

# **Trial Advocacy Board**

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## **Statement of Commitment to Trial Advocacy**

The University of Richmond Trial Advocacy Board is a student run group of talented and aspiring trial advocates. With the start of the 2014-15 academic year, we entered our eleventh season of developing practical skills in trial advocacy through mock trial competition. The energy and enthusiasm of our membership embodies the University's commitment to training young lawyers who "live greatly in the law." Skills in effective oral advocacy are taught in various workshops, lectures, and course offerings. The Board is composed of approximately fifty student advocates selected through of two annual intra-scholastic competitions.

Each fall, the Trial Advocacy Board Competition, the Law School's largest intra-scholastic competition, is open to sixty-four competitors vying for membership with a highly regarded student organization. In the spring, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association sponsors a competition for second and third year students seeking membership. The Board continues to expand so that more students may experience courtroom advocacy.

We believe in establishing long-standing relationships with other members of the student trial bar in Virginia and nationwide. We are committed to helping develop a strong trial bar throughout Virginia and beyond by honing our talents alongside future colleagues. Our goal of building a national reputation for excellence in courtroom advocacy makes us anxious to join you in competitive fellowship.

Advised by Professor Margaret Bacigal, the Board is privileged to also have a volunteer coaching pool featuring some of Richmond's most respected legal professionals. Student Advocates represent Richmond Law in competition throughout the country. In 2011, we were honored to host the Texas Young Lawyer's Association's National Trial Competition for the region.

# Competition History

## 2014 – 2015

- San Diego Defense Lawyers Trial Advocacy Competition
- Georgetown National White Collar Crime Competition
- John L. Costello Criminal Law Competition
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition

## 2013 – 2014

- Georgetown National White Collar Crime Competition
- John L. Costello Criminal Law Competition
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition

## 2011-2012

- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: Regional Semi-Finalists
- John L. Costello Criminal Law Competition: National Semi-Finalists
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition

## 2010-2011

- TYLA National Trial Competition, Regional Host School
- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition
- Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Law
- ABA Criminal Justice Trial Competition, John Marshall School of Law, Chicago
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition

## 2009-2010

- TYLA National Trial Competition: Regional Finalists
- National Black Law Students Association, Champions, Thurgood Marshall Region
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Student Trial Advocacy Competition: 2nd Place Regional
- Georgetown National White Collar Crime Competition

## 2008-2009

- San Diego Defense Lawyers National Trial Competition: 2nd Place
- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: 1st Place Regional; 1st Place Nationals
- TYLA National Trial Competition
- Capitol City Challenge Trial Competition

- AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition: Regional Semi-Finalists

### **2007-2008**

- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: 1st place Regional; National Quarter-Finalists
- Georgetown National White Collar Crime Competition
  - Individual Honor: Outstanding Attorney Award
- TYLA National Trial Competition: Semi-Finalists
- AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition: 1st place Regional; National Semi-Finalists (top 4 out of 225 teams)

### **2006-2007**

- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: 2nd Place
- National Civil Rights Trial Competition
- Georgetown National White Collar Crime Competition: Semi-Finalists
- TYLA National Trial Competition
- ATLA Student Trial Advocacy Competition

### **2005-2006**

- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: 2nd Place
- TYLA National Trial Competition: Regional Quarterfinalists
- ABA National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition
  - Individual Honor: Outstanding Attorney Award

### **2004-2005**

- ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition: 1st Place
- TYLA National Trial Competition: Regional Quarterfinalists

### **2003-2004**

- TYLA National Trial Competition: Regional Finalists