Save the Date!

February 20
GAI reception
in the Hazel
Hall Atrium at
6:00pm

March 28 & 29
2015 First Year
Competition

New MCB-Hosted Extramural
By Natalie Hayes

The Moot Court Board has partnered with Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg and the Global Antitrust Institute to host the first Global Antitrust Institute Moot Court Competition on February 21, 2015. The competition will be the first antitrust-focused moot court competition.

The competition will feature a problem written by two law students who were supervised by Judge Ginsburg. The competitors will brief one side of the argument and present oral arguments on both sides.

The competition will be held at the courthouse of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Eight teams, from American University, the University of Florida, George Washington University, Howard University, the University of Michigan, the University of Notre Dame, and Washington & Lee University, are scheduled to compete.

Judge Ginsburg and the Board have assembled two distinguished panels of judges for the semi-final rounds including, FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, AAJ for Antitrust William Baer, Former FTC Chairman Tim Muris, Former AAJ for Antitrust Thomas Barnett, and Former FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz.

“All Moot Court Board Alumni are invited to attend the GAI Friday evening reception.”

Lunch will feature a speech by FTC commissioner Joshua Wright.

On February 20th, the Board will host a reception in the Hazel Hall Atrium featuring a speech by FTC Commissioner and GMU Alumna Maureen Ohlhausen.

All Moot Court Board Alumni are invited to attend the GAI Friday evening reception. Formal invitations will be distributed by the alumni office in the coming weeks.

Letter from the Chief Justice
By Alena Thomas

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The Moot Court Board is having another terrific year. In 2014, the board accepted 30 new members and hosted successful First Year and Upper Class Competitions.

I was particularly proud of the volunteers who worked as judges at the competitions. For the first time in several years, we had enough volunteers at the UCC to have three judges in every room throughout the competition.

As the new semester arrives, we have many exciting events planned. The Global Antitrust Institute Invitational (GAI) will be in February, and we hope you will join us for the reception on February 20th.

The First year Competition (FYC) will be March 28th and 29th. The FYC provides first-year law students with their introduction to Moot Court. This is an excellent opportunity for them to see whether they are interested in appellate advocacy and joining the board. Please consider volunteering to judge — without volunteer judges the competition simply wouldn’t be possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and Happy New Year!
Upper Class Competition Recap
By Natalie Hayes

The 2014 Upper Class Competition (UCC) preliminary and advancing rounds were held at the George Mason University School of Law on November 8, 2014. The semi-final and final rounds were held on November 14th at the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse.

The competition featured 50 second-year students who competed in teams of two. The students’ oral arguments were based on the problem from their LRWA III classes.

Louisa Brooks and Allison Speaker were the Co-Chairs of the competition. They coordinated the event with the executive board, the chief bailiff, and the events, scoring, and judges committees. Impressively, Brooks and Speaker ensured the competition ran on-time throughout the day.

The UCC relies on volunteers from the local legal community to serve as judges throughout the competition. Stacy Allen and Samantha Rocci Co-Chaired the judges committee and successfully secured three judges for every argument throughout the competition. Overall, 56 judges volunteered their time at the 2015 UCC. The Moot Court Board extends its thanks, and the judges are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Cameron Green and Eamon Tierney recruited and trained bailiffs to ensure the competition was well-staffed.

The events committee, which is headed by Mary Grob and Caroleigh Newman, repeated their stellar performance from the FYC by ensuring the competitors and judges had plenty for breakfast and lunch. The events committee is crucial to keeping the competition on-time, and they were a major contributor to our success this year. The Events Committee and the Executive Board also organized a successful reception for the competitors, Moot Court Board Members, and judges after the octofinal round on November 8th.

In addition to the introduction of the Saturday evening reception, the board introduced a new scoring system for the advancing rounds. The rounds are head-to-head with the judges selecting a winner at the end of the round rather than providing numerical scores. This change has increased the efficiency and fairness of the advancing rounds. Additional adjustments will be made to this system based on the feedback from the judges and competitors.

Overall, the 2014 UCC was a success. We thank all those who made it possible.

Upper Class Competition Finalists

Champions
Molly Picard (left) and Lynzi Maas (right)

Finalists
Manmeet Dhindsa (left) and Samantha Parker (right)
Thanks To All The 2014 UCC Judges

Adam Aft  
Scott Bain  
Lisa Bellamy  
Matt Bowles  
Alex Brandler  
Katie Brown  
Kellie Budd  
Joseph Casey  
Victoria Clarke  
Robert T.S. Colby  
Alexander Conn  
Lacey Conn  
Joshua Cox  
Joshua Cumby  
Tom Cummins  
Ella D'Amico  
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Jeremy Dorfman  
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Hayes Edwards  
Kristen Erthum Thorndyke  
Tyler Freiberger  
Tashina Harris  
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Tracey Holtshirley  
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Mark Jamison  
Thomas Kelley  
Lisa Kohl  
Frank Lamancusa  
Brenda Leong  
Mikhail "Misha" Lopez  
Daniel Lopez  
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Charles Roberts  
Craig Rust  
David Ryden  
Paul Schrader  
Jonathan Shoemaker  
Jacob Shorter  
Ryan Smith  
Elizabeth Stevens  
Shawn Stout  
David Tyler  
Bryan Waldron  
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Upper Class Competition Results

Congratulations to all the UCC Advancing Competitors!

Champions
Lynzi Maas — Molly Picard

Finalists
Manmeet Dhindsa — Samantha Parker

Semi-Finalists
Priyanka Bajaj — Laura D’Agostino — Anna Gentry — Tom Hunt

Quarter-Finalists
Zachary Deubler — Meggan DeWitt — Paula Fleckenstein — Stephanie Groff
Monica Munin — Megan O’Donnell — Gabby Peters — Eamon Tierney

Octo-Finalists
Tony Batt — Mike Bliley — Connor Cain — Shyla Clark — Emily Canis — Lucas Daniels
Sid Das — Peter Donohue — Barnabas Fekete — Rod Harrell — Justin Hillman
Lucy Meckley — Evan Purcell — Stephanie Semler — James York — Jennifer Zielonis
Fall 2014 Extramural Team Results

Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition
Christine Kennedy, Samantha Rocci, and Alexa Wolff advanced to the Quarterfinal Round of the Wechsler Competition hosted by American University. The competition featured two First Amendment issues.

Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition
Natalie Hayes, Elizabeth Hohenstein, and Rosemarie Lombardi advanced to the Octofinals of the CBA competition which featured two Fifth Amendment issues.

New York Bar Association Moot Court Competition
Tyler Bezilla, Mary Grob, and Ann Kossachev advanced to the final round of the Region IV qualifying event which features one issue on voir dire challenges and one issue of statutory interpretation.

For the first time in five years, the NY Bar team has advanced to the National Final Rounds and will compete in New York this spring.

We are proud to announce the following students have been selected for the Moot Court Board in 2014

Priyanka Bajaj
Tony Batt
Connor Cain
Emily Canis
Shyla Clark
Laura D'Agostino
Lucas Daniels
Sid Das
Zachary Deubler
Meggan DeWitt
Manmeet Dhindsa
Peter Donohue
Paula Fleckenstein
Anna Gentry
Stephanie Groff
Rod Harrell
Chris Harris
Justin Hillman
Taylor Hoverman
Tom Hunt
Lynzi Maas
Megan O'Donnell
Samantha Parker
Gabrielle Peters
Molly Picard
Evan Purcell
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