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ABOUT THE ADVOCATES

The Advocates is the University of Houston Law Center's student organization devoted to improving students' oral advocacy presentation skills through competition. Each year, The Advocates hosts intramural moot court, mock trial and alternative dispute resolution competitions to give UHLC students opportunities to develop and practice invaluable skills used by practicing attorneys.

ABOUT THE BLAKELY ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

The UHLC Blakely Advocacy Institute is a national leader in teaching the art of advocacy and improving the efficacy of the legal profession and the justice system. The BAI merges substantive law with lawyering skills to enhance local, national and international legal communities. We teach law students the skills they need to become accomplished members of the legal profession, promote research and study to advance our nation's dispute resolution systems, and provide continuing legal education programs in advocacy and lawyering techniques.

Jim Lawrence – BAI Executive Director
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From the 2019-2020 Board of Advocates...
We know you will continue 'The Advocates' tradition of excellence!

2019-2020 Advocates Competitions

JAMES HIPPARD, SR. MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS

The Advocates hosts two Hippard Mock Trial Competitions during the academic year: the Hippard Open and the Hippard Novice. All UHLC students are eligible to compete in the Open, but only students with less than one year of experience on the Mock Trial Team can compete in the Novice. Competitors prepare and argue the case for both sides and are scored by volunteers from the Houston legal community on their motions in limine, opening statements, direct & cross examinations, closing arguments, objections, courtroom presence, and demeanor.

HIPPARD OPEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

2019 First Place Team – Amanda Blons & Chelsea Klumpp
2019 Second Place Team – Spencer Packard & Janie Rios

HIPPARD NOVICE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

2020 First Place Team – John Herrmann & Michael Henn
2020 Second Place Team – N/A

BLAKELY-BUTLER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Blakely-Butler Moot Court Competition is open to all 2L and 3L students at the Law Center. Teams prepare and present oral arguments for both sides of the case and are scored by members of Houston's legal community on the substantive content of their arguments, their knowledge of the record, extemporaneous abilities, and courtroom demeanor.

2019 First Place Team – Shannon M. Wright & Hina Irfan Mohiuddin
2019 Second Place Team – Emma Brockway & Allan Rosales Jeanjaquet

JOHN BLACK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The John Black Moot Court Competition is open only to 1L students at the Law Center. Teams must argue both sides during the competition and are scored by volunteers from the Houston legal community on the substantive content of their arguments, their knowledge of the record, extemporaneous abilities, and courtroom demeanor.

2020 First Place Team – Tiffany Penner & Kirsten Williams
2020 Second Place Team – Youssef Abdelhafiz & Julio Gonzalez

2019-2020 Advocates Competitions, cont'd.

TOM NEWHOUSE MEDIATION COMPETITIONS

Tom Newhouse Mediation Competition teams consist of two students acting as the lawyer and the client. The teams are presented with fact patterns summarizing their side's position and interests in a dispute. Teams then receive a limited time to present their position and work through the dispute with mediators who are themselves competitors in the Jeffrey S. Abrams National Mediator Competition. Competitors are scored on their case analysis, creativity, presentation, expression of the client's goals, ability to work out an acceptable compromise, and professional courtesy.

2019 First Place Team – Drew M. Padley & Canyon Sanford
2019 Second Place Team – Michael Aragon & Stefan Prelevic

LORANCE & THOMPSON NEGOTIATION & CONTRACT DRAFTING COMPETITION

In several rounds, teams in the Lorange and Thompson Negotiation and Contract Drafting Competition negotiate and strike deals with one another. Teams then draft and submit a contract for one of those deals. Scores for each round are based on how well each team protects and secures their client's interests in the deal made in each round. The best overall contract is chosen by practicing attorneys at cooperating law firms.

2020 First Place Team – Darby Gibbins & Emma Oliver
2020 Second Place Team – Khyra Kolidakis & Lucia Zhan
2020 Best Deal Score – Jose R. De Leon & Jay Pravin Patel

Advocates Awards & Scholarships

Each year, members of The Advocates choose two members of the Board of Advocates to receive awards based on their service and dedication to and achievements in The Advocates Program at the University of Houston for the previous year. The **Outstanding Advocate Award** recognizes a third-year student, while the **Distinguished Advocate Award** recognizes a second- or third-year student.

2019-2020 OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD

James Dorough-Lewis, Jr.

