



American College of Trial Lawyers

The Hugh F. Culverhouse Jr. School of Law at the University of Alabama Wins National Moot Court Competition

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law Places Second

New York, February 1, 2019 – **The Hugh F. Culverhouse Jr. School of Law at the University of Alabama** won the final round of the 69th Annual National Moot Court Competition held January 31 at the New York City Bar Association. The winning team was comprised of **Lindsey Barber, Cory Church, and Anne Miles Golson**. The **Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law** was the runner-up, with a team comprised of **Linda Qiu, Clayton Faits and Lois Ahn**.

Best Brief honors went to the **University of Montana, Alexander Blewett III School of Law** with Runner-Up Best Brief awarded to the **University of Iowa College of Law**.

Best Oralist in the Final Round was **Anne Miles Golson**. Runner-Up Best Oralist in the Final Round was **Clayton Faits**.

The final round was judged by **Roger Juan Maldonado**, President, New York City Bar Association; **Jeffrey Leon**, President, American College of Trial Lawyers; **Hon. Richard Wesley**, Senior United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; **Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers**, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department; **Hon. Saliann Scarpulla**, New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division and **Hon. Ellen Gesmer**, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department.

The two issues in this year's problem involved whether a state may exercise general personal jurisdiction over a corporation based solely on that corporation's registration to do business in that state; and whether the design of a fully autonomous vehicle, in light of an accident in which it performed as intended, is defective by virtue of being unreasonably dangerous.

The final argument was the culmination of more than six months of preparation and arguments by 174 teams from over 120 law schools across the country. The top two teams from each of the 14 regional competitions advanced to the final rounds.

The Competition is co-sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the National Moot Court Competition Committee of the New York City Bar Association.

Photos available on request.

About the Association

The mission of the New York City Bar Association, which was founded in 1870 and has 24,000 members, is to equip and mobilize the legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of

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The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of preeminent members of the trial bar from the United States and Canada and is recognized as the leading trial lawyers organization in both countries. Founded in 1950, the College is an invitation only fellowship. The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality. The College is dedicated to maintaining and seeking to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings. For more information about the College, visit its website at www.actl.com.

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