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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

Present

**The Twenty-First Annual
National
Criminal Justice
Trial Advocacy
Competition**

March 31–April 2, 2011


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March 31, 2011

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I extend warmest greetings to all those attending the Twenty-First annual National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition.

This event gives law school students an opportunity to participate in mock trials and helps to ensure that they have the necessary skills needed to become effective prosecutors, defense attorneys, and civil litigators. The student advocates receive invaluable feedback from the evaluating judges and lawyers, as well as having the opportunity to acquire experience from performing in a competitive atmosphere.

While you are here, I hope you will take time to discover all that makes Chicago a great place to live and visit. I know you will like what you find. From our great architecture and our beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, to our exciting nightlife, our world-renowned cultural institutions, and Millennium Park, Chicago has something for everyone.

You have my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable competition.

Sincerely,

Mayor



John E. Corkery
Dean
The John Marshall Law School
Chicago, Illinois

Welcome to The John Marshall Law School! This is the twenty-first year that we have been privileged to host the prestigious Annual National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition which The John Marshall Law School co-sponsors with the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association. We are honored to have our friends come to the law school so that we can display our Chicago hospitality.

This Competition, having received high praise and many accolades since its inception in 1991, is one of the highlights of our many advocacy and dispute resolution programs. We have a 112 year tradition of educating and training future lawyers in the art of advocacy. Each year Professor Ronald Smith and a team of John Marshall students and alumni do a magnificent job: the trial materials are outstanding, the logistics of the Competition are flawless, and the judges and evaluators include the Chicago area's best criminal court judges and trial lawyers.

On behalf of The John Marshall Law School's faculty, staff, student body, and alumni, I wish the best of luck to all of the teams. We hope that each of you finds the experience of competing against one another in the Twenty-First Annual National Criminal Justice Trial Competition to be exciting and memorable, as well as academically rewarding.

John E. Corkery
Dean

Bruce Green
New York, New York
Chair, 2010-2011
Criminal Justice Section
American Bar Association



Dear Student Participants, Faculty Advisors, and Friends:

As the Chair of The Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association, I welcome all of you to the 2011 National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition.

For twenty one years this Competition has been one of the great programs of the Criminal Justice Section. Many of the Section's officers and council members are on the advisory board, and a great many Section members serve the Competition as judges and attorney-evaluators. The Competition draws law students from all parts of the United States (and from abroad) to prosecute and defend a realistic criminal case. Each year well over a hundred experienced judges, lawyers, and academics give their time and wisdom to teaching, evaluating, and befriending law school students who have worked so hard to learn the art of becoming skilled trial attorneys.

I hope you will consider becoming a member of the American Bar Association and the Criminal Justice Section. The Section provides a unique forum where all sectors of the criminal justice system -- judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and legal scholars -- work together to improve America's criminal justice system. The Competition is just one example of the unparalleled work the Section does to encourage interest in criminal justice issues. Please join us! Your talent, knowledge and enthusiasm can help us improve American criminal justice.

Bruce Green
New York, New York

EVALUATORS OF THE FINAL ROUND



Championship round judges (L. to R.): Vince Aprile, Esq., Hon. Abishi C. Cunningham, Jr. (presiding), and Stephen Komie, Esq.

Judge Cunningham, a long-time friend of The John Marshall Law School, and a highly regarded former member of the adjunct faculty, was a judge on the Cook County Circuit Court for 23 years before accepting the appointment as the Public Defender of Cook County, Illinois, in 2009. A former Assistant State's Attorney, a leader in the Cook County Criminal Defense Consortium, and a legal advisor to the Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction, he has tried hundreds of cases. As a judge he presided over hundreds of criminal and civil jury trials and thousands of bench trials.

He has also taught advocacy courses at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and DePaul University School of Law.

Both Mr. Aprile (Louisville, KY) and Mr. Komie (Chicago, IL) have served on the Criminal Justice Section's Governing Council.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

3:15 p.m. Advisors' meeting. Baim Courtroom,
The John Marshall Law School, 3E

5:15 p.m. Round I. Richard J. Daley Center.
Room 1307: assignments

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 a.m. Round II. Courtrooms to be assigned in the Daley Center, the Dirksen Federal Building, and The John Marshall Law School. Meet at The John Marshall Law School Room 3E unless otherwise instructed.

