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OU Law students win 2021 Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, hosted by UHLC’s Blakely Institute

HOUSTON, Feb. 9, 2021 – University of Oklahoma College of Law students Tanner Herrmann and Morgan Vastag were the victors of the 2021 Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship held Jan. 28-30.

The invitation-only event, organized by the University of Houston Law Center’s Blakely Advocacy Institute, features the top 16 moot court programs in the country to compete each year for the title “best of the best.” This year's competition was held virtually.

Throughout a three-day period, participants in the 2021 competition argued both sides of a dispute between a fictional city and software company. The background of the case included the city of New Truro, New Tejas receiving a $600 million judgment against Kill-a-Byte Software Inc., with the municipality attributing its high crime rate to the violence featured in a popular Kill-a-Byte video game.

The Newell H. Blakely Best Speaker award, sponsored by John Shely with Hunton Andrews Kurth, resulted in a tie between Anisha Chheda of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and Nick Teleky of the New York University School of Law. The University of Oklahoma College of Law won the Dentons Best Brief accolade.

The complete list of participating law schools included:

- American University Washington College of Law
- Baylor Law School
- Florida Coastal School of Law
- George Washington University Law School
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- Michigan State University College of Law
- New York University School of Law
- Regent University School of Law
- St. Mary's University School of Law
- Seton Hall University School of Law
- Stetson University College of Law
- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- University of Georgia School of Law
- University of Oklahoma College of Law
- William & Mary Law School
The event was sponsored by Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP and partner John Shely, Dentons, McDowell Hetherington LLP, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Blakely Advocacy Institute and the Law Center.

Click here for more information about the 2021 Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship.

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