

program) as our team progresses from each round. These phone conversations with Prof. Streicher have been lots of fun, because the news is almost invariably positive. And then I have a great time calling our student participants to congratulate them on their success. (It is also starting to cost me a pretty penny as I send champagne to our victorious teams!)

It is difficult to describe how proud I am of how well our students have performed this year. Just this past weekend, our students won the National Championship in the McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Competition held at the University of Minnesota. But, unlike in prior weekends, I was not at all nervous during the final round — because I already knew that we had won. How did I know that? Because out of over 40 teams from law schools across the nation, the two final teams were both from UDM! Clearly, we dominated that competition.

But that's been the story more and more frequently here. So far this year we've competed in six different national competitions, in most cases against anywhere from 20 to 70 or so other teams. And here's the incredible fact: in five of those six competitions, our team has made it into the Final Four! (In the sixth competition, we beat out 40 other teams to make it to the top third, but not the finals.) In those six competitions, our teams have brought home one gold medal, two silver medals, two Best Oralists awards, and a silver for runner-up Best Brief.

While I certainly enjoy our students' success, I am also pleased with the learning and the experience that they gain. Our student competitors prepare with

MacCauley.

Faculty Coach — Pamela Wilkens.

### **NYU Immigration Law**

#### **Moot Court Competition:**

Tiffani Frederick, Emily Murphy, Dan Whittal & Joel Wisniewski.

Faculty Coach — David Koelsch.

### **Jessup International Law**

#### **Moot Court Competition (Regionals):**

Roxanna Gale, Robert Walker, Kelsey Siemen, Ryan Sheahan & Jamie Bordman.

Faculty Coach — Cara Cunningham.

### **NYC Appellate**

#### **Moot Court Competition:**

Sean Corley & Janet Conigliaro.

Faculty Coach — Michelle Streicher.

### **Pace Environmental Law**

#### **Moot Court Competition:**

Dylan Duvall & Courtney Satko.

Faculty Coach — Lynn Dodge.

### **On the Road with the National Veterans Tour**

When I first considered the idea of having UDM School of Law undertake a national tour to assist veterans with their federal disability benefits, I didn't really think through the impact that such a tour would have on my schedule as Dean. Now, one month into the tour, I'm starting to realize the enormity of what we've started.

I have not visited every city with our students, but I have had the opportunity to join our students so far in San Antonio, Houston, and Orlando. And I cannot begin to express how

series of students who are learning to use their training in ways that can really help those in need. I have seen our students touched deeply by the very human stories they have encountered. I have seen their determination to play a part in trying to help veterans who have done so much to help us all. I have watched as they realize the tools that a legal education gives them to make a difference. While I am proud of our UDM School of Law students for many reasons, the humanity and dedication to helping those in need that I have witnessed as they make their way across several states is a special source of pride and satisfaction for me as Dean.

We call our national veterans tour "Project SALUTE," and in that spirit I want to salute the students who have participated during these first few weeks: Matthew Smith, Mark Vanneste, Alex Mitrakas, Brad Erickson, Liz Holmes, Tony Karman, Andrew Calcutt, and Scott Spokojny.

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