

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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We are proud to announce that we have been ranked as the 12th best Moot Court Program in the nation for the 2024-2025 competition season and 1st in the state of Florida!



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COMPETITIONS

SUMMER 2024



Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition (Orlando, FL)

Competitors: Alexis Phelps, Clara Tomé

Coaches: Freddi Mack (JD '14),
Deesha Smart (JD '20)

Results: Finalists



E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition (Orlando, FL)

Competitors: Etienne Cote,
Isabella Maury

Coaches: Joseph Cafaro (JD '11),
Marc Burton



FALL 2024

Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition (Atlanta, GA)

Competitors: Nicole Vitt, Alejandro Sanz

Coaches: Jessica Duque (JD '21),
Fahim Gulamali (JD '21)

Results: Octofinalists; Top 10 Oralists
(Alejandro Sanz)





Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition (Washington, DC)

Competitors: Alexis Phelps, Amanda Gonzalez

Coaches: Trudy Smith (JD '16), Taylor Hill (JD '22)

Results: Quarterfinalists



National Moot Court Competition (Davie, FL)

Competitors: Ella Duckworth, Samantha Viner

Coaches: Samatha Epstein (JD '09), Zak Laux (JD '11), John Leinicke (JD '08)

Results: Regional Finalists;
Advanced to Finals in NYC



SPRING 2025



Hicks Thomas LLP Moot Court National Championship (Houston, TX)

Competitors: Kaitlin Prece, Mark Royero

Coach: Susan Kornspan (JD '90)

Results: Quarterfinalists



William B. Spong, Jr. Moot Court Competition (Williamsburg, VA)

Competitors: Evan Lowry, Molly Metcalf

Coaches: Eliana Zambrana (JD '20), Maria Cortesi (JD '20)





**Jeffrey G. Miller National
Environmental Law Moot Court
Competition
(White Plains, NY)**

Competitors: Justin Alexander,
Clara Tomé

Coaches: Christian Maroni (JD '21),
Jessica Owley, Douglas Ruley

Results: Quarterfinalists; Runner-Up
Best Brief



**NYU National Immigration Law
Competition
(New York, NY)**

Competitors: Emily Gafcovich, Sharon
Shenderovskiy

Coaches: Elizabeth Montano (JD '19),
Benjamin Brooks (JD '23)

Results: Octofinalists; Best Brief

**CONGRATULATIONS EMILY AND
SHARON ON WINNING BEST BRIEF!**



**National Appellate Advocacy
Moot Court Competition
(Boston, Massachusetts)**

Competitors: John Frey, Natalie
Askowitz

Coaches: Daniel J. Poterek
(JD '10), Monica Segura
(JD '05)

Results: Quarterfinalists; 3rd Best
Brief; 4th Best Advocate (Natalie
Askowitz)





Robert F. Wagner National Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition (New York, NY)

Competitors: Kathleen Black, Tori Vasquez

Coach: Annette Torres (JD '93) & Magistrate Judge Edwin Torres

Results: Quarterfinalists; Best Respondent Oralist (Kathleen Black)

CONGRATULATIONS KATHLEEN ON WINNING BEST RESPONDENT ORALIST!



Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition (New York, NY)

Competitors: Grace Castillo, David Khazen, Gabriella Socarras

Coaches: Freddi Mack (JD '14), Nicole McLemore (JD '19)



Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition (Washington, DC)

Competitors: Ethan Anagnos, Allyson Stuart

Coaches: Jeanelle Gomez (JD '20), Syndey Feldman D'Angelo (JD '19)



Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition (Las Vegas, NV)

Competitors: Bryce Akins, Marisa Nichols

Coaches: Adam Dionisopoulos (JD '19), Joshua Levey (JD '20)





Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition (Washington, D.C.)

Competitors: Yelena Gladyr, Fernando Yzquierdo

Coaches: Annie Rosenthal (JD '21), Nicole Osgood (JD '21)

Results: Semifinalists; 3rd Best Brief; Best Oralist (Yelena Gladyr)

CONGRATULATIONS YELENA ON WINNING BEST ORALIST!



Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition (Buffalo, NY)

Competitors: Carlos Humbles, Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva

Coach: Richard Jones (JD '08)

Results: Quarterfinalists; 3rd Best Oralist (Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva)



Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition (New York, NY)

Competitors: Amanda Carballo, John Rincon

Coaches: Justin Prociv (JD '03), Joshua Williams (JD '16)



Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition (New York, NY)

Competitors: Hunter Keyes, Melissa Navarro

Coaches: Tazio Heller (JD '20), Lindsey Dawson (JD '21)





John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition (Newark, NJ)

Competitors: Sydney Stark, Itiel
Wainer

Coaches: Adam Stolz (JD '14), Luis
Reyes (JD '14)

Results: Octofinalists



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Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition (Boca Raton, FL)

Competitors: David Malka,
Marianne Adams

Coaches: Freddi Mack (JD '14),
Deesha Smart (JD '20)

Results: **WINNERS**; Best Oral
Advocate in Preliminary Rounds
(David Malka); Best Oral Advocate
in Final Round (Marianne Adams)

**CONGRATULATIONS DAVID MALKA
AND MARIANNE ADAMS ON
WINNING THE COMPETITION AND
WINNING BOTH "BEST ORAL
ADVOCATE" AWARDS!**



E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition (Orlando, FL)

Competitors: Aaron Rissman,
Gabriela Alvarez

Coaches: Joseph Cafaro (JD '11),
Marc Burton

Results: Octofinalists; **Will Compete
In Finals In August**



UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 JOHN T. GAUBATZ COMPETITION

ORAL ARGUMENTS:
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18–19, 2025

FINAL ROUND:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

Sign up to judge here:
<https://forms.gle/5Uak6SvJAEy2sn6p8>



MOOT COURT NEWS

Many of our members participated in the Litigation Skills I Program Spring 2025 semester. Congratulations to all our members that completed the class and learned valuable advocacy skills! We are proud to announce that **eleven** of our members received awards and scholarships from the program faculty and the law school administration. **Congratulations to Fernando Yzquierdo, Natalie Askowitz, Sabrina Garcia, Carlos Huembes, Itiel Wainer, David Malka, Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Tori Vasquez, Yelena Gladyr, Molly Metcalf, and Marianne Adams for their hard work and outstanding performance!**

Fernando Yzquierdo — Alan Ross Memorial Scholarship

Natalie Askowitz — Book Award

Sabrina Garcia — Book Award

Carlos Huembes — Book Award

Itiel Wainer — John F. Evans Memorial Scholarship

David Malka — Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton Endowed Litigation Scholarship

Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva — Marco A. Vazquez Memorial Scholarship

Tori Vasquez — Laurence “Lonny” Rose Scholarship; Thomas Ewald Memorial Award

Yelena Gladyr — Richard L. Lapidus Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Molly Metcalf — Richard L. Lapidus Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Marianne Adams — Hon. Stanford Blake Award

To learn more about the awards and recipients, visit:

<https://news.miami.edu/law/stories/2025/05/miami-law-awards-scholarships-to-top-litigation-skills-students.html>

MOOT COURT NEWS

Seven of our recent Moot Court alumni have been inducted into the Order of Barristers! **Congratulations to Bryce Akins, Justin Alexander, Alexis Phelps, Kaitlin Prece, Alejandro Sanz, Sydney Stark, and Clara Tomé** for their hard work and commitment to excellence.



The Order of Barristers is an honor society for law school graduates. Membership in The Order of Barristers is limited to graduating law students and practicing lawyers who demonstrate exceptional skill in trial advocacy, oral advocacy, and brief writing. For more information and past recipients, visit: <https://law.utexas.edu/barristers/>

MOOT COURT NEWS

This volume of the Annual Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Summer Newsletter is dedicated to Roy Black (JD '70).



Roy Black was a proud double 'Cane, pioneer, mentor, and tremendous supporter of our Moot Court program.

"When we wanted to improve the moot court program and bring it to another level over a decade ago, I borrowed from 'Field of Dreams,' and said to the moot court students, 'If you build it, they will come.' And, the first person to sign up was Roy Black. He was our foundation, 'the Professor.'

Thank you, Roy, from all of us for always teaching us to be better."

— **Susan Kornspan (JD '90)**

Adjunct Faculty and Alumni Chair

In Loving Memory

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