5:15 p.m. Round III. Richard J. Daley Center.
Room 1307: assignments

10:00 p.m. Announcement of semifinalists
LaRosetta Restaurant (70 W. Madison)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8:45 a.m. Semifinal Round. The Dirksen Federal Building.
Courtroom 2541
Courtroom 2503

1:30 p.m. Final Round. The John Marshall Law School,
Baim Courtroom, 3E

Presiding: The Honorable A. C. Cunningham
Public Defender of Cook County, Illinois

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Awards. Buffet Reception.
The John Marshall Law School, Room 200

JUDGES AND EVALUATORS FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

Marilyn Alioto	Andrew Grill
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Edward Burr	Vicki Klegman
Joe Carlson	John Kopp
Michael Carroll	Maria Kuriakos Ciesil
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Carl Clavelli	Joanna Leafblad
David Coleman	James Linn
Christine Cook	John Mahoney
Jack Costello	Catherine Malloy
David Delgado	Edward Maloney
Laura Deschamps	Jenetia Marshall
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Team Members: Linda Coleman, Peter Maris,
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National Champions

- 2010: St. John's University School of Law (NY)**
- 2009: Mercer University Law School (GA)**
- 2008: Barry University,
Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law (FL)**
- 2007: Loyola University New Orleans College of Law**
- 2006: Temple University,
James E. Beasley School of Law (PA)**
- 2005: Howard University School of Law (DC)**
- 2004: Harvard Law School (MA)**
- 2003: The University of Georgia School of Law (GA)**
- 2002: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 2001: Creighton University School of Law (NE)**
- 2000: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 1999: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 1998: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 1997: Albany Law School, Union University (NY)**
- 1996: Florida State University College of Law (FL)**
- 1995: Albany Law School, Union University (NY)**
- 1994: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 1993: Stetson University College of Law (FL)**
- 1992: Harvard Law School (MA)**
- 1991: Chicago-Kent College of Law,
Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)**

HISTORY

In January 1990 the Chair of the Criminal Justice Section reported to the Board of Governors of The American Bar Association that the Section and The John Marshall Law School recognized “the importance of training law students in trial advocacy and litigation skills.”

The report continued: “The Criminal Justice Section is excited about the potential for involvement in this newly proposed criminal trial advocacy program. It provides an important opportunity for the Association to make a contribution towards developing competency among the next generation of lawyers who will work in the nation’s criminal justice system.”

In February 1990 the ABA’s Board of Governors approved the proposal that the Criminal Justice Section and The John Marshall Law School co-sponsor an annual criminal trial advocacy competition for law students. In April 1990 the Executive Director of the ABA, Jill Wine-Banks, and the Dean of The John Marshall Law School, Peter J. McGovern, announced the inauguration of the National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, with Professor Ronald C. Smith as its Director.



Judge Cara Lee Neville (MN) presents the 1992 First Place Trophy to the team from Harvard Law School.

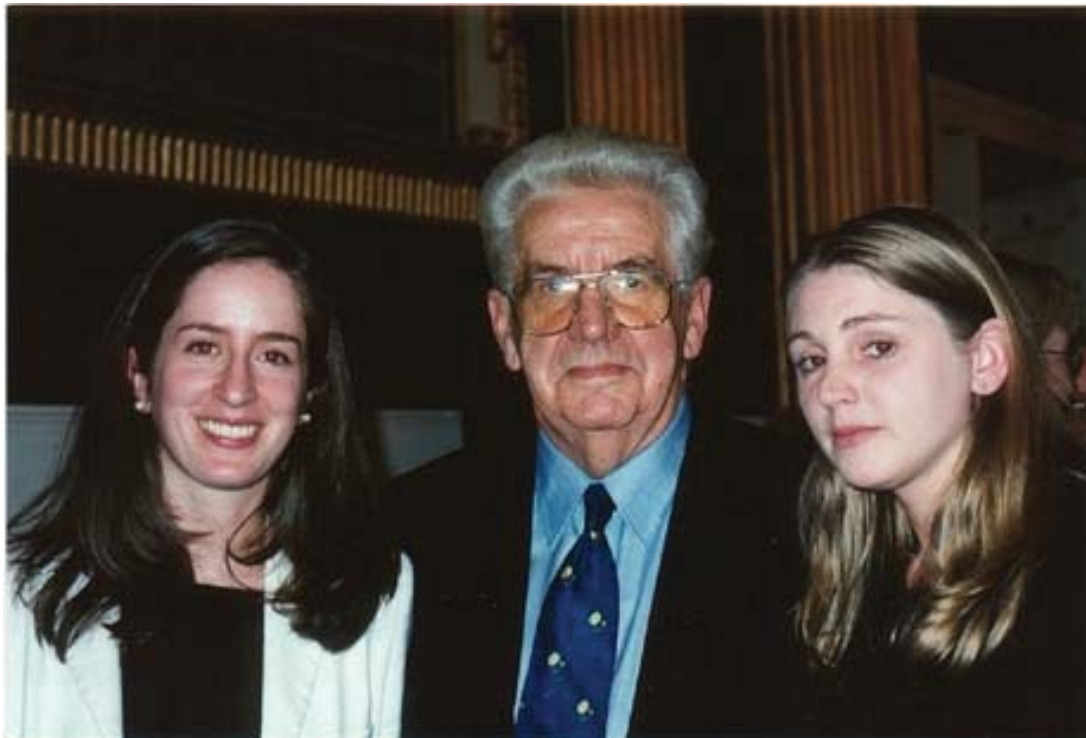
The first Competition, held in **1991**, involved a biker charged with attempted murder. The **1992** trial problem was an obstruction of justice case. The **1993** Competition, a la “Operation Greylord,” had an undercover “corrupt” lawyer accusing a judge of taking bribe money [one Competition trial took place in the courtroom next to an actual Greylord case]. The **1994** Competition, a multiple lease-back case - a business scam. In **1995** the defendant, tried for burglary, claimed the police had “planted” the key evidence. In **1996**, a state senator was charged with taking money for official favors.



