

# The Rebuttal



## A Letter from the Chief Justice

As Chief Justice, it is my pleasure to report that our Moot Court Board had a year filled with many successes. In the prior issue of *The Rebuttal*, I expressed my excitement for the upcoming year. As I look back, I remember the programs, events, and competitions that enhanced our educational experience, continued our growth as professional advocates, and maintained our legacy of worldwide winning. In this moment, I could not be prouder of our accomplishments.

Over the past year, we sent at least seventeen teams all

across the United States and to Vienna, Austria. In these competitions, we learned about a wide variety of subject areas. While some of the subject areas, such as tax law, the Clean Water Act, and the Wellstone Act, may have been less fascinating than others, we will carry the knowledge we gained from these competitions into our professional careers.

In continuing to grow as professional advocates, Moot Court Board members paid it forward by volunteering over four hundred pro bono hours. Board members helped first-year

students prepare for oral arguments in their R&W II classes, the Phelps Dunbar First-Year Appellate Advocacy Competition, and the Carlton Fields First-Year Appellate Advocacy Competition. Board members also served as brief graders, and even participated in a co-sponsored pro bono event in which Moot Court Board members made bag lunches for needy and homeless citizens of Pinellas County.

In pursuit of excellence, our Board members devoted their time and energy to drafting well-researched briefs and crafting thoughtful arguments. This **Continued on page 2**

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**MOOT COURT WINS  
 MOST IMPORTANT COMPETITION OF ALL—  
 FIRST ANNUAL MOOT  
 COURT v. LAW REVIEW  
 KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

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## Stetson Finishes Record-Breaking Season Ranked Third in the Nation!

The 2011–2012 Moot Court Board started off with a bang, sweeping the top 3 awards at the Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition last summer and ended in similar fashion with Stetson appearing in the national semifinals and receiving two National Best Oralist Awards, 4th and 5th place, at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Overall, the Moot Court Board won six competitions and argued in the finals of three more. Teams advanced to the semifinals six times and the quarterfinals twice. On top of all of that, teams also brought

home seven brief awards, including five best briefs and fifteen oralist awards, including six best oralist awards.

But in addition to those accomplishments, the Board reached several achievements for the first time ever or the first time in quite awhile.

Beginning in the fall, the team of **Ryan Leuthauser, Julia Richmond, and Scott Stevenson** represented Stetson at the National Moot Court Competition, hosted by the New York Cit Bar Association and American College of Trial Lawyers. The team won the Atlanta Regional handily beating eighteen other teams and bringing home a best brief award to put Stetson in the National rounds for the first time in over ten years!

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dedication enabled us to win competitions worldwide.

As Stetson Moot Court Board members, we know that our achievements and accomplishments are not only a reflection of our drive to win and our dedication to professional success, but also, and perhaps more importantly, a reflection of the guidance and direction we receive from our faculty advisor, professors, alumni, and coaches. The time and effort alumni dedicate to judging practices, coaching teams, and helping our Board members effectively craft targeted arguments are essential elements to our Board's success.

Our roadmap to success also relies upon the dedication and hard work of our coaches. I would personally like to thank the coaches whose guidance and wisdom made me a better advocate: Professor Minneti, Professor Allen, and Jason Stearns, Esq. I know I will be a better attorney as a result of their efforts.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board for allowing me to serve as this year's Chief Justice. It has been an honor and a humbling privilege.

Respectfully yours,

*Frederick Longmire*

2011–2012 Stetson Moot Court  
Chief Justice

**Record Breaking,  
from page 1**

In the national rounds, Stetson again advanced out of the preliminary rounds and all the way to the quarterfinals, only to lose a very close round to the eventual tournament champion.

In the spring, our team of *Diana Evans, Sharon Galantino, Caitlein Jammo, and Carly Ross*, represented Stetson at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition, with regional rounds including 500 law schools in 80 countries.

Arguing in the Southern Regional in Houston, Texas, Stetson won the regionals and, for the first time ever, advanced to the International Rounds in Washington, D.C. The team also received the Best Memorial Award, and *Diana* received a 4th Best Oralist Award, and *Caitlein* received a 17th Best Oralist Award.

While similar success was not duplicated in the International rounds, *Caitlin* called it one of "the most fascinating experiences I could ever want to have," including watching the final rounds in front of the judges of the International Court of Justice. The team finished in the top 50 teams (46th), out of over 180 teams, and *Diana* tied for 16th Best Oralist and *Carly* tied for 43rd Best Oralist.

Later in the spring, the regional rounds of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition were held, and Stetson sent two teams to the Boston Regional: *Erik Hanson, Frederick Longmire, and Deidra Brown*; and *Jason Lambert, Scott Stevenson, and Jamie Combee*.

