLSA). They will go on to the national competition in March which will be held remotely.

The team had two coaches, Karli Wells and Chris Williams-Lopez, both third-year law students, who helped them prepare and organize their arguments. Andrea Ewalefo (L’21), a moot court member with a particular knack for seeing loose ends, helped them hone their arguments as well.

The team not only took “best brief” in the competition, but also Domingue took home the “top oralist” honor. Read the full story.

A big thank you!

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 Mock Trial discipline ranked among the Top 25 Trial programs!

The Fordham University School of Law Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Center released its annual listing of all Trial Competition Performance Rankings, and the Tulane University Law School Mock Trial discipline tied for 15th place. Click here to see the full list of rankings.

Our Mock Trial All-Star Bracket Challenge team placed among the top sixteen teams in the nation!

The team also advanced to the final round of the All-Star Bracket Challenge in October.

Third-year Head Coach Jayde Encalade together with third-year competitors Rósa Acheson, Alyssa Shahrestani, Jared Shurman, Jen Siew,
Shahrestani, Jared Shurman, Jen Siew, and Shane Thomas diligently prepared alongside practitioners and professors to deliver arguments in this criminal case about a police officer charged with racketeering based upon his involvement with a drug cartel and alleged connection to a murder.

Sixty-four teams nationwide competed in four regional brackets, with only the top four teams from each region advancing to the final rounds. Congratulations to all of our competitors!

Jared Shurman was individually recognized as one of the best overall advocates in the All-Star Bracket Challenge competition for the West region.

"The award was a team effort. I share it with the rest of my teammates, Jen Siew, Rosa Acheson, Alyssa Shahrestani, Shane Thomas, and our coach Jayde Encalade. Our success was a result of our ability to work together to make one another the best advocates we can be."

- Jared Shurman

Please help us continue our tradition of success – Sign up to attend a Trial practice or scrimmage!

Students – Click here to volunteer to be a Trial witness.

Our National Moot Court
Our National Moot Court Competition team rejoined our Appellate Moot Court discipline!

Competition Spotlight

Eleven and counting ... our competition teams are preparing to virtually compete across the country!
Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition team (BLSA discipline): January 19-22 and March 3-7

Constance Baker Motley (CBM) Mock Trial Competition team (BLSA discipline): January 19-22 and March 3-7

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

National Trial Competition (TYLA) (Mock Trial discipline): February 18-20

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

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

ABA Representation in Mediation (ADR discipline): March 6-7

William & Mary Negotiation Tournament (ADR discipline): March 6-7


Energy Law Negotiation Competition (ADR discipline): March 26-27

The International Academy of Dispute Resolution's Law School Tournament (ADR discipline): April 6-10

We need Intraschool Judges for Moot Court!

As we begin the spring 2021 semester, we would like to invite you to invest your time in our Program by guest judging our annual Intraschool Competition. We value any and all feedback and time commitments! If you are interested in guest judging the Intraschool Competition, please email us below as soon as possible.
Also, please feel free to reach out to 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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