Campbell Law wins South Texas Mock Trial Challenge

Campbell Law student advocates have collected the national championship at the prestigious South Texas Mock Trial Challenge for the second time in three years. Third-year students Terry Brown, Jr., Lauren Fussell, and Kaitlin Rothecker won every single trial in all seven rounds of the competition, an unprecedented 22 of 23 ballots, on their way to taking home the winning Treece-O’Quinn Championship Trophy on March 29. The team defeated fellow law school competitors from Mississippi College, the University of Pennsylvania, Texas A&M, Pacific McGeorge, American, Baylor, and Georgia State.

Rothecker picked up a handful of individual awards as well. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, she was awarded the Williams Kherkher Trophy as the most professional advocate from a field of more than 140 competitors. Following the championship finals, she collected the Laminack, Pirtle & Martines Trophy as the best advocate in the championship final round.

Brown, Jr. and Rothecker tried both sides of a medical battery damages case representing the family of the victim in some rounds and then immediately turning around and representing the defendant hospital on the other side—often on the same day. Fussell served as a dynamic expert witness offering medical testimony on both sides throughout the competition. The case was based solely on future and punitive damages, requiring students to present or oppose millions of dollars in claims.

Campbell Law Director of Advocacy & Assistant Professor Dan Tilly coached the team.

“Terry, Kaitlin and Lauren once again proved that they are among the very brightest and most talented young lawyers in the country,” said Tilly. “Over the past two years they have worked tirelessly in preparing themselves to practice at the highest level. I’ve been privileged to see their remarkable development and be part of their brilliant rise to the top.”

Campbell Law previously won the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge in March 2013.

Hosted by South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas, the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge is one of the preeminent mock trial competitions in the country. As the largest invitational trial competition in America, the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge hosts teams from across the nation. Most competing schools opt to send their very best advocates, many of whom competed at other national competitions this spring.
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Paul selected as distinguished student by American College of Bankruptcy

Third-year Campbell Law student Elizabeth Paul has been selected as the distinguished bankruptcy law student for the Fourth Circuit by the American College of Bankruptcy (ACB). Paul, who was nominated for the honor by Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard, was formally recognized as a part of an all-expense paid trip to the organization’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C., March 12-14.

“I am immensely proud of Elizabeth for being chosen for this prestigious accolade,” said Leonard. “She has been a fine asset to the Campbell Law community, and I have no doubt that she will represent our institution well in Washington while being recognized for her efforts.”

Extremely active in the law school community, Paul has served as the symposium editor for Campbell Law Review, as well as the president of the Women in Law student organization.

“I am deeply honored to receive this award,” said Paul. “Dean Leonard continues to be a wonderful mentor as I pursue my interest in the practice of bankruptcy and I am so grateful for his nomination.”

Potential honorees must be recommended by an ACB Fellow, law school dean, or professor. The nomination must also include the student’s written materials and additional letters of recommendation. Each nominated student must have outstanding academic credentials and an interest in bankruptcy law. All of the nominated students are considered by the Circuit council of their Circuit, which ultimately makes the selection. Only one student is selected from each Circuit.

Reason receives Anglin Law Leadership Award

Second-year student Katherine Reason was named the recipient of the Anglin Law Leadership Award at Campbell Law’s 38th annual Law Day Banquet on March 21. A native of Royal Oak, Mich., Reason is the second recipient of the $2,000 award.

The Anglin Law Leadership Award, established by Christopher J. Anglin of the Anglin Law Firm, recognizes a second-year Campbell Law student with a strong academic record, leadership in student organizations and pro bono activities and contributions to the community. Applicants must possess a strong academic record with preference given to students that participate in one or more student organizations, serve in a leadership role, participate in the advocacy program and/or student publications, exhibit outstanding academic performance and leadership and take part in pro bono activities.

“I am honored and grateful for this award,” said Reason. “I hope to use this award to honor Mr. Anglin and continue to represent Campbell Law through outreach and pro bono opportunities in our broader community.”

On top of strong academic credentials, Reason is extremely active within the law school community. She currently serves as vice president of the Campbell Public Interest Law Student Association, editor-in-chief-elect of Campbell Law Review, and chair of the Public Interest Law Expo. She previously participated in moot court competitions and was a staff member of Campbell Law Review.

Reason has also served as a teaching scholar for Torts I and Torts II.

Her pro bono activities at Campbell Law have been immense. She has participated in the Pro Bono Council’s Rentsy and Wills & Advanced Directive projects, served as an extern with Legal Aid of North Carolina, an intern with Disability Rights North Carolina, and has provided one-on-one attention and mentorship to an area child with autism. She is also the founder of LSATlink (LSATLink.org), which provides LSAT preparation materials to prospective law school students which financial hardship.