In Boston, both teams performed extremely well and both advanced to the final rounds. But only the team of *Jason, Scott, and Jamie* would advance to the national rounds, marking Stetson's first appearance there in eight years!

In the national rounds, Stetson again advanced out of the preliminary rounds, and then went on to win two more elimination rounds before losing in the semifinals to the eventual competition champion. However, *Scott* and *Jason* were both recognized as the National Best Advocate 4th place and National Best Advocate 5th place, respectively, when the competition was over.

Any one of these accomplishments would have made for a terrific moot court season, but for all three to occur in one is truly amazing. Special thanks goes out to the amazing coaches, professors, and alums who helped each team prepare. Without you, it would have been impossible to reach such incredible heights!

**Moot Court Alums**—want to get involved? Without the fantastic support of our alumni, none of our successes would be possible.

- Interested in judging teams during practices or competitions? Contact Professor Bowman at [bowman@law.stetson.edu](mailto:bowman@law.stetson.edu).
- Interested in supporting the Board financially? Contact Patricia Toups, Director for College Relations, at [toups@law.stetson.edu](mailto:toups@law.stetson.edu).

Thank you in advance for all your help and support! We really could not do any of this without you!

## Moot Court 9—Law Review 0

On April 18, 2012, two mighty competitors entered the field at the end of 58th Street South. The setting sun glimmered on the water, and a stiff on-shore breeze promised to play havoc with any high fly balls. The time had finally arrived for the First Annual Moot Court v. Stetson Law Review Kickball Tournament.

Despite early trouble fielding a full team, Team Moot Court played like the champions they are, scoring early and often throughout the five-inning contest.

When the dust settled, Moot Court had delivered a shut out and received the coveted 2012 Kickball Cup. Much like the Stanley Cup in hockey, the Kickball Cup will visit each winners home during the off-season. Plans are already underway for a rematch next year, with early



The winning team, from L - R: Darcie Mulay, Chad Burgess, May Smith, Brian Howsare, Jason Lambert, Frederick Longmire, Jamie Combee, Diana Evans, and Erik Johanson. Trophy Bearer: Finn!

indications being that Law Review may relax certain GPA requirements for athletically inclined individuals.

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## A Rebuttal in, uh, The Rebuttal

Congratulations to Stetson Law Review for winning second place and a SILVER medal in the International Kickball Competition in Gulfport on April 18. Playing under the assumed name of “The Honey Badgers,” the team managed a second-place finish despite the stiff competition.

The judges were very complimentary of Law Review and one even said they would have

given us the gold. Erin “The Terminator” Okuno, Adam Langston, and Christie Letarte kicked the ball like no one has ever done before at this school but came up just a little bit short.

But wait there is more . . .

Christian Leger was named best catcher of the ball and Patrick McCardle was named Best

Pitcher/Roller. Raquel Ramirez received an honorable mention for her role as catcher. Leighton Hyde was taken away on a stretcher but is expected to recover fully. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to an athletic scholarship in his name.

As always though Stetson’s Law Review team showed style and class.

— Leighton Hyde  
Senior Associate,  
Stetson Law Review



Stetson Law: First and Second Place Teams in one photo

## Twitter Length Briefs

In honor of our new Twitter account—@StetsonMootCt—we present some of our award winning arguments from this year . . . in 140 characters or less!



### National Animal Law Appellate Moot Court Competition

"My video exposed animal cruelty; I rescued a baby chicken; 'Terrorist,' you call me; the 1st Amendment protects my expressive activity!"—William Collum

### ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

"Wow, some policyholders cannot read. Everybody and their mama knows autism is not like schizo, so leave us alone! No more therapy on us!"—Deidra Brown

### National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition

"I didn't solicit employment, I replied to a Facebook post; besides, the client was protected by an electronic wall!"—Chad Burgess

### Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

"#Sternv.Marshall, an important case with a narrow holding, Anna Nicole Smith aside, that is."—Erik Johansen

### Mercer Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition

"Plea bargain is a critical stage, counsel not knowing 1L elements of a crime is equal to no counsel at all, get that attorney a Gilberts!"—Amanda Chazal

"Shot him in the leg? Not attempted murder, bro! Turn down that plea deal."(and a haiku no less!)—Brian Howsare

### National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition

"Government doctors are quacks. You are all out to get my lucky charms. Targaryzine sucks. Vets rule."—John Henley

### Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

"Those IHL violations? Pay up. We hv jurisdiction (see: customary intl law). Also, bombing Temple a bad idea: No 'military necessity' for you."—Sharon Galantino

## Welcome to Our Newest Members

Throughout the year, the Moot Court Board welcomes new members. In the summer, a few members are added from the interviews after the Spring Carlton Fields First-Year Appellate Advocacy Competition and when the R&W II grades were released. In the fall, most members are added through tryouts.

