

# Moot Court Board News

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## Save the Date!

**February 20**

GAI reception  
in the Hazel  
Hall Atrium at  
6:00pm

**March 28 & 29**

2015 First  
Year  
Competition

## New MCB-Hosted Extramural

By Natalie Hayes

The Moot Court Board has partnered with Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg and the Global Antitrust Institute to host the first Global Antitrust Institute Moot Court Competition on February 21, 2015. The competition will be the first antitrust-focused moot court competition.

The competition will feature a problem written by two law students who were supervised by Judge Ginsburg. The competitors will brief one side of the argument and present oral arguments on both sides.

The competition will be held at the courthouse of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Colum-

bia Circuit. Eight teams, from American University, the University of Florida, George Washington University, Howard University, the University of Michigan, the University of Notre Dame, and Washington & Lee University, are scheduled to compete.

Judge Ginsburg and the Board have assembled two distinguished panels of judges for the semi-final rounds including, FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, AAJ for Antitrust William Baer, Former FTC Chairman Tim Muris, Former AAJ for Antitrust Thomas Barnett, and Former FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz.

***“All Moot Court Board Alumni are invited to attend the GAI Friday evening reception.”***

Lunch will feature a speech by FTC commissioner Joshua Wright.

On February 20th, the Board will host a reception in the Hazel Hall Atrium featuring a speech by FTC Commissioner and GMU Alumna Maureen Ohlhausen.

All Moot Court Board Alumni are invited to attend the GAI Friday evening reception. Formal invitations will be distributed by the alumni office in the coming weeks.

## Letter from the Chief Justice

By Alena Thomas

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The Moot Court Board is having another terrific year. In 2014, the board accepted 30 new members and hosted successful First Year and Upper Class Competitions.

I was particularly proud of the volunteers who worked as judges at the competitions. For the first time in several years, we had enough volunteers at the UCC to have three judges in every room throughout the competition.

As the new semester arrives, we have many excit-

ing events planned. The Global Antitrust Institute Invitational (GAI) will be in February, and we hope you will join us for the reception on February 20th.

The First year Competition (FYC) will be March 28th and 29th. The FYC provides first-year law students with their introduction to Moot Court. This is an excellent opportunity for them to see whether they are interested in appellate advocacy and joining the board. Please consider volunteering to judge — without volunteer judges the competition simply wouldn't be possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and Happy New Year!

## Upper Class Competition Recap

By Natalie Hayes

The 2014 Upper Class Competition (UCC) preliminary and advancing rounds were held at the George Mason University School of Law on November 8, 2014. The semi-final and final rounds were held on November 14th at the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse.

The competition featured 50 second-year students who competed in teams of two. The students' oral arguments were based on the problem from their LRWA III classes.

Louisa Brooks and Allison Speaker were the Co-Chairs of the competition. They coordinated the event with the executive board, the chief bailiff, and the events, scoring, and judges committees. Impressively, Brooks and Speaker ensured the competition ran on-time throughout the day.

The UCC relies on volunteers from the local legal community to

serve as judges throughout the competition. Stacy Allen and Samantha Rocci Co-Chaired the judges committee and successfully secured three judges for every argument throughout the competition. Overall, 56 judges volunteered their time at the 2015 UCC. The Moot Court Board extends its thanks, and the judges are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Cameron Green and Eamon Tierney recruited and trained bailiffs to ensure the competition was well-staffed.

The events committee, which is headed by Mary Grob and Caroleigh Newman, repeated their stellar performance from the FYC by ensuring the competitors and judges had plenty for breakfast and lunch. The events committee is crucial to keeping the competition on-time, and

they were a major contributor to our success this year. The Events Committee and the Executive Board also

organized a successful reception for the competitors, Moot Court Board Members, and judges after the octofinal round on November 8th.

In addition to the introduction of the Saturday evening reception, the board introduced a new scoring system for the advancing rounds. The rounds are head-to-head with the judges selecting a winner at the end of the round rather than providing numerical scores. This change has increased the efficiency and fairness of the advancing rounds. Additional adjustments will be made to this system based on the feedback from the judges and competitors.

Overall, the 2014 UCC was a success. We thank all those who made it possible.