Reason enrolled at Campbell Law after earning a B.A. in communications from Michigan State University in May 2011.

NCBA Executive Director Head honored with Iredell Award

North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) Executive Director Allan Head was presented the James Iredell Award on March 18, by Campbell Law School’s Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) Law Fraternity. The NCBA’s chief executive since February 1981, Head received the award at a reception and dinner held at The City Club in downtown.

Head earned his undergraduate degree (1966) and juris doctor (1969) from Wake Forest University. Upon graduating from law school and being admitted to the bar, he moved to Germany in 1970 where he served as a lawyer for the United States Army Security Agency Europe for three years. Head then moved back to North Carolina and became the executive secretary of the NCBA until 1981. Since then he has served as the organization’s executive director and treasurer. Head is an active member of the American Bar Association and an ABA-Bar Leadership Institute speaker.

Since 1980 the James Iredell Award has been presented each year by Campbell Law’s PAD chapter to an individual who has made significant contributions to the legal profession and to Campbell Law. The award, inspired by the life and writings of Justice James Iredell, the namesake of Campbell Law’s PAD chapter, honors the recipient’s accomplishments, tenacity and effort.
First Judicial District of N.C. alums provide financial support for mock trial competition

Campbell Law alumni in North Carolina’s First Judicial District have worked together to provide financial assistance for a mock trial competition. The funds will support the single best advocacy student at Campbell Law who will be selected to compete at the 2015 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition this coming June. The competition is hosted by Baylor Law School in Waco, Texas.

"This gift is just further proof of how special our alumni are and how much this place means to them," said Campbell Law Dean J. Rich Leonard. "We tell people all the time that our law school community is a special place, and that’s not just lip service. We are all lucky to be here."

The collaborative effort was spearheaded by 1993 graduate L. Phillip Hornthal, III. He practices at Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland, LLP in Elizabeth City, N.C. Approximately 10 alumni contributed to the effort.

“Our district is comprised of smaller towns and counties with much lower populations than our state’s metropolitan areas," said Hornthal. "As such, most of our lawyers either work with small firms or are solo practitioners, and simply aren’t in a position to offer regular, substantial support on their own. This collaborative effort, however, allows the First District’s Campbell Law graduates to make a meaningful contribution to the school that launched all of our careers. The response to my email plea for support was swift, but not at all surprising knowing how strong our Bar is."

The Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition is an innovative, invitation-only mock trial tournament that challenges the best individual student advocates from only the top 16 trial advocacy schools. These premier student advocates compete head-to-head as solo advocates for the honor of being crowned the nation’s Top Gun advocate, with the winner collecting a $10,000 prize.

Campbell Law holds annual scholarship luncheon

Campbell Law School hosted its annual luncheon for scholarship donors on April 1. More than 60 donors, alumni, students, faculty, and staff members attended the event, including numerous distinguished Campbell Law alumni and former faculty members.

The annual event is an important one for the law school, as it provides an opportunity for scholarship donors and recipients to interact. The luncheon also serves as a platform for fellowship, as well as celebrating the hard work of law students throughout the academic year and the foresight of Campbell Law donors.

Third-year student Terry Brown, Jr. spoke to the importance of his scholarship and law school benefactors, elaborating on the substantial benefit that his scholarship has afforded him in pursuing a law degree. Brown, Jr. is the recipient of the Minnie Deans Lamm Law School Scholarship.

Campbell Law Classic raises funds for Huntington’s Disease Society of America

Campbell Law School’s Men’s Legal Caucus (MLC) raised $1,500 for the Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA) at its recent golf tournament. The Campbell Law Classic, now in its 20th year, was held March 29 at River Ridge Golf Club. More than 40 participants took part in the golf tournament.

"On behalf of the Men’s Legal Caucus, I want to thank everyone who participated or contributed to the success of this tournament," said MLC President and third-year student Jake Garris. "We are very proud to make this contribution to a great organization doing amazing things for people with Huntington’s disease."

Three teams ultimately tied for the lead with a low score of 58, with the tiebreaker going to the second-year student foursome of Adam Elkins, Jonathan Holder, Sean Madden, and Drew Harkins.

“I want to say I truly appreciate you all donating to the HDSA this year,” said HDSA North Carolina Chapter President Lauren Holder. “We at the N.C. Chapter are doing everything we can to help make the quality of life better for the people and families affected by Huntington’s.”

The Huntington’s Disease Society of America is committed to improving the lives of people suffering from the illness, as well as promoting and supporting medical research efforts to eradicate the disease. For more information visit http://www.hdsa.org/.

Founded in 1997, MLC seeks to foster fellowship among members of the Campbell Law community through group activities and philanthropic outreach. Last year MLC raised more than $1,500 for the First Tee of the Triangle via the Campbell Law Classic.