In the spring, new members are added through the International Sales Law and Arbitration class that establishes the team for the Willem C. Vis Interna-

tional Arbitration Moot and through the Phelps Dunbar First-Year Appellate Advocacy Competition for the part-time students.

No matter the pathway onto the Board, each of these new members has proven their abilities and is a welcome addition to our nationally ranked program.

**Congratulations!!**

*Erin Dolan*

*Meagan Foley*

*Max Holzbaur*

*Michael Millett*

*Michelle Reilly*

*Morgan Vasigh*

*Alex Zesch*

## The Spring 2012 Justice Board



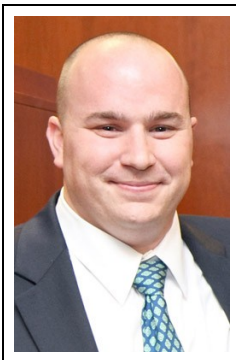
FREDERICK LONGMIRE, CHIEF JUSTICE

Frederick Longmire served as the 2011–2012 Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board. Frederick competed in the 2010 National Criminal Procedure Tournament and was named Second–Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds. In 2011 and 2012, Frederick competed in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, where his team won the Second–Best Brief Award in 2011 and the Fourth–Best Brief Award, in addition to a Ninth Best Oralist Award, in 2012. In addition to serving as Chief Justice, Frederick is a member of the Black Law Student Association, the ABA Law Student Division, and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Fraternity. Frederick is from Pensacola, Florida, and he graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to law school, Frederick served as the Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida and also served on the Board of Directors for the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals. He published two articles regarding juvenile drug courts and volunteered as a fire fighter. Frederick is interested in both civil and criminal law.



ERIK HANSON, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

In addition to serving as an Associate Justice, Erik is an associate for the *Stetson Law Review*. In summer 2010, he competed in the Robert M. Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition, where he won Best Oral Advocate, Final Round, and his team won Best Brief and Best Overall Team. In spring 2011, Erik competed in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, where his team advanced to the semifinals and won the Second–Best Brief Award. In spring 2012, Erik competed in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, where his team advanced to the finals and won the Fourth–Best Brief Award. Erik was the Seventh Best Oralist in the Competition. Erik hails from upstate New York. During his undergraduate career, Erik worked for a tort defense and complex litigation firm in Fort Myers. He graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in International Relations. While attending Stetson, Erik worked full-time for an international technology retailer. After graduation, Erik intends to stay in south Florida and practice in commercial and/or intellectual property litigation.



JASON LAMBERT, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Jason Lambert has lived in the Tampa Bay area for most of his life and attended Stetson University in Deland for undergrad, where he received a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in Management. Before law school, Jason worked for several years in the construction industry, ultimately selling a business focused on providing construction notice services to subcontractors just prior to entering Stetson. While at Stetson, he has served as a mentor to incoming students as a Stetson Ambassador. As a competitor for the Moot Court Board, Jason and his teammates have been champions three times: the Mercer Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition, the Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition, and the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Boston Regional. He also was a National Semifinalist in the ABA Competition. As part of the Champion Orseck team, Jason argued in front of the Florida Supreme Court and was named Best Oral Advocate, Final Round. Post graduation, Jason will continue working for a financial, appellate, and construction law firm in Palm Harbor, Florida.

## The Incoming 2012–2013 Justice Board

**CHAD BURGESS, CHIEF JUSTICE**—Chad Burgess is a fourth-year, part-time student graduating in May 2013. He has worked with Palm Harbor Fire Rescue for seven years as a firefighter/paramedic and continues to work there full-time. In addition to serving as Chief Justice, Chad is also an assistant editor for the *Stetson Law Review*. Chad hails from Saint Petersburg and earned his bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration from Saint Petersburg College. As a member of the Moot Court Board, Chad and his teammates were Champions of the 2011 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition where they also won the Best Brief Award, and he was also a member of the 2012 National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition team that won the overall competition and the Best Respondent Brief award. Chad was awarded Best Oralist Overall. After graduation, Chad plans to stay in the area with his wife and young daughter, and work as a litigator.

**DEIDRA BROWN, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**—Deidra Brown is a third-year law student, graduating in May 2013. She earned a Bachelor's of Science from the University of Florida and a Masters in Human Resource Development from Barry University. As a member of the Moot Court Board, Deidra has competed in both the Appellate Lawyers Association (ALA) Competition in Chicago last fall, and the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Boston this spring. As part of the ABA Team, Deidra's team earned a Fourth Best Brief Award and advanced to the final rounds. She aspires to practice in a civil litigation firm either in Florida or elsewhere in the Eastern United States.