Top trial lawyers and judges evaluate the student competitors. Here, in 1993, are Cook County Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Howlett, Jr. (l.) and Daniel K. Webb (c.) receiving instructions from the Competition’s director, Professor Ron Smith.

In **1997** the Competition began inviting teams from overseas. A team from Trinity College’s School of Law, Dublin, Ireland, ably performed in three rounds of mock trials (using John Marshall students as witnesses). Members of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office advised the Irish team. The defendant was charged with possession with the intent to distribute controlled substances.

The 1998 problem was a grisly “no body” murder case: the defendant owned a boutique store that specialized in prime meats and sausages. In 1999 students from Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand, participated in the Competition, and tried a possession of controlled substances case.



Pictured in July, 2000, at the ABA reception in Dublin for American and Irish lawyers, are the late Chief Justice of the Irish Supreme Court, Hon. Liam Hamilton (c.), with University College Dublin students Ms. Caoilfhionn Gallagher (l.) and Ms. Maeve Regan (r.).

In 2000, a superb team from University College, Dublin, participated and won every vote until defeated by a strong Harvard team. A few months later, in August, these University College of Dublin students again participated in *People v. Rigney*, – this time as witnesses – in Dublin in a mock trial program comparing advocacy techniques of Irish barristers and U.S. trial lawyers. Members of the American Bar Association’s International Law and Criminal Justice Sections and the Kings Inn of Ireland demonstrated their styles before an international audience in the courtroom of the Irish Supreme Court in the Four Courts building, as part of the ABA’s 2000 Annual Meeting (Chicago lawyers Terence MacCarthy, William Hannay, and Professor Ronald C. Smith, and Dallas lawyer Jay Vogelsson, represented the United States).

In **2001** two new criminal trial advocacy competitions, modeled after – and graciously paying homage to – The John Marshall Law School–ABA Criminal Justice Section’s National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, were created by Michigan State University–Detroit College of Law and by Quinnipiac University School of Law. The November 2000 winners of these two Competitions were automatically invited (Southern Methodist in 2001, Temple in 2002) to our National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition. Currently, the winners of the annual Georgetown University Invitational White Collar Crime Trial Competition, the annual Quinnipiac Criminal Justice Trial Competition, and the annual Puerto Rico Criminal Trial Competition are invited to the JMLS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Competition.



Best record in the history of The Competition: Christian Mattioli, Temple University, receives the 2006 "Outstanding Advocate" and "Outstanding Cross-examiner" awards from the Competition's Director, Professor Ron Smith. Mr. Mattioli also received eleven perfect scores (out of a possible fifteen) in the Competition.

The Competition problems continued to be interesting and challenging: **2001**, Robbery and Felony Murder; **2002**, Identity Theft; **2003**, Attempted Murder; **2004**, Drug Conspiracy; and **2005**, Possession of Controlled Substances.