2019-2020 DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE AWARD

Chelsea Klumpp

The Board of Advocates annually grants two Advocates members with the **Byron McCoy Excellence in Advocacy Scholarship** and the **Achievement in Advocacy Scholarship**. The scholarships are awarded based on achievements in intramural and/or interscholastic advocacy competitions throughout the recipient's law school career. Recipients of these scholarships are chosen by The Advocates' faculty advisor in consultation with student representatives from the three interscholastic competition teams and the sitting Advocates' Executive Chair or his/her representative.

2019-2020 BYRON MCCOY EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP

James Dorough-Lewis, Jr.

2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENT IN ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP

Rebecca Sonne

2019-2020 UHLC Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

Members of the ADR Team learn the techniques and methods of negotiating, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution and then apply these essential advocacy skills in national and international ADR competitions.

ADR Team Members

Foster Baird	Bradley Barrett
Anna Bolding	Anastasia Bolshakov
Jacqueline Boylhart	Taylor Calfee
Delenn Cooper	Caidi Davis
Ken Deng	Kristen Dorton
James Dorrough-Lewis, Jr.	Mark Kritzer
Kalei "William" Kuaiwa	Haley Kurisky
Mercedes Landry	Alexys Mathis
Maria Medellin	Morgan Morrow
Bryan Payne	Jimmy Ramirez
Madison Richburg	Megan Rollag
Mario Sanchez	Jonah Toennies
Tyler Wolf	Lama Zakzok
Jacyln Zinsmeister	

ADR Coaches

Samin Agha	Ian Brown
Julian Cardenas	Megan Daic
James Lamey	Jim Lawrence
Brittany Mitchell	Brandon Schrecengost
Zach Scott	Raul Suazo
Andrew Vaughan	Ashley Washington
Hon. Christine Weems	

2019-2020 UHLC Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Competitions

ABA Arbitration Competition

Foster Baird, Caidi Davis, Kalei Kuaiwa, Jaclyn Zinsmeister
Regional Semifinalist
National Quarterfinalist

ABA Negotiation Competition

Haley Kurisky, Megan Rollag, Mario Sanchez, Jonah Toennies

ABA Client Counseling Competition

Bradley Barrett, Mark Kritzer
Regional Semifinalist
James Dorrough-Lewis, Jr., Madison Richburg

ABA Representing Clients in Mediation Competition

Haley Kurisky, Alexys Mathis
Regional Finalist
Morgan Morrow, Lama Zakzok

Energy Law Negotiation Competition - South Texas College of Law – Houston

Megan Rollag, Kalei Kuaiwa

Merhige Environmental Law Negotiation Competition

Foster Baird, Anastasia Bolshakov, Mark Kritzer, Maria Medellin

Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon

Anastasia Bolshakov, James Dorrough-Lewis, Jr., Alexys Mathis
Negotiation Champions
Advocates Award - 2nd Place

Tulane Pro Football Negotiation Competition

Mercedes Landry, Bryan Payne, Jonah Toennies

2019-2020 UHLC Mock Trial Team

The Mock Trial Team competes in a number of prestigious mock trial competitions around the country. Team members attain heightened understanding of the rules of procedure and evidence and develop strong courtroom skills and persuasion techniques.

Mock Trial Team Members

Porscha Allen	Alex Abokhair	John Appel
Mitchell Armstrong	Alejandro Arredondo	Brooke Bentley
Amanda Blons	Natasha Cabucio	Stuart Cobb
Mycal Dede	Drew Dishongh	Stasia Drecun
AmyJo Foreman	Hector Garza	Stefen Guerrero
John Herrmann	Christy Ho	Sammy Homs
Bethany Howell	Chelsea Klumpp	Emily Lucot
Cassandra Maneen	Kelly Marshall	Isabella Martinez
Riley McAfee	Luke Miller	Alexandra Napuri
Kristen Nelson	Kenneth Nguyen	Spencer Packard
Paul Palmer	Billie Parker	Tiffany Penner
Brian Pounds	Jackie Riff	Janie Rios
Canyon Sanford	Ethan Steadman	Alexandra Tijerina

Mock Trial Coaches

Jackie Houlette	Julie Gray
Brandon Draper	Mark Gonzalez
Jani Maselli Wood	Rebekah Reneau
Hon. Christine Weems	Sepi Zimmer