**JAMIE COMBEE, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**—Jamie is a third-year student graduating in May 2013. She joined the Board in the summer of 2011. Originally from Tampa, Jamie earned a Bachelor's of Arts in English from the University of South Florida. Prior to coming to Stetson, Jamie spent several years working in marketing and teaching high school English. Jamie is a member two of Stetson's award-winning advocacy boards—Moot Court and Trial Team. For Trial Team, Jamie has competed in the National White Collar Crime Invitational and the National Trial Competition. For Moot Court, Jamie was a member of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition team that won the Boston Regional and advanced to the National Semifinals. This summer, Jamie will work with the Federal Public Defender's Office in Chicago, IL. She hopes to practice in Florida following graduation.

**CAITLEIN JAMMO, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**—Caitlein Jammo is a third-year student graduating in May 2013. She competed in the fall in the John Marshall International Moot Court Competition in IT and Privacy Law, where the team was quarterfinalists, and competed in the spring in the Jessup International Law competition, where she was named 17th Best Oralist and the team won the Southern Regional and the Best Memorial Award, allowing them to move onto the international rounds for the first time in Stetson's history, where they were ranked 46th internationally. Caitlein also serves as an Articles and Symposia Editor on *Stetson Law Review*, the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of International Aging, Law & Policy*, a Stetson Ambassador, and on the Student Bar Association. Prior to law school, Caitlein attended the University of Florida and graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics with a minor in Theatre. She plans on practicing law in the Tampa Bay area following graduation.

**ERIK JOHANSEN, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**—Erik Johansen is a third-year law student, graduating in May 2013. Originally from St. Petersburg, Florida, Erik attended Florida State University where he double majored and received a Bachelor's of Science in both Finance and Philosophy. On the Moot Court Board, Erik has participated in the 2011 National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. Erik was named Best Oralist at the Inaugural 11th Circuit Bankruptcy Competition (CKP Cup) in Miami, FL, and his team was semifinalists. Erik was on the team that was a finalist at the 20th Annual Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein Memorial Moot Court Competition in New York,

**Congratulations on your recent election!**

## The Year in Review

The 2011–2012 Moot Court season started off right last summer at the 2011 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition, where **Chad Burgess**, **Brooke Geiger**, and **Jason Lambert** won Best Team Overall and Best Brief Award, and **Jason** won Best Oralist, Final Round. This was the second straight year Stetson swept the three awards and coaches **Prof. Bowman** and **Larry Miccolis, Esq.** couldn't have been prouder.

Next came the 2011 E. Earle Zehmer Worker's Compensation Moot Court Competition, where two teams, **Amanda Corsentino**, **Julia Richmond**, and **Paul Sarlo**, and **John Henley**, **Darcie Mulay**, and **Christina Unkel**, all coached by **Prof. Allen**, represented Stetson well.

In the fall, **Prof. Allen**, coached two teams in the National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. There, **John Henley** and **Diana Evans** reached the finals and won the Best Petitioner's Brief Award. **Diana** tied for the Best Oralist Award. The team of **Darcie Mulay** and **Erik Johansen** took home a third best brief award.

Next was the Mercer Moot Court Competition on Legal Ethics and Professional, where **Prof. Bowman** and **Prof. Minneti**, coached two teams—**Amanda Corsentino**, **Brian Howsare**, and **Amelia Hummel**, and **Amanda Chazal**, **William Collum**, and **Elena Kohn**. Both teams performed great in Macon, GA. The month of October wrapped up with **Christian Leger**, **Cory Suter**, and **Caitlein Jammo** participating in the 30th Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law in Chicago, IL. The team lost a very close round in the quarterfinals and were coached by **Prof. Bowman** and **Larry Miccolis, Esq.**

Moving into November, **Prof. Finch** coached **Deidra Brown**, **Erik Hanson**, and **Jason Lambert** in the Appellate Lawyer's Association Moot Court Competition in Chicago. That same month, the team of **Ryan Leuthauser**, **Julia Richmond** and **Scott Stevenson**, coached by **Prof. Allen** and **Prof. Virelli**, represented Stetson at the New York City Bar's 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition regional round in Atlanta. The team won the regional championship, earning a spot in the national rounds, and won the Best Brief Award.

Wrapping up the fall competitions, **Ashley Dusnik**, **Jhenerr Hines**, **May Smith**, and **Christina Unkel**, coached by **Prof. Feeley** and **Prof. Sheehan**, along with other members of Stetson's

ADR Board and Trial Team, represented Stetson at the ABA Law Student Division Regional Arbitration Competition. **Ashley** and **Jhenerr's** team took second place in the regional round, advancing to nationals. And **May** and **Christina's** team was the fifth place team. In January, **Ashley**, **Jhenerr**, and their teammates represented Stetson in the national rounds in Chicago, IL, and were semifinalists.

