ABOUT THE ADVOCATES

The Advocates is 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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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
2019-2020 Advocates Competitions, cont’d.

**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.

ADR Team Members

Foster Baird  Bradley Barrett
Anna Bolding  Anastasia Bolshakov
Jacqueline Boylhart  Taylor Calfee
Delenn Cooper  Caidi Davis
Ken Deng  Kristen Dorton
James Dorough-Lewis, Jr.  Mark Kritzer
Kalei “William” Kuaiwa  Haley Kurisky
Mercedes Landry  Alexys Mathis
Maria Medellin  Morgan Morrow
Bryan Payne  Jimmy Ramirez
Madison Richburg  Megan Rollag
Mario Sanchez  Jonah Toennies
Tyler Wolf  Lama Zaksok
Jacyln Zinsmeister

ADR Coaches

Samin Agha  Ian Brown
Julian Cardenas  Megan Daic
James Lamey  Jim Lawrence
Brittany Mitchell  Brandon Schrecengost
Zach Scott  Raul Suazo
Andrew Vaughan  Ashley Washington
Hon. Christine Weems
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
Mitchell Armstrong
Amanda Blons
Mycal Dede
AmyJo Foreman
John Herrmann
Bethany Howell
Cassandra Maneen
Riley McAfee
Kristen Nelson
Paul Palmer
Brian Pounds
Canyon Sanford

Alex Abokhair
Alejandro Arredondo
Natasha Cabucio
Drew Dishongh
Hector Garza
Christy Ho
Chelsea Klumpp
Kelly Marshall
Luke Miller
Kenneth Nguyen
Billie Parker
Jackie Riff
Ethan Steadman

John Appel
Brooke Bentley
Stuart Cobb
Stasia Drecun
Stefen Guerrero
Sammy Homsi
Emily Lucot
Isabella Martinez
Alexandra Napuri
Spencer Packard
Tiffany Penner
Janie Rios
Alexandra Tijerina

Mock Trial Coaches

Jackie Houlette
Brandon Draper
Jani Maselli Wood
Hon. Christine Weems

Julie Gray
Mark Gonzalez
Rebekah Reneau
Sepi Zimmer
2019-2020 UHLC Mock Trial Team Competitions

American Association for Justice Trial Competition
AmyJo Foreman, Cassie Maneen, Alex Napuri, Canyon Sanford
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
Spencer Armstrong, Emily Lucot, Spencer Packard

Regional Finalists

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      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 Wood     Julia Peebles
Hilary Reed          Ann Ryan Robertson
Jessica Schaffner    Will Sprott
Natasha Taylor       Jay Zhang
2019-2020 UHLC Moot Court Team Competitions

**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
2019-2020 BAI Adjunct Faculty

ADVANCED NEGOTIATIONS
Megan Daic
Kevin Hedges

ADVANCED TRIAL ADVOCACY
Brandon Draper
Natalie Ware

ADVOCACY SURVEY
Jim Lawrence

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Megan Daic
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COUNSELING
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Bill Daw
Michael Morfey

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
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Jennifer Lowrey
John Parras

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ADVOCACY
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