ABOUT THE ADVOCATES

The Advocates in the University of Houston Law Center’s student organization devoted to improving students’ oral advocacy presentation skills through competition. Each year, The Advocates hosts intramural moot court, mock trial and alternative dispute resolution competitions to give UHLC students opportunities to develop and practice invaluable skills used by practicing attorneys.

ABOUT THE BLAKELY ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

The UHLC Blakely Advocacy Institute is a national leader in teaching the art of advocacy and improving the efficacy of the legal profession and the justice system. The BAI merges substantive law with lawyering skills to enhance local, national and international legal communities. We teach law students the skills they need to become accomplished members of the legal profession, promote research and study to advance our nation’s dispute resolution systems, and provide continuing legal education programs in advocacy and lawyering techniques.

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Amy Hawk

From the 2019-2020 Board of Advocates…
We know you will continue The Advocates’ tradition of excellence!
2019-2020 Advocates Competitions

JAMES HIPPARD, SR. MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS
The Advocates hosts two Hippard Mock Trial Competitions during the academic year: the Hippard Open and the Hippard Novice. All UHLC students are eligible to compete in the Open, but only students with less than one year of experience on the Mock Trial Team can compete in the Novice. Competitors prepare and argue the case for both sides and are scored by volunteers from the Houston legal community on their motions in limine, opening statements, direct & cross examinations, closing arguments, objections, courtroom presence, and demeanor.

HIPPARD OPEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
2019 First Place Team – Amanda Blons & Chelsea Klumpp
2019 Second Place Team – Spencer Packard & Janie Rios

HIPPARD NOVICE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
2020 First Place Team – John Herrmann & Michael Henn
2020 Second Place Team – N/A

BLAKELY-BUTLER MOOT COURT COMPETITION
The Blakely-Butler Moot Court Competition is open to all 2L and 3L students at the Law Center. Teams prepare and present oral arguments for both sides of the case and are scored by members of Houston’s legal community on the substantive content of their arguments, their knowledge of the record, extemporaneous abilities, and courtroom demeanor.

2019 First Place Team – Shannon M. Wright & Hina Irfan Mohiuddin
2019 Second Place Team – Emma Brockway & Allan Rosales Jeanjaquet

JOHN BLACK MOOT COURT COMPETITION
The John Black Moot Court Competition is open only to 1L students at the Law Center. Teams must argue both sides during the competition and are scored by volunteers from the Houston legal community on the substantive content of their arguments, their knowledge of the record, extemporaneous abilities, and courtroom demeanor.

2020 First Place Team – Tiffany Penner & Kirsten Williams
2020 Second Place Team – Youssef Abdelhafiz & Julio Gonzalez
TOM NEWHOUSE MEDIATION COMPETITIONS
Tom Newhouse Mediation Competition teams consist of two students acting as the lawyer and the client. The teams are presented with fact patterns summarizing their side’s position and interests in a dispute. Teams then receive a limited time to present their position and work through the dispute with mediators who are themselves competitors in the Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediator Competition. Competitors are scored on their case analysis, creativity, presentation, expression of the client’s goals, ability to work out an acceptable compromise, and professional courtesy.

2019 First Place Team – Drew M. Padley & Canyon Sanford
2019 Second Place Team – Michael Aragon & Stefan Prelevic

LORANCE & THOMPSON NEGOTIATION & CONTRACT DRAFTING COMPETITION
In several rounds, teams in the Lorance and Thompson Negotiation and Contract Drafting Competition negotiate and strike deals with one another. Teams then draft and submit a contract for one of those deals. Scores for each round are based on how well each team protects and secures their client’s interests in the deal made in each round. The best overall contract is chosen by practicing attorneys at cooperating law firms.

2020 First Place Team – Darby Gibbins & Emma Oliver
2020 Second Place Team – Khyra Kolidakis & Lucia Zhan
2020 Best Deal Score – Jose R. De Leon & Jay Pravin Patel
Advocates Awards & Scholarships

Each year, members of The Advocates choose two members of the Board of Advocates to receive awards based on their service and dedication to and achievements in The Advocates Program at the University of Houston for the previous year. The Outstanding Advocate Award recognizes a third-year student, while the Distinguished Advocate Award recognizes a second- or third-year student.

