

Advocacy season highlights



Georgia Law fielded two teams of oralists for the ABA competition. Showing off their awards are (l. to r.) Michael Caplan, Richard Maxwell, Carl Jones, Brendan Krasinski, Stephanie Anderson, Elliott Stiles and James Radford. Not pictured: Candice Blain and Darren Hickman.



Erik Johnson (l.) and Brian Watt swept the regional round of the National Moot Court Competition.



Holding her Thurgood Marshall Best Advocate trophy is Veronica Richardson. She is surrounded by teammates (l. to r.) Tunde Ezekiel, Jadun McCarthy and Joseph Colette.



This year's ATLA team included (l. to r.) Charmel Gaulden, Megan Kreitner, Will Claiborne and Erik Johnson.

Georgia Law's acclaimed advocacy program finished the 2004-05 year with three first place oralist trophies and two first place brief awards, placed second and third in two different national tournaments, and captured two regional championships in addition to earning several other individual and team honors. Tournament highlights follow.

Team finishes second at ABA Competition

For the first time, a Georgia Law moot court team made it to the final round of the American Bar Association National Student Appellate Advocacy Competition, and the team finished second out of 187 law schools.

The team – comprised of second-year students Stephanie C. Anderson, Michael A. Caplan and W. Elliott Stiles – also won the Third Best Brief Award in the competition. Caplan was named the competition's Sixth Best Oralist.

Third-year students Brendan G. Krasinski, Darren C. Hickman and Richard L. Maxwell

coached the team, which advanced to the national round after capturing the regional crown.

While at the regional competition, this competing trio received the Second Best Brief Award.

Georgia has strong showing at Thurgood Marshall Tournament

A team of four Georgia Law students finished third at the National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition.

The quartet of second-year students Veronica L. Richardson and Ayotunde "Tunde" O. Ezekiel and third-year students H. Joseph Colette and Jadun O. McCarthy advanced to the national tournament after taking the second place trophy at the regional competition.

While at the regional event in February, Richardson captured the Best Advocate Award.

Third-year student Charmel L. Gaulden coached the team, which was sponsored by the law school's Davenport-Benham Black Law Students Association.

Dynamic duo sweeps regional National Moot Court Competition

Third-year students Erik S. Johnson and Brian P. Watt won all three categories in the regional round of the National Moot Court Competition. The pair, sponsored by the Atlanta law firm Hawkins & Parnell, won Best Team and Best Brief awards. Also, Johnson was named the tournament's Best Oralist.

This was the fifth consecutive year that Georgia Law captured the regional title in this competition.

Georgia finishes ATLA tournament as semifinalists

Georgia Law had a strong performance at the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Regional Tournament finishing the competition as semifinalists. The team, composed of third-year students Charmel L. Gaulden, William R. Claiborne, Megan R. Kreitner and Erik S. Johnson, argued a civil case involving an alleged assault by a bar bouncer.