A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Esteemed Alumni and Friends,

The Loyola Moot Court Program thrives on your involvement and support. To keep us connected, the program proudly presents our new quarterly e-newsletter! The newsletter will provide you with information regarding upcoming events, team performances, progress, occurrences, and contact information.

In this issue, we welcome everyone’s participation in this year’s annual golf tournament, to be held on October 10, 2014 at Audubon Golf Club. We also invite any interested alumni or practitioners to contact us about guest judging practices and team send-offs. Lastly, we introduce the 2014-2015 Executive Board, and welcome our newest staff members.

We appreciate your continued support. Please contact us with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament!

Kristyn Lee
Moot Court Chair ’14-15

Team Sponsorship
Consider becoming a sponsor to the Loyola Moot Court Program. The success of the program and the law school is defined by how many teams we have and how successful those teams are. Without the proper funding, the Moot Court Program will struggle to compete in the national and international competitions.

If you are able to sponsor any of our teams, partially or fully, please contact christopher.gioe@gmail.com

Guest Judging
Your expertise is invaluable to our competing teams. Practice sessions usually last only one hour, but the advice you give to our oralists will last them their entire career. E-mail mootcrt@loyno.edu if you are able to guest judge practices for any of our teams:

- 1st Amendment
- ABA National
- Admiralty
- Civil Rights
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Jessup International Law
- National Team
- Sports Law

Executive Chairs
Kristyn Lee - Chairperson
Lauren Baudot - Selection Chair
Christopher Gioe - Alumni Chair

Board Coaches
Shelby Johnson - National Team
Rachel Scarafia - Criminal Law & Environmental Law
Ranchaela Ward - ABA National & Sports Law
Danilo Bandovic - Civil Rights & International Law

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Chynna Anderson
Ashley Arnold
Philip Boyd
Courtney Cox
Richard Crohan
Maria Aurora
Deguzman
Samuel Furman
Taifa Goff
Jamie Gontarek
Zachary Grate
Nathan Hand
Kevin Kicks
Amanda James
Chelsea Kiefer
Magen Kirst
Allyson LaBrazza
Deil LaLande

Jonathan Lewis
Kaitlin Locascio
Megan Mitchell
Patrick Murphree
Shenitria Myles
Roberto Pardo
Sarah Thompson
Robert Tomlinson
TEAM SUCCESSES 2013 - 2014

The National Team competed in the New York Bar Association’s National Moot Court Competition placing in the top 16 teams! The team won FIRST PLACE at the Regional Competition in November, advancing them to the National Rounds held in New York City. The team advanced to the Octo-Finals and then lost by a slim point margin in a tough, single-elimination round. Team members: Claire Noonan (coach), Charlotte Discon (brief writer), Jason Culotta (oralist), and Kelsey Eagan (oralist).

The ABA National Team competed in Brooklyn, NY in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team narrowly lost the first two rounds but stayed composed and defeated Marquette in their final round. They were constantly recognized as having superior oral advocacy skills and were able to stay poised during what was a tough field of competitors. Team members: Rebecca Bartlett (oralist/brief writer), Caleb Trotter (oralist), and Cory Daigle (coach).

The Jessup International Law Team competed in the Phillip C. Jessup U.S. Rocky Mountain Regional held at the University Of Denver Strum College of Law. The team competed against 22 other law schools and won FIRST PLACE! In the International Rounds, the Team’s brief ranked well in the competition, the respondents went undefeated, and Carlos Cano received an award for ranking among the top 10 oralists. Anne "Bess" Devaughn (brief writer), Joshua Allison (oralist), Carlos Cano (oralist), Shelby Johnson (oralist), and Lauren Baudot (oralist).


The Duberstein Bankruptcy Team fought hard in both the Fifth Circuit Elliot Cup regional competition as well as in the national competition in New York. After a 2 point loss in the regional, the team proceeded to New York to compete nationally. After 3 preliminary rounds alongside 67 different teams, Loyola was not able to advance to the top 16. Oralist Danilo Bandovic received an award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy. Team members: Patrick Coudrain (oralist), Danilo Bandovic (oralist), Neil Mittel (brief writer), and Stephen Bush (coach).

The Sports Law Team competed in the Tulane University Mardi Gras Invitational February 26-28. The team argued in three tough rounds of competition and was declared the winning counsel in all but one. Though the team was not selected to advance, the team members all received commendation. Team members: Misha Logan (oralist), Dianna Duffy (oralist), Stephanie Giglio (brief writer), and Kristyn Lee (coach).

The Criminal Procedure Team advanced all the way to the quarter finals placing in the top 8 teams out of 36. Kristyn Lee won an award for best oralist and the team’s brief, written by Sean Brazil, won 4th Place Best Brief. They represented Loyola’s Moot Court Program well in the competition showcasing oral and written skills. Team members: Kristyn Lee (oralist), Sean Brazil (oralist/brief writer), and Chris Whelen (coach).

The First Amendment Team competed in Vanderbilt’s National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Nashville, TN. Despite not advancing, the team was thrilled to hear the winners of the competition, in the final round, adopt a phrase the Loyola team coined. Team members: Coaches: Mathilde Semmes & Evan Bergeron, Oralist: Scott Richard, and Oralist/Brief writer: Veronica Jones.