2019-2020 OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD
James Dorough-Lewis, Jr.

2019-2020 DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE AWARD
Chelsea Klumpp

The Board of Advocates annually grants two Advocates members with the Byron McCoy Excellence in Advocacy Scholarship and the Achievement in Advocacy Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded based on achievements in intramural and/or interscholastic advocacy competitions throughout the recipient’s law school career. Recipients of these scholarships are chosen by The Advocates’ faculty advisor in consultation with student representatives from the three interscholastic competition teams and the sitting Advocates’ Executive Chair or his/her representative.

2019-2020 BYRON MCCOY EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP
James Dorough-Lewis, Jr.

2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENT IN ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP
Rebecca Sonne
2019-2020 UHLC Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

Members of the ADR Team learn the techniques and methods of negotiating, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution and then apply these essential advocacy skills in national and international ADR competitions.

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2019-2020 UHLC Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Competitions

ABA Arbitration Competition
Foster Baird, Caidi Davis, Kalei Kuaiwa, Jaclyn Zinsmeister
Regional Semifinalist
National Quarterfinalist

ABA Negotiation Competition
Haley Kurisky, Megan Rollag, Mario Sanchez, Jonah Toennies

ABA Client Counseling Competition
Bradley Barrett, Mark Kritzer
Regional Semifinalist
James Dorough-Lewis, Jr., Madison Richburg

ABA Representing Clients in Mediation Competition
Haley Kurisky, Alexys Mathis
Regional Finalist
Morgan Morrow, Lama Zakzok

Energy Law Negotiation Competition - South Texas College of Law – Houston
Megan Rollag, Kalei Kuaiwa

Merhige Environmental Law Negotiation Competition
Foster Baird, Anastasia Bolshakov, Mark Kritzer, Maria Medellin

Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon
Anastasia Bolshakov, James Dorough-Lewis, Jr., Alexys Mathis
Negotiation Champions
Advocates Award - 2nd Place

Tulane Pro Football Negotiation Competition
Mercedes Landry, Bryan Payne, Jonah Toennies
2019-2020 UHLC Mock Trial Team

The Mock Trial Team competes in a number of prestigious mock trial competitions around the country. Team members attain heightened understanding of the rules of procedure and evidence and develop strong courtroom skills and persuasion techniques.

Mock Trial Team Members

Porscha Allen  Alex Abokhair  John Appel
Mitchell Armstrong  Alejandro Arredondo  Brooke Bentley
Amanda Blons  Natasha Cabucio  Stuart Cobb
Mycal Dede  Drew Dishongh  Stasia Drecun
AmyJo Foreman  Hector Garza  Stefey Guerrero
John Herrmann  Christy Ho  Sammy Homsi
Bethany Howell  Chelsea Klumpp  Emily Lucot
Cassandra Maneen  Kelly Marshall  Isabella Martinez
Riley McAfee  Luke Miller  Alexandra Napuri
Kristen Nelson  Kenneth Nguyen  Spencer Packard
Paul Palmer  Billie Parker  Tiffany Penner
Brian Pounds  Jackie Riff  Janie Rios
Canyon Sanford  Ethan Steadman  Alexandra Tijerina

Mock Trial Coaches

Jackie Houlette  Julie Gray
Brandon Draper  Mark Gonzalez
Jani Maselli  Rebekah Reneau
Hon Christine Weems  Sepi Zimmer
2019-2020 UHLC Mock Trial Team Competitions

American Association for Justice Trial Competition
AmyJo Foreman, Cassie Maneen, Alex Napuri, Canyon Stanford
Hector Garza, Billie Parker, Brian Pounds, Janie Rios

Fordham Kelley Mock Trial Invitational
AmyJo Foreman, Cassandra Maneen
Best Opening Statement: Cassie Maneen
Best Closing Argument: AmyJo Foreman