Also in January, **Ryan**, **Julia**, and **Scott** competed in the national rounds of the New York City Bar's 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition, ultimately advancing to the quarterfinals before falling to the eventual tournament champion.

Next, **Brooke Geiger**, **Christian Leger**, and **Chad Burgess** represented Stetson at the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship in Houston, TX. **Prof. Bowman** and **Prof. Vaughan** coached the team in this competition—open only to the top 16 moot court teams in the country—all the way to the semifinal rounds!



Brooke and Christian

Moving deeper into the spring semester, **Brian Howsare**, **Amelia Hummel**, and **Eva Vasileva**, coached by alumna **Katie Everlove-Stone, Esq.** and **Prof. McClendon**, competed in the National Tax Moot Court Competition and advanced to the semifinals. **William Collum** and **Erin Okuno**, coached by **Prof. Fitzgerald** and **Prof. Bowman**, represented Stetson for the first time at the National Animal Law Appellate Moot Court Competition at UCLA.

Also in February, coaches **Prof. Palmer** and **Logan Murphy, Esq.**, took **Diana Evans**, **Sharon Galantino**, **Caitlein Jammo**, and **Carly Ross**, to the regional rounds of the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The team were Regional Champions and won Best Memorial. **Diana** won 4th Best Oralist and **Caitlein** won 17th Best Oralist. The team also earned the right to advance to the International Rounds in



Diana, Carly, Caitlein, and Sharon

## The Year in Review, continued

Washington, D.C.

Closing out February, **Stephanie Sawchuk**, and **Jhenerr Hines**, and **Amanda Chazal**, **Erik Johanson**, and **Greg Ludtka**, coached by **Prof. Radwan** and **Tiffany DiIorio, Esq.**, represented Stetson in the Inaugural 11th Circuit Bankruptcy Competition (CKP Cup), in Miami, FL. **Christian**, **Stephanie**, and **Jhenerr**; won the competition while **Amanda**, **Greg**, and **Erik** were semifinalists, and **Erik** was named Best Oralist.

That same weekend, **Katelyn Desrosiers**, **Meagan Foley**, **Ron Hink**, **Max Holzbaur**, and **Alex Zesch**, coached by **Prof. Vaughan**, **Prof. Jimenez**, and student coach **John Henley**, competed in The International Law Section of The Florida Bar Vis Pre-Moot, also in Miami, FL. The team placed third overall, and **Meagan** was named Best Oralist.

March roared in like a lion and stayed that way throughout. Getting things started right was the team of **Chad Burgess**, **Darcie Mulay**, and **May Smith**, coached by **Prof. Bowman** and **Prof.**



Prof. Bowman, Darcie, Chad, May, and Prof. Flowers

**Flowers**. They won the National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition in Indianapolis, IN, along with Best Respondent's Brief Award. **Chad** was named Best Oralist and **May** was named Third Best Oralist.

Keeping things rolling in March were the teams of **Jason Lambert**, **Scott Stevenson**, and **Jamie Combee**, and **Erik Hanson**, **Frederick Longmire**, and **Deidra Brown**, coached by **Prof. Allen** and **Jason Stearns, Esq.**, who competed at the ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Boston. **Erik**, **Fredrick**, and **Deidra**, were finalists and won the 4th Best

Brief Award, and **Erik** and **Frederick** won 7th and 9th Best Oralist Awards, respectively. **Scott** won Best Oralist overall, and the team of **Jason**, **Scott**, and **Jamie** was named Regional Co-Champions and earned the right to represent Stetson in the national rounds.

The same weekend the ABA teams were collecting awards in Boston, two other teams had similar plans in New York City. **Christian Leger**, **Stephanie Sawchuk**, and **Jhenerr Hines**, and **Amanda Chazal**, **Erik Johanson**, and **Greg Ludtka**, coached by **Prof. Radwan** and **Tiffany DiIorio, Esq.**, competed in the 20th Annual Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Memorial Moot Court Competition. Both teams advanced to the semifinals, where unfortunately, the two Stetson teams faced each other. The team of **Erik**, **Greg**, and **Amanda** advanced to the final rounds, with **Greg** and **Erik** squaring off against the ultimate champions, University of Texas.

At the end of March, the team of **Diana**, **Sharon**, **Caitlein**, and **Carly** competed in the International Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Out of a competition that begins with over 180 teams, the team was 46th overall. Further, **Diana** tied for 16th Best Oralist and **Carly** tied for 43rd Best Oralist.

