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5/03/04--The William E. and Carol G. Simon Oral Advocacy Program Annual Awards Banquet was held on Wednesday, April 29, and marked the end of a notably strong 2004 for Boston College Law School Advocacy teams.

"This has truly been a banner year," said Director of Advocacy Programs Alexis Anderson. "More teams won their Regional competitions and went on to the Nationals than I can ever recall, and we had one National victory, as well as a number of best oralist and best brief prizes at various stages of other competitions. We also had more students participating in the 1L competitions and in [BC Law internal competition] Grimes Moot Court than I can remember during my time here."

BC Law Teams in Constitutional Law, Client Counseling, Intellectual Property, National Moot Court, and National Mock Trial competitions all advanced to the national level in 2004. All performed well against teams from all over the country. The Braxton Craven team won its National competition.

In his keynote speech during the banquet, BC Law alum Frank Bellotti ('52), a former Mass Attorney General and partner at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C., recognized how important it is for the Law School to have a well established advocacy program and clinics. "That range of opportunities simply didn't exist when I was here," he said. He went on to discuss how he had encouraged other alumni who had worked with him in the AG's office, such as Don Stern and Tom Barnico, to come back and help build these programs at BC Law.

The 2004 Joseph F. and Mary M. Gill Award for Outstanding Mock Trial Participant went to Sharon Lahey. This year's Award to Best Third-Year Oralist went to Jennifer Bombard.

Anderson made a special effort to point out the extraordinary work by the members of the Board of Student Advisors, the organization that runs the competitions. "This year's BSA chairs conducted their programs with the explicit goal of teaching advocacy – whether it be negotiation skills, oral advocacy, trial skills or client counseling," she said. "They structured their programs to ensure that the participants in the various events could hone their skills through repeat performances, through practice rounds, through incorporation of detailed feedback. More than any group with which I have had the pleasure of working, this year's chairs operated with one mission foremost in their minds – the training of effective advocates."

### Full list of award winners and teams

#### Negotiation Competition Awards

Presenters: Professor Paul Tremblay, coach, presenting on behalf of himself and Professor Alan Minuskin, co- coach; P.J. Hannon and Latesha Lipscomb, Co-Chairs

Winners: Emily Armstrong, Matthew McGinnis, Vanessa Olivier, and Eleanor Williams

Finalists: Meagan Garland, Liza Mamtani, Keturah Martin, and Sarah Wellings

#### John J. Fitzgerald Client Counseling Awards

Presenters: Professor Evangeline Sarda, coach; Patrick Jackson and Allen O'Neil, Co-Chairs

Winnners: Alison Lasseter and Megan Smiley

Finalists: Keturah Martin and Sarah Wellings

#### Mock-Trial Competition Awards

Presenters: Kelly McGee and Darryl Roberts, Co-Chairs

Winners: Sharon Lahey and Christine Siscaretti

Finalists: Jeffrey Gilbreth and Brian Korn

#### Wendell F. Grimes Moot Court Competition Awards

Presenters: Brandon Barkhuff, Kelsey Knox and Doug Tillberg, Co-Chairs

Winners: Jon Berroya and Jason Casero

Finalists: Thomas Holden and Sarah Thomas

Best-Brief: Courtney Harrison and Kristin Potdevin

Best-Brief Finalist: John Verble Hobgood and Lisa Lipman

Best Oralists: Jon Berroya and Kevin Heffel

Best Final Round Oralist: Jon Berroya

#### Frederic N. Halström National Moot Court Team

Presenters: Dean Henry Clay and Chief Justice Herbert Wilkins, coaches

Team: Brandon Barkhuff, Adam Bovilsky, Kenneth Byrd, and Lisa Palin

#### Awards to J. Braxton Craven Moot Court Team

Presenter: Professor Thomas Barnico, coach

Team: Jennifer Bombard, Kelsey Knox, Sarah Newhall, Joshua Walls

#### Awards to Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team

Presenters: Professor Thomas Carey, coach, presenting on behalf of himself and co-coach

Professor David Wirth

Team: Dana McSherry, Rita-Anne O'Neil, Heather Sprague, and Jeremy Valdez

#### Awards to National Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team

Presenter: Professor Alexis Anderson, presenting on behalf of Professor Anthony Farley, coach

Team: Rodney Alberto, Kali Billingslea, and Tavares Brewington

#### Awards to National Environmental Moot Court Team

Presenter: Professor Zygmunt Plater, coach

Team: Michael Burkett, Katie Conrad, and Jeremy McDiarmid

#### Awards to Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Team

Presenter: Professor Joseph Liu, coach

Team: Sheila Bautista, John Choe, and Helle Sachse

#### Awards to John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team

Presenter: Professor Robert Bloom, coach

Team: Jeffrey Gilbreth, Brian Korn, and Katherine Norman

#### Awards to National Mock Trial Team

Presenters: Professor Cathleen Bennett and Professor Paul McManus, coaches

Team: Anna Conrad, Sharon Lahey, Aaron Sato, Christine Siscaretti, Jeremy Valdez, and Emily Yu

#### **Board of Student Advisors, 2003-2004 Executive Board**

Co-Chairs: Deshala Dixon & Jeremy Valdez

Moot Court Co-Chairs: Brandon Barkhuff, Kelsey Knox, & Doug Tillberg

Mock Trial Co-Chairs: Kelly McGee & Darryl Roberts

Negotiation Co-Chairs: P.J. Hannon & Latesha Lipscomb

Client Counseling Co-Chairs: Patrick Jackson & Allen O'Neil

3L Representatives: Adrienne Barnett, Jenn Knowles, Aaron Sato, & Emily Yu

1L Representatives: Keturah Martin, Elisabeth Ryan, & Lindsey Wolfe

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