John Marshall National Criminal Justice Trial Competition
John Appel, Kristen Nelson, Kenneth Nguyen, Jackie Riff

Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Competition
Kelly Marshall, Kristen Nelson, Paul Palmer, Ethan Steadman
Quarterfinalists
Best Cross-Examination: Kelly Marshall

Quinnipiac Mock Trial Competition
Porscha Allen, Alexandra Napuri, Canyon Sanford, Hector Garza, Billie Parker
Semifinalists

National Trial Competition
Brooke Bentley, Kelly Marshall, Ethan Steadman
Regional Semifinalists

Regional Finalists
Spencer Armstrong, Emily Lucot, Spencer Packard

South Texas Mock Trial Challenge
Amanda Blons, Drew Dishongh, Chelsea Klumpp, Luke Miller
2019-2020 UHLC Moot Court Team

The Moot Court Team competes every year in a dozen or more national and international competitions covering a variety of legal subjects. Team members hone their appellate advocacy skills by analyzing and arguing both sides of a legal issue before a panel of judges.

Moot Court Team Members

Lakshmi Achari  John Appel  Alyssa Arnold  
Kade Beyer  Jacqueline Boylhart  Emma Brockway  
Kara Burkett  Delenn Cooper  Courtney Crosby  
Heather Davis  Ken Deng  Patricia Dillon  
Noah Feldman  Taylor Hood  Lingzi Hu  
Sarah Husbands  Fariha Jawed  Alex Johnson  
Dominic Kisielewski  Jessica Knox  Mason Malone  
Maggie Martin  Erika McDonald  C. Cody Miller  
Angela Morales  Matt Mouer  Paul Pirela  
Brian Pounds  Nikki Proa  Bobbye Pyke  
Rahul Rao  Brad Raymond  Janie Rios  
Sam Schauer  Pedro Segura  Bailey Sharpe  
Rebecca Sonne  Jessica Totten  Xperanza Uviedo  
Kathryn Vestal  Falkner Werkhaven  

Moot Court Coaches

Scott Armstrong  Jason Beesinger  
Allan Bullwinkel  Joshua Davis  
Carter Dickson  Cassandra Jeu  
Brandon Kuhre  Jim Lawrence  
Jani Maselli  Julia Peebles  
Hilary Reed  Ann Ryan Robertson  
Jessica Schaffner  Will Sprott  
Natasha Taylor  Jay Zhang
ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Kade Beyer, Bailey Sharpe, Rebecca Sonne
Regional Champions
8th Best Speaker: Kade Beyer
Jessica Kimes, Bobbye Pyke, Rahul Rao
3rd Best Speaker: Bobbye Pyke

Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition
Rahul Rao, Rebecca Sonne
Octofinalists
John Appel, Bobbye Pyke

Gibbons Criminal Procedure Competition
Alyssa Arnold, Noah Feldman

Giles Rich IP Moot Court Competition
Michael Aragon, Falkner Werkhaven
Maggie Martin, Khanh Nguyen

HBNA/VIA Uvaldo Herrera Moot Court Competition
Angela Morales, Paul Pirela, Katherine Proa

Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship
Sarah Husbands, Bobbye Pyke, Kathryn Vestal

John R. Brown Admiralty Law Moot Court Competition
Alex Johnson, Brian Pounds, Rebecca Sonne
Quarterfinalists
Delenn Cooper, Sarah Husbands, Sam Schauer

Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
Jacqueline Boylhart, Ken Deng, Pedro Segura
Quarterfinalists

National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition (San Diego)
Noah Feldman, Alexandra Tijerina
Octofinalists

National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition
Emma Brockway, Patricia Dillon
Fariha Jawed, Xperanza Uviedo

Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Law Competition
Lakshmi Achari, Matt Mouer, Brad Raymond
Lingzi Hu, Mason Malone, Janie Rios

Southern Illinois University National Health Law Competition
Cody Miller, Brian Pounds
Semi-finalists
Lakshmi Achari, Taylor Hood
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John Parras

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David Harrell
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