ST. THOMAS LAW MOCK TRIAL TEAM WINS NATIONAL ABA COMPETITION

TOP ROW: Competitor -Ramon Crego, Coach- Kimberly Kanoff, Faculty Advisor - The Honorable Judge David M. Gersten, Coach - Michael Mayer, Competitor - Christine Louissaint, Coach- Tara Kawass, Competitor - Vladimir Larios, Competitor - Thomas Mirigliano.

BOTTOM ROW (The First Place Team): Defense Advocate - Bryan Paschal, Defense Advocate- Lincoln Atten, Plaintiff Advocate- Joey McCall, Star Witness - Jennifer Pena, Plaintiff Advocate - William McHugh.

This past March, the St. Thomas Law Mock Trial Team won first place and best advocate at the 21st Annual National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and The John Marshall Law School.

This invitational competition was held in Chicago, Illinois, March 31, 2011 through April 2, 2011. Twenty-two teams from all over the country competed in the preliminary mock trial rounds, prosecuting and defending a federal arson case in the Richard J. Daley Center and the Dirksen Federal Building courthouse.

Representing St. Thomas Law were Mock Trial President Joey McCall '11 and William McHugh '12 for the Prosecution, and Lincoln Atten '11 and Bryan Paschal '11 for the Defense. St. Thomas Law defeated St. John's University School of Law, The John Marshall School of Law and University of South Dakota Law School in the preliminary rounds. Among the many other law schools competing were teams from Harvard, Georgetown, Tulane and Wisconsin. Bryan Paschal '11 received the Best Advocate award.

The Honorable Judge David M. Gersten, Florida Third District Court of Appeal, and the Honorable Judge Rosa Figarola, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, along with attorneys, Michael Mayer '07, Tara Kawass, Kimberly Kanoff, and Aryeh Kaplan coached the team to another monumental victory. The St. Thomas Law Trial Team also took home first place at the annual Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section's Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition in January 2011.

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