At the beginning of April, Stetson competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. **Katelyn Desrosiers**, **Meagan Foley**, **Ron Hink**, **Max Holzbaur**, and **Alex Zesch**, coached by **Prof. Vaughan**, **Prof. Jimenez**, and student coach **John Henley**, advanced into the round of 64 teams out of an original field of over 260 teams. In addition, the team won an Honorable Mention Award for their Claimant's Memorandum.

Finally, a few weeks later, **Jason**, **Scott**, and **Jamie** were in Chicago, IL, representing Stetson in the national rounds of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team advanced to the semifinal round, losing only to the eventual competition champion. Additionally, **Scott** and **Jason** won National Best Oralist 4th place and 5th place, respectively.

### STAT SHOT

- Stetson Moot Court has won 15 championships in the last three years.
- Teams have advanced out of the preliminary rounds 70% of the time.
- One-third of the Board members have earned a brief award.
- One-half of the Board members have earned an oralist award.



## Upcoming Graduates

This May, we will say goodbye to twenty of our Moot Court Board Members: Amanda Chazal, Amanda Corsentino, Katelyn Desrosiers, Diana Evans, Brooke Geiger, Erik Hanson, John Henley, Ron Hink, Amelia Hummel, Jason Lambert, Christian Leger, Ryan Leuthauser, Frederick Longmire, Gregory Ludtka, Stephanie Sawchuk, May Smith, Scott Stevenson, Darcie Sweet, Christina Unkel, and Eva Vasileva, and we are pleased to list some of their accomplishments here. Also included are the accomplishments of our December 2011 graduates: Ashley Dusnik, Elena Kohn, Paul Sarlo, and Cory Suter.

### ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Finalist

*Paul Sarlo (brief writer)*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Professor Virelli

### 2010 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition

Boca Raton, Florida  
First Place

Best Brief Award

Best Final Round Oralist

*Erik Hanson*

Coaches: Professor Vaughan and  
Aleks Jagiella, Esq.

### 2010 E. Earle Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition

Orlando, Florida

Two teams

Semifinalist

Best Brief Award

Best Oral Advocate, Individual (*Scott*)

*Scott Stevenson*

*Cory Suter*

Best Oral Advocate, Team

*Ashley Dusnik*

Coach: Professor Allen

### Third Annual National Pretrial Competition

Gulfport, Florida

Bye team

*Ivana Vasileva*

Coach: Professor Cerniglia

### 29th Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law

Chicago, Illinois

Semifinalists

*Christian Leger*

*Cory Suter*

Coach: Professor Bowman

### 2010 National Criminal Procedure Tournament

San Diego, California

Octofinalist

Second Best Oralist Award

*Frederick Longmire*

Coach: Professor Minneti

### 2010 Navy JAG Corps National Moot Court Competition

Jacksonville, Florida

Best Brief Award

*Gregory Ludtka*

Coach: Larry Miccolis, Esq.

### New York City Bar's 61st Annual National Moot Court Competition, Region V

Atlanta, Georgia

Semifinalist

*Terra Brooke Geiger*

*Ryan Leuthauser*

*Darcie Mulay*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Professor Virelli

### Mercer Moot Court Competition on Legal Ethics and Professionalism

Macon, Georgia

Champion

*Jason Lambert*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Professor Flowers

### 2011 Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship

Houston, Texas

*Christian Leger, Brief Writer*

*Stephanie Sawchuk*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Professor Vaughan

### National Tax Moot Court Competition

St. Pete Beach, Florida

*Ivana Vasileva*

Coaches: Katie Everlove-Stone, Esq. and

Joseph Rugg, Esq.

## Graduates' Accomplishments

*continued*

### 2011 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Pacific Regional

Portland, Oregon

Quarterfinalists

First Place Memorial Award

Eleventh Best Oralist (*tied, Amelia and Scott*)

*Amelia Hummel*

*Scott Stevenson*

Coaches: Professor Palmer and Logan Murphy, Esq.

### 2011 The International Law Section of The Florida Bar Vis Pre-Moot

Miami, Florida

Second Place Team

*Katelyn Desrosiers*

*John Henley*

*Ronald Hink*

*Elena Kohn*

*Christina Unkel*

Coaches: Professor Vaughan, Professor Morrissey; and Professor Jimenez

### ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Brooklyn, New York

Two teams

Semifinalists

Second Best Brief Award

*Erik Hanson*

*Jason Lambert*

*Frederick Longmire*

Finalists

*Gregory Ludtka*

*Sarah May Smith*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Jason Stearns, Esq.

### 19th Annual Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Memorial Moot Court Competition

New York City, New York

Two teams

*Christian Leger*

*Cory Suter*

Coaches: Professor Radwan and Tiffany DiIorio, Esq.

### Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Hong Kong

Honorable Mention, Respondents' Memorandum and Eric Bergsten Award for Best Memorandum on Behalf of the Claimant

*Katelyn Desrosiers*

*Christina Unkel*

Coaches: Professor Vaughan, Professor Morrissey, and Professor Jimenez

### Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Vienna, Austria

Top 32 Teams

Honorable Mention Oralist Award (*John*)

*John Henley*

*Ronald Hink*

*Elena Kohn*

Coaches: Professor Vaughan, Professor Morrissey, and Professor Jimenez

### 2011 Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition

Orlando, Florida

First Place

Best Brief Award

Best Oralist, Final Round (*Jason*)

*Terra Brooke Geiger*

*Jason Lambert*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Larry Miccolis, Esq.

### 2011 E. Earle Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition

Orlando, Florida

Two teams

*Amanda Corsentino*

*John Henley*

*Darcie Mulay, brief writer*

*Paul Sarlo*

*Christina Unkel*

Coaches: Professor Michael and Jason Stearns, Esq.

## Graduates' Accomplishments

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### National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition

Washington, D.C.

Two teams

Finalists

Best Petitioner's Brief

Best Oralist Award, Tied (*Diana*)

*Diana Evans*

*John Henley*

Runner-up Best Respondent's Brief

*Darcie Mulay*

Coach: Professor Allen

### Mercer Moot Court Competition on Legal Ethics and Professionalism

Macon, Georgia

Two teams

*Amanda Chazal*

*Amanda Corsentino*

*Amelia Hummel*

*Elena Kohn*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Professor Minneti

### 30th Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law

Chicago, Illinois

Quarterfinalists

*Christian Leger*

*Cory Suter*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Larry Miccolis, Esq.

### Appellate Lawyers Association Moot Court Competition

Chicago, Illinois

*Erik Hanson*

*Jason Lambert*

Coach: Professor Finch

### New York City Bar's 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition, Region V

Atlanta, Georgia

Champions

Best Brief Award

*Ryan Leuthauser*

*Scott Stevenson*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Professor Virelli

### New York City Bar's 62nd Annual National Moot Court Competition, Nationals

New York City, New York

Quarterfinalists

*Ryan Leuthauser*

*Scott Stevenson*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Professor Virelli

### 2012 Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship

Houston, Texas

Semifinalists

*Terra Brooke Geiger*

*Christian Leger*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Professor Vaughan

### National Tax Moot Court Competition

Clearwater Beach, Florida

Semifinalist

*Amelia Hummel*

*Ivana Vasileva*

Coaches: Professor McClendon and

Kathryn Everlove-Stone, Esq.

### 2012 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, South Regional

Houston, Texas

Champions

First Place Memorial Award

Fourth Best Oralist

*Diana Evans*

Coaches: Professor Palmer and Logan Murphy, Esq.

### Inaugural 11th Circuit Bankruptcy Competition (CKP Cup)

Miami, Florida

Two teams

Champions

*Christian Leger*

*Stephanie Sawchuk*

Semifinalists

*Amanda Chazal*

*Gregory Ludtha*

Coaches: Professor Terri Radwan and

Tiffanie DiIorio, Esq.

## Graduates' Accomplishments

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### 2012 The International Law Section of The Florida Bar Vis Pre-Moot

Miami, Florida

Third Place

*Katelyn Desrosiers*

*Ronald Hink*

Coaches: Professor Jimenez, Professor Vaughan, and Student Coach, John Henley

### First Annual National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition

Indianapolis, Indiana

Champions

Best Respondent Brief

Third Best Oralist (*Sarah May Smith*)

*Darcie Mulay*

*Sarah May Smith*

Coaches: Professor Bowman and Professor Flowers

### ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Boston Regional

Boston, Massachusetts

Two teams

Champions

Best Oralist (*Scott*)

*Jason Lambert and Scott Stevenson*

Finalists

Fourth Best Brief

Seventh Best Oralist (*Erik*)

Ninth Best Oralist (*Frederick*)

*Erik Hanson and Frederick Longmire*

Coaches: Professor Michael Allen and

Jason Stearns, Esq.

### 20th Annual Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Memorial Moot Court Competition

New York City, New York

Two teams

Semifinalists

*Christian Leger and Stephanie Sawchuk*

Finalists

*Amanda Chazal and Greg Ludtka*

Coaches: Professor Radwan and Tiffanie DiIorio, Esq.

### 2012 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, International Finals

Washington, D.C.

Top 50 teams (46th)

Tied for Sixteenth Best Oralist

*Diana Evans*

Coaches: Professor Palmer and

Logan Murphy, Esq.

### Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Vienna, Austria

Top 64 teams

Honorable Mention, Claimant's Memorandum

*Katelyn Desrosiers*

*Ronald Hink*

Coaches: Professor Vaughan, Professor Jimenez, and

Student Coach, John Henley

### ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition, National Finals

Chicago, Illinois

Semifinalists

Fourth Best Oralist (*Scott*)

Fifth Best Oralist (*Jason*)

*Jason Lambert and Scott Stevenson*

Coaches: Professor Allen and Jason Stearns, Esq.

### *Additional awards won by our May 2012 Moot Court Board graduates:\**

- **Moot Court Board Award of Excellence 2010–2011**  
Erik Hanson
- **Moot Court Board Spirit Award 2010–2011**  
Jason Lambert
- **Moot Court Board Award of Excellence 2011–2012**  
Jason Lambert
- **Moot Court Board Spirit Award 2011–2012**  
Christian Leger
- **Bright Ideas Award 2011–2012**  
Jason Lambert

\* These awards were handed out at the Moot Court Board End-of-the-Year Celebrations in April 2011 and April 2012.

## May 2012 Moot Court Graduates Receive Many, Many Awards during the Graduation Festivities

Graduation time is an exciting time for all—a time for celebration; a time for reflection; a time for appreciation; a time for awards. And this graduation session was no different! Graduating Moot Court Board members were recognized at both the Graduation Brunch on Thursday, May 10, and the Honors and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 11.

At the **Graduation Brunch**, graduating Moot Court Board members were recognized for their involvement in so many activities beyond their participation on the Moot Court Board. These activities included the following:

- Ambassadors,
- ABA Law Student Division Circuit and National Officers,
- Student Bar Association Committee Chairs,
- Student Bar Association Representatives,
- Student Bar Association Summer Advisory Council members,
- Student Organization Presidents,
- Research Assistants, and
- Teaching Assistants

Graduating members who earned the William F. Blews Service Award or the Leadership Development Certificate were also recognized.

*Our members are involved in so many activities.  
Thank you for “paying it forward”!*

The **Honors and Awards Ceremony** (the evening before graduation) is a long-standing tradition at Stetson University College of Law. It is at this Ceremony that many graduates are recognized for their academic and extra-curricular activities.

So many of graduating members were also members of one of our academic journals—*Stetson Law Review*, *Journal of International Aging Law & Policy*, and *Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy*. Many members participated in the Honors Program. Several members competed with the Trial Team or ADR Board in addition to competing on the Moot Court Board. And many of our members earned Certificates of Concentration in Advocacy or Elder Law.

Graduates who are anticipated to graduate with Honors are announced (60% of our graduating members are anticipated to graduate with Honors). **And** we learned that one of our very own—**Scott Stevenson**—was the valedictorian of the May/July 2012 graduating class!

In fact, we even learned that over the course of his law school career, Scott had earned **13 Book Awards!** ***Congratulations, Scott!!***

The Honors and Awards Ceremony is also the announcement of the named awards, and here is the recap of our award winners:

- **Anthony S. Battaglia Excellence in Leadership Award:** *Frederick Longmire*
- **E. Harris Drew Memorial Award:** *Erik Hanson*
- **Florida Constitutional Law Award:** *Ryan Leuthauser*
- **Judge Alexander Paskay Bankruptcy Award:** *Amanda Chazal*
- **Matthew Bender Elder Law Book Award:** *Katelyn Desrosiers*
- **National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award:** *Darcie Sweet*
- **National Order of Scribes Award:** *Diana Evans, Amelia Hummel, Stephanie Sawchuk, Scott Stevenson, and Darcie Sweet*
- **Ralph Harris Ferrell Competition Award:** *Brooke Geiger*
- **Stephanie A. Vaughan Excellence in Advocacy Award:** *John Henley*
- **Suzanne Armstrong Memorial Award:** *Christian Leger*
- **Victor O. Wehle Award:** *Jason Lambert and Frederick Longmire*

And last, but definitely not least, we have continued on long streak of graduates winning the **Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award!** This year’s recipient—**Scott Stevenson**. ***Congratulations, Scott!!*** (Moot Court Board members have won 9 Foreman Awards in a row and won 11 out of the 14 awards given.)

**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

## Upcoming Events

As we bid farewell to our May 2012 graduates, we now turn our gaze to the future. What is next on the schedule for members of the Moot Court Board?

- Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition, June 20–21, in Orlando, during The Annual Florida Bar Conference.
- E. Earle Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court Competition, August 18–20, in Orlando.
- 2012 Moot Court Tryouts, Sunday, August 19.

We will need practice judges for the teams competing in the summer competitions, as well as preliminary round judges for the tryouts. If you are interested, please e-mail Professor Bowman at [bowman@law.stetson.edu](mailto:bowman@law.stetson.edu).

# Oh, the Places You've Been, and the Places You'll Go!!

“You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
any direction you choose.”\*

\*Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* 2 (Random House 1990).