2019-2020 UHLC Mock Trial Team Competitions

American Association for Justice Trial Competition

AmyJo Foreman, Cassie Maneen, Alex Napuri, Canyon Stanford
Hector Garza, Billie Parker, Brian Pounds, Janie Rios

Fordham Kelley Mock Trial Invitational

AmyJo Foreman, Cassandra Maneen
Best Opening Statement: Cassie Maneen
Best Closing Argument: AmyJo Foreman

John Marshall National Criminal Justice Trial Competition

John Appel, Kristen Nelson, Kenneth Nguyen, Jackie Riff

Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Competition

Kelly Marshall, Kristen Nelson, Paul Palmer, Ethan Steadman
Quarterfinalists
Best Cross-Examination: Kelly Marshall

Quinnipiac Mock Trial Competition

Porscha Allen, Alexandra Napuri, Canyon Sanford, Hector Garza, Billie Parker
Semifinalists

National Trial Competition

Brooke Bentley, Kelly Marshall, Ethan Steadman
Regional Semifinalists

Spencer Armstrong, Emily Lucot, Spencer Packard
Regional Finalists

South Texas Mock Trial Challenge

Amanda Blons, Drew Dishongh, Chelsea Klumpp, Luke Miller

2019-2020 UHLC Moot Court Team

The Moot Court Team competes every year in a dozen or more national and international competitions covering a variety of legal subjects. Team members hone their appellate advocacy skills by analyzing and arguing both sides of a legal issue before a panel of judges.

Moot Court Team Members

Lakshmi Achari	John Appel	Alyssa Arnold
Kade Beyer	Jacqueline Boylhart	Emma Brockway
Kara Burkett	Delenn Cooper	Courtney Crosby
Heather Davis	Ken Deng	Patricia Dillon
Noah Feldman	Taylor Hood	Lingzi Hu
Sarah Husbands	Fariha Jawed	Alex Johnson
Dominic Kisielewski	Jessica Knox	Mason Malone
Maggie Martin	Erika McDonald	Cody Miller
Angela Morales	Matt Mouer	Paul Pirela
Brian Pounds	Nikki Proa	Bobbye Pyke
Rahul Rao	Brad Raymond	Janie Rios
Sam Schauer	Pedro Segura	Bailey Sharpe
Rebecca Sonne	Jessica Totten	Xperanza Uviedo
Kathryn Vestal	Falkner Werkhaven	

Moot Court Coaches

Scott Armstrong	Jason Beesinger
Allan Bullwinkel	Joshua Davis
Carter Dickson	Cassandra Jeu
Brandon Kuhre	Jim Lawrence
Jani Maselli Wood	Julia Peebles
Hilary Reed	Ann Ryan Robertson
Jessica Schaffner	Will Sprott
Natasha Taylor	Jay Zhang

2019-2020 UHLC Moot Court Team Competitions

ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Kade Beyer, Bailey Sharpe, Rebecca Sonne

Regional Champions

8th Best Speaker: Kade Beyer

Jessica Kimes, Bobbye Pyke, Rahul Rao

3rd Best Speaker: Bobbye Pyke

Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition

Rahul Rao, Rebecca Sonne

Octofinalists

John Appel, Bobbye Pyke

Gibbons Criminal Procedure Competition

Alyssa Arnold, Noah Feldman

Giles Rich IP Moot Court Competition

Michael Aragon, Falkner Werkhaven

Maggie Martin, Khanh Nguyen

HBNA/VIA Uvaldo Herrera Moot Court Competition

Angela Morales, Paul Pirela, Katherine Proa

Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship

Sarah Husbands, Bobbye Pyke, Kathryn Vestal

John R. Brown Admiralty Law Moot Court Competition

Alex Johnson, Brian Pounds, Rebecca Sonne

Quarterfinalists

Delenn Cooper, Sarah Husbands, Sam Schauer

Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

Jacqueline Boylhart, Ken Deng, Pedro Segura

Quarterfinalists

National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition (San Diego)

Noah Feldman, Alexandra Tijerina

Octofinalists

National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition

Emma Brockway, Patricia Dillon

Fariha Jawed, Xperanza Uviedo

Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Law Competition

Lakshmi Achari, Matt Mouer, Brad Raymond

Lingzi Hu, Mason Malone, Janie Rios

Southern Illinois University National Health Law Competition

Cody Miller, Brian Pounds

Semi-finalists

Lakshmi Achari, Taylor Hood

2019-2020 BAI Adjunct Faculty

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Kevin Hedges

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