



Campbell University School of Law Prevails in National Civil Trial Competition

LOS ANGELES (November 18, 2019)— Four student litigants from Campbell University School of Law out-litigated 15 other teams to win the 18th-annual National Civil Trial Competition, co-sponsored by LMU Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and the Santa Monica law firm Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP. UCLA School of Law was the runner-up in the prestigious competition, which began Friday, Nov. 15 at the Santa Monica Courthouse and concluded with the final round on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at Loyola Law School’s downtown L.A. campus.

The winning team included Luke Coates, Kevin Littlejohn, Lydia Stoney, and Courtney Haywood. Their coach Jacob Morse was a former Top Gun winner in 2017. Lydia Stoney was named the championship round best advocate. This is Campbell Law’s first championship at NCTC.

The competition involved 64 law student litigants representing their schools on teams of four. The subject of this year’s civil case involved a former inmate suing a prison and its warden for failing to protect him from a violent cellmate. The students acted as advocates/witnesses to perform opening statements, conduct direct- and cross-examination of expert and lay witnesses, make closing arguments and argue objections based on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Each team argued their case in front of a panel of judges consisting of prestigious members of the Southern California bar.

“These students did an outstanding job demonstrating high-level litigation skills,” said Alan Van Gelder, a partner at Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP who observed the competition. “This event showcases an impressive group of up-and-coming legal advocates.”

“The participants should feel very proud of their stellar performances,” said Professor Susan Poehls, Director of Trial Advocacy Programs at Loyola Law School. “This year’s competition was fierce and I’d like to thank all the members of the judge’s panel and the sponsors who make this competition possible.”

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