

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW WINS THE 2010 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION COMPETITION



The 11th Annual National Representation in Mediation Competition was held in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference in San Francisco on April 7-8, 2010. 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: Quinnipiac University School of Law, Seton Hall School of Law, University of Maryland School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Faulkner University Jones School of Law, Hamline University School of Law, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University and University of Washington School of Law.

After two preliminary rounds on April 7th the teams from Maryland, Seton Hall, Washington and Lee and Texas Wesleyan advanced to the Semi-Final Round on April 8th. The teams from Maryland and Seton Hall advanced to the Championship Round where Maryland students David Pantzer and Jacob Lilien defeated Seton Hall students Christopher A. DeAngelo and Nima Ashtyani.

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 12th Annual Representation in Mediation Regional Competitions are scheduled for February and March of 2011. The Finals will be held in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference in April 2011 in Denver, CO. For more information, visit the Representation in Mediation Competition website at <http://www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html>.