In **2006**, the defendant, an environmental activist, was accused of firebombing a construction site being built over a nature preserve (Arson, Terrorism); **2007**, Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter; **2008**, Trafficking in Counterfeit Merchandise (T-shirts and souvenirs from the memorial concert for the late members of the famous JAMBLAS rock band); **2009**, a judge was accused of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; **2010**, Burglary and Possession of Stolen Property; and this year, **2011**, Arson; the campaign office of a candidate for city alderman is torched, allegedly by a local businessman opposed to the candidate's stance against outsourcing city services.

Critique of the 2008 Finalists



Florida attorney Albert Krieger critiques the student advocates from St. John's University School of Law and Barry University School of Law after the final round of the 2008 Competition.

Law schools from outside the United States continued to contend: **2003**, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, UK; **2004**, Victoria University Law School, NZ; **2005 and 2007**, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, UK; **2008**, The University of Lucknow School of Law, Lucknow, India; and **2009**, The Honorable Society of the King's Inns, Ireland.

The Competition advances The John Marshall Law School's 111 year tradition of excellence in and dedication to the training of lawyers in the art of trial advocacy. To date, over 100 law schools from all regions of the United States have participated in the Competition. Each year over 125 attorneys and judges contribute their time and talent to observing, scoring, and evaluating the student advocates. The Competition has won praise from all quarters for the excellence of its evaluators, and the enthusiasm of its participants.



Myrna Raeder, 1998-1999 chair of The Criminal Justice Section (*center*), and Prof. Ronald C. Smith (*right*) of The John Marshall Law School, receive the ABA Section Officers Conference Best of the Sections Award from the ABA President Jerome Shestack (*left*) at the 1998 Annual ABA Meeting in Toronto. The award was given for The National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition in “recognition of meritorious services on behalf of the legal profession.”

**PAST NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION WINNERS**

1991 Winner: I.I.T.-Chicago-Kent College of Law

Finalist: Campbell University, Norman A. Wiggins School of Law

Semifinalists: Franklin Pierce Law Center

University of San Diego School of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable William J. Bauer

Chief Judge, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

1992 Winner: Harvard University Law School

Finalist: University of San Diego School of Law

Semifinalists: Golden Gate University School of Law

I.I.T. Chicago-Kent College of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Cara Lee Neville

President, National Assn. of Women Judges

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1993 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalist: I.I.T.-Chicago-Kent College of Law

Semifinalists: Albany Law School

Drake University School of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Frank Maloney

Court of Criminal Appeals, State of Texas

1994 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalist: University of Georgia School of Law

Semifinalists: Albany Law School

Harvard Law School

The John Marshall Law School

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Sylvia Bacon (Ret.)

Washington, DC

1995 Winner: Albany Law School

Finalist: Harvard Law School

Semifinalists: University of Georgia School of Law

The John Marshall Law School

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Irma Raker

Court of Appeals of Maryland

1996 Winner: Florida State Law School

Finalist: Widener Law School

Semifinalists: Albany Law School, The John Marshall Law School, and Harvard Law School

Best Advocate: Ronetta Lewis, Florida State Law School

Best Cross-Examiner: Christopher Farrell, Widener University School of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Cara Lee Neville
1995-1996 Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section

1997 Winner: Albany Law School

Finalist: University of Maryland School of Law

Semifinalists: Nova-Southeastern School of Law
Whittier Law School
The John Marshall Law School

Best Advocate: Michele Baumgartner, Albany Law School

Best Witness Award: David V. Roth, Golden Gate School of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Michael Bender, Justice
Supreme Court of Colorado

1998 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalist: Albany Law School

Semifinalists: Georgia State University College of Law
Southwestern University School of Law

Best Advocate: Creighton P. Shafer, Stetson *Best Cross-Examiner:* Imro
Root, Albany Law School

Judge of Final Round: Honorable William L. Howard, Sr.
The South Carolina Court of Appeals

1999 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalist: Loyola University New Orleans, School of Law

Semifinalists: Georgia State University College of Law
Southwestern University School of Law

Best Advocate and Best Cross Exzaminer: Kenneth Foote, Stetson
University College of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Thomas Fitzgerald
Chief Judge, Criminal Division
Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

2000 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalists (tie): Georgia State University School of Law
Harvard Law School

Semifinalist: University of Florida, Levin College of Law

Noble W. Lee Award for Best Advocate:

Chimwe Okpecki, Stetson University College of Law

Terence MacCarthy Award for Best Cross-Examiner:

