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## **FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW WINS THE 2011 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION COMPETITION**

The 2011 Annual National Representation in Mediation Competition was held in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference in Denver on April 13-14, 2011. In this competition law student teams role-play as attorneys and clients to model appropriate preparation for and representation of a client in mediation.

Many law schools held intramural competitions to determine which team or teams to send to their Regional Competition, then 100 teams from 54 law schools competed in ten Regional Competitions for the right to advance to the National Finals. Ten teams were invited to compete at the National Competition consisting of students representing the following schools: American University—Washington College of Law, California Western School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, Hamline University School of Law, Mississippi College School of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Washington University Law in St. Louis.

After two preliminary rounds on April 13th the teams from Fordham University, Seton Hall, Washington University, and American University advanced to the Semi-Final Round on April 14th. The teams from American University and Fordham University advanced to the Championship Round where Fordham students Amy Dunayevich and Alana Roth defeated American University students Dana Bucy and Caroline Morse.

The Section of Dispute Resolution would like to thank and congratulate the students and schools who competed at all levels of the Competition this year for their excellent performances in making this year's event a success. The Section also extends its thanks to the numerous conference attendees and local practitioners who volunteered as mediators and judges for the competition.

The 2012 Annual Representation in Mediation Regional Competitions are scheduled for February and March of 2012. The 2012 National Finals will be held in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference in April 2012 in Washington, DC. For more information, visit the Representation in Mediation Competition website at <http://www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html>.