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UDM law students: Successes on the road

Recently, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law students have been traveling around the country for two different reasons. Some students have been on different teams competing in national moot court competitions; others have been on the road with our national tour to assist veterans in securing federal benefits. In each case, our students have excelled in different ways.

Following are separate reflections on the pride that our students' performance has brought to me as Dean in these two very different spheres.

Dazzling Success for UDM School of Law Moot Court Teams

It seems like every weekend now I am spending a lot of time on the phone hearing about the successes of our UDM School of Law Moot Court teams as they compete in national competitions around the country.

As each of our teams appears at a national tournament, I follow their progress closely, getting updates from Prof. Michelle Stre-
student competitors prepare with

great dedication for these competitions, and they learn a great deal in doing so. They have an opportunity to practice their arguments in practice rounds judged by experts in their area in major firms around the nation. They learn about oral advocacy, persuasion, and public speaking. And then they go out and gain added experience and confidence by seeing how great they really are!

So, I hope you'll join me in congratulating our student competitors who have done so well so far this year:

McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Competition:

Team 1: Jennifer Hartlep,
Kathy Koziol & Clinton Hubbell.
Faculty Coach — Deborah
Paruch.

Team 2: Michelle Busuito,
Christopher Lenhardt & Khalil
Rahal.

Faculty Coach — Jeffrey Sil-
ver.

Harvard Animal Rights Moot Court Competition:

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proud I have been of these students. I have seen them doing presentations to veterans in various parts of the country. I have seen them doing interviews with TV and newspaper reporters. I have seen them interacting with attorneys from leading law firms around the nation.

And they've been great at everything! But what has really impressed me is the intensity and caring that I have seen our students bring to their work with veterans. I have seen our students meet veterans ranging in age from their early 20s to their late 80s. They have had a wide range of stories, experiences, and problems. But each time our students have done a wonderful job in listening to their stories, in empathizing with their problems, and in asking the necessary questions to get the information needed so that these veterans can be helped.

Of course, at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law we care a lot about training our students to be effective and successful attorneys. But what I have also witnessed on the road has been a