

More Moot Court Successes

STETSON'S MOOT COURT BOARD TEAMS HAVE CONTINUED THE LAW SCHOOLS RECORD OF SUCCESS IN ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS.



Kovachevich Earns Public Service Award

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

of Law has recognized Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich with the 2001 Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Award for outstanding public service. "I am deeply honored to have been named as the recipient of this prestigious award," said Judge Kovachevich. "This award and its namesake exemplify the best of our profession, of our community and of humanity in general."

The law school gives the award each year to a legal professional who has demonstrated exemplary achievements in public service. The College of Law established the award in 1990 to honor the contributions of **Wm. Reece Smith, Jr.**, a past president of the American Bar Association, The Florida Bar and the International Bar Association, a partner in the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler and a Distinguished Professorial Lecturer of Stetson. Smith was the first recipient of the award.

"I believe that it is incumbent on all of us in the legal profession to be more than just a lawyer; we should also charge ourselves with being active and committed to public service in our community, our state, our nation and even on our planet," Judge Kovachevich said. "It is one way in which we can contribute to the administration of justice in the best and most honorable manner."

IN JUNE 2001, STETSON WAS A FINALIST

in The Florida Bar's Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition. As a finalist, the team had the honor to argue the final round before Florida's Supreme Court justices. Stetson also was a finalist in The Florida Bar's August 2001 E. Earle Zehmer Moot Court Competition, which was held in Orlando.

In October 2001, Stetson teams advanced to the semifinals rounds in both the John Marshall Information Technology and Privacy Competition in Chicago and the National Criminal Procedure Tournament, which was sponsored by the University of San Diego. The fall season concluded with Stetson teams reaching the quarterfinal rounds of the Sixth Annual Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition and the National Health Law Competition at the University of Southern Illinois.

According to Professor **Stephanie Vaughan '91**, the Board's faculty advisor, "The teams are already hard at work for the upcoming spring schedule, which will include nine different competitions. The quality of students we are attracting is as high as ever and we expect great things from both our new and returning members. We also want to thank the members of the Stetson community who have devoted so much time and energy helping to prepare our teams to compete around the state and country."



2001 Robert Orseck Florida Bar Moot Court Competition finalists (left-right) Sabrina Beavens and Tammy Stanton.



Nance, Cacciatore & Hamilton Competition Winners

For the sixth consecutive year, the Melbourne firm of Nance, Cacciatore & Hamilton has sponsored the Moot Court Board's annual tryout competition. Second- and third-year students are eligible to compete by writing an appellate brief and then delivering an appellate oral argument before professors and members of the local bench and bar. The highest-ranking students are invited to join the Board and also receive scholarships from the firm.

This year, five winners were selected from a very competitive field: **Michelle Johnson-Weider** (first place), **Roberto Zavaletto** (second place), **Gaida Gomez** (third place), **Anne Taylor** (fourth place) and **Ya'Sheaka Campbell** (fifth place). "Each year the level of competition becomes tougher, and we attribute that in large measure to the strength of our Research and Writing program and to the Nance, Cacciatore & Hamilton firm's support," said Associate Dean **Darby Dickerson**, who works closely with the Board.