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## Upper Class Competition Finalists



Champions  
Molly Picard (left) and  
Lynzi Maas (right)



Finalists  
Manmeet Dhindsa (left) and  
Samantha Parker (right)

# Thanks To All The 2014 UCC Judges

Adam Aft  
 Scott Bain  
 Lisa Bellamy  
 Matt Bowles  
 Alex Brandler  
 Katie Brown  
 Kellie Budd  
 Joseph Casey  
 Victoria Clarke  
 Robert T.S. Colby  
 Alexander Conn  
 Lacey Conn  
 Joshua Cox  
 Joshua Cumby  
 Tom Cummins  
 Ella D'Amico  
 Luis de la Torre  
 Jeremy Dorfman  
 Andrea Downing

Hayes Edwards  
 Kristen Erthum Thorndyke  
 Tyler Freiberger  
 Tashina Harris  
 Kyle Hayes  
 Tracey Holtshirley  
 Ronald Hur  
 Carol Ide  
 Mark Jamison  
 Thomas Kelley  
 Lisa Kohl  
 Frank Lamancusa  
 Brenda Leong  
 Mikhail "Misha" Lopez  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Jason Malashevich  
 James Markels  
 Robert May

Lisa McGlasson  
 Sasha McNickle  
 Marvin Miller  
 Elaine Mittleman  
 Juli Porto  
 Robert Ragland  
 Heather Rice-Minus  
 Charles Roberts  
 Craig Rust  
 David Ryden  
 Paul Schrader  
 Jonathan Shoemaker  
 Jacob Shorter  
 Ryan Smith  
 Elizabeth Stevens  
 Shawn Stout  
 David Tyler  
 Bryan Waldron  
 Mary F. Whitaker

## Upper Class Competition Results

Congratulations to all the UCC Advancing Competitors!

### Champions

Lynzi Maas — Molly Picard

### Finalists

Manmeet Dhindsa — Samantha Parker

### Semi-Finalists

Priyanka Bajaj — Laura D'Agostino — Anna Gentry — Tom Hunt

### Quarter-Finalists

Zachary Deubler — Meggan DeWitt — Paula Fleckenstein — Stephanie Groff  
 Monica Munin — Megan O'Donnell — Gabby Peters — Eamon Tierney

### Octo-Finalists

Tony Batt — Mike Bliley — Connor Cain — Shyla Clark — Emily Canis — Lucas Daniels  
 Sid Das — Peter Donohue — Barnabas Fekete — Rod Harrell — Justin Hillman  
 Lucy Meckley — Evan Purcell — Stephanie Semler — James York — Jennifer Zielonis

## **Fall 2014 Extramural Team Results**

### **Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition**

Christine Kennedy, Samantha Rocci, and Alexa Wolff advanced to the Quarterfinal Round of the Wechsler Competition hosted by American University. The competition featured two First Amendment issues.

### **Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition**

Natalie Hayes, Elizabeth Hohenstein, and Rosemarie Lombardi advanced to the Octofinals of the CBA competition which featured two Fifth Amendment issues.

### **New York Bar Association Moot Court Competition**

Tyler Bezilla, Mary Grob, and Ann Kossachev advanced to the final round of the Region IV qualifying event which features one issue on *voir dire* challenges and one issue of statutory interpretation.

**For the first time in five years, the NY Bar team has advanced to the National Final Rounds and will compete in New York this spring.**

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## **We are proud to announce the following students have been selected for the Moot Court Board in 2014**

Priyanka Bajaj  
Tony Batt  
Connor Cain  
Emily Canis  
Shyla Clark  
Laura D'Agostino  
Lucas Daniels  
Sid Das  
Zachary Deubler  
Meggan DeWitt  
Manmeet Dhindsa  
Peter Donohue  
Paula Fleckenstein  
Anna Gentry  
Stephanie Groff  
Rod Harrell  
Chris Harris  
Justin Hillman  
Taylor Hoverman  
Tom Hunt  
Lynzi Maas  
Megan O'Donnell  
Samantha Parker  
Gabrielle Peters  
Molly Picard  
Evan Purcell  
Eamon Tierney  
Dan Woislaw

## **Has your contact information changed?**

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