Scott Key, Georgia State University College of Law

Judge of Final Round: Terence MacCarthy

Federal Defender, Northern District of Illinois

2001 Winner: Creighton University School of Law

Finalist: Stetson University School of Law

Semifinalists: Southern Methodist University School of Law

Thomas M. Cooley Law School

The John Marshall Law School

Noble W. Lee Award for Best Advocate in the Final Round:

Elisa Kisselburg, Creighton University School of Law

Judge of Final Round: Honorable Bernice B. Donald Judge

U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

Governor, 2000-2001 ABA Board of Governors

2002 Winner: Stetson University College of Law

Finalist: University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Semifinalists Catholic University of America School of Law

Temple University, Beasley School of Law

Noble W. Lee Award for Best Advocate:

Natalia Kirayoglu, Stetson University College of Law

Judge of Final Round: The Hon. Blanche Manning

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

2003 Winner: University of Georgia School of Law

Finalist: Harvard University Law School

Semifinalists Georgetown University Law Center

Syracuse University College of Law

Best Advocate: Megan Jones, University of Georgia

Judge of Final Round: The Hon. Edmund Ponce DeLeon

Presiding Judge, Fourth Municipal District of Cook County, IL

2004 Winner: Harvard University Law School

Finalist: Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center

Semifinalists: Georgetown University Law Center

Syracuse University College of Law

Best Advocate: Laura Ferry, Harvard

Best Cross Examination: Christine M. Mire, Louisiana State

Judge of Final Round: Honorable David A. Erickson

Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

2005 Winner: Howard University School of Law

Finalist: Brooklyn School of Law

Semifinalists: American University, Washington College of Law

St. John's University School of Law

Best Advocate: Larry Chris Stewart, Howard

Judges of Final Round: Albert Krieger, Esq., Miami Florida, and Hon.

Carol Kipperman, Circuit Court of Cook County, IL

2006 Winner: Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law

Finalist: Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Semifinalists: University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

St. John's University School of Law

Best Advocate and Best Cross Examination: Christian Mattioli, Temple

Judge of Final Round: Hon. Daniel M. Locallo, Judge of the Circuit

Court of Cook County, IL

2007 Winner: Loyola University New Orleans School of Law

Finalist: Temple University, Beasley School of Law

Semifinalists: St. John's University School of Law

University of Washington School of Law

Best Advocate and Best Cross Examination: Nicole Junior, Temple

Best Witness in the Competition:

Valerie Ferrier, St. John's University School of Law

2008 Winner: Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law

Finalist: St. John's University School of Law

Semifinalists: Tulane University Law School

South Texas College of Law

Best Advocate: Denise Kim, Barry

Best Cross Examination: Mary Kate Quinn, St. John's

Judge of the Final Round: David P. Schippers, Esq., Chicago, IL

2009 Winner: Mercer University Law School

Finalist: The University of Houston Law School

Semifinalists: Harvard Law School and Tulane University Law School

Noble W. Lee Award for Best Advocate and Terence MacCarthy Award for

Best Cross Examination: Katie Powers, Mercer University Law School.

Judge of the Final Round: Hon. Charles P. Kocoras, Senior Judge (former Chief Judge), U. S. District Court, N.D., IL

2010 Winner: St. John's University School of Law

Finalist: Barry University School of Law

Semifinalists: Golden Gate University School of Law (CA) and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Baylor University's team was undefeated in the preliminary rounds (as were the four semifinalists), but did not advance after a series of tie breakers. Margaret Garner (Barry) won the Noble Lee Outstanding Advocate award, and Cindy Espinosa (St. John's) won the MacCarthy Best Cross-examination award.



Margaret Garner, Barry University School of Law (FL), wins the 2010 Competition's "Best Advocate" award. [L. to R.] Competition Director Ronald C. Smith, Joseph Morris, Esq., Mary Wilson Barry, Esq., Ms. Garner, and Stephen Komie. Esq.

The 2010 Champions

St. John's University School of Law



St. John's University School of Law takes First Place at the 2010 National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition.

The Evaluators of the Competition's final round are shown with the winning team: (L. to R.) Mary Wilson Barry, competition director Ron Smith, Joseph Morris, David P. Schippers, the St. John's Law School student team (Daniel Minucci, Cindy Espinosa, Michelle Frangella, and Anthony Liberatoscioli), and Stephen Komie. Ms. Cindy Espinosa received the competition's Terence MacCarthy award as the best cross-examiner in the Competition. Barry University School of Law's Margaret Garner's won the Outstanding Advocate Award.

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