

BRENDAN MOORE TRIAL ADVOCACY CENTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the Association

By Professor James Kainen

I am so grateful to the organizers of the Alumni Association and its new Board: **KellyAnne Holohan** (Senior Chair), **Cheryl Thill** (Junior Chair), **Michael Higgins** (Technology Chair), **Victoria Hill-Clarkson** (Secretary/Treasurer), **Jonathan Macri** (Events Chair), **Madeleine Stokes** (Individual Communications Chair), and **Deborah Wassel** (Global Communications Chair).

As the number of Moore Advocates has grown dramatically, my reliance on the alumni has increased commensurately. Whether coaching, judging, or advising current students, or simply developing the careers that model the benefits of having participated in Moore activities, the alumni are becoming the backbone of the Moore Advocacy Center. Tom Moore said it best at the alumni dinner when he attributed the Center's success to the accumulated wisdom and collective efforts of all of you. I am delighted that the Association will provide a forum for alumni to continue their involvement and to enjoy the camaraderie that made their Fordham experience as enjoyable as it was

I look forward to attending events and helping you expand the reach of the Association. May working and playing together continue to prove how the whole can be more than the sum of its parts!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Join us for our first official bar night as we welcome the fresh-faced graduates of the Class of 2014 into the world of Moores alumni!

Cornerstone

**961 2nd Avenue
(@ 51st Street)**

May 22, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

Fall 2013 Competitions

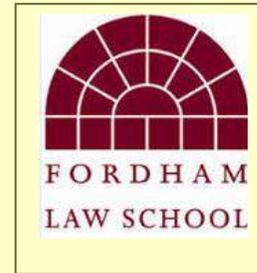
The Moores won the Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition, coached by **Greg SanGermano '02** and **Mike Higgins '08**. In addition to the team's first place win, students also received two perfect scores and earned the competition's Best Advocate Award.

In the Golden Gate University School of Law Criminal Mock Trial Competition, coached by **Bernard Ozarowski '10** and **Lili Corn '12**, the team won a Best Advocate Award.

Another team advanced to the quarterfinals in the Peter James Johnson National Civil Rights Trial Competition, coached by Reza Rezvani, **Deanna Paul '11**, and **Vicki Hill Clarkson '13**.

At the ABA Regional Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition at Quinnipiac University School of Law, coached by **Jeff Briem '05** and **Cheryl Thill '07**, the students advanced to the semifinals, and also won the award for Best Direct Examination.

In September, eighty-six students tried out to become Moore Advocates, and forty-four were selected to join the team.



At the Buffalo–Niagara Trial Competition the team – coached by **Adam Shlahet '02** and **Jeff Colt '10** – advanced to the quarterfinals.

The Moores were finalists at the Georgetown Law School's White Collar Crime Invitational Trial Competition, coached by **Andrew Mercer '09** and **Ben Pred '11**.

Finally, the Moores advanced to the semifinals of the ABA Labor and Employment Regional Trial Competition. The team was coached by **Dan Geoghan '99**, **Mike Hamersky '07**, and **Jonathan Uretsky '99**.

Interested in joining the growing ranks of alumni coaches? Contact Adam Shlahet at shlahet@law.fordham.edu for more information.



Meet Your Alumni Board

KellyAnne Holohan (Senior Chair) joined the Moores in the fall of 2005 and served on the board during the 2006–2007 academic year. She has competed, coached, and judged in various fictitious jurisdictions, but her real-life jurisdiction since 2007 has been the Bronx, where she serves as an Assistant District Attorney. As always, the Moores have managed to put together a great board, and she is honored and eager to get to work. KellyAnne extends sincere thanks for giving her the opportunity to serve the alumni, and for all your support in her endeavors to launch this association.

Cheryl Thill (Junior Chair) has been a Moore since 2005, and served on the board during the 2006–2007 school year. Since 2007, she has worked at the Bronx District Attorney's Office. She is assigned to a felony trial bureau, where she uses all her Moore training. She is looking forward helping get this group off the ground and getting all those great alumni involved!

Michael Higgins (Technology Chair): has been a Moore since 2006 and served on the board from 2007–2008. He currently works as a Supervisory Attorney Advisor with Social Security, but has filled his nights, weekends, and countless notepads as a coach over the past five years. He now seeks to spread himself further as the Technology Chair of the Alumni Association. He is happy that his rudimentary Photoshop skills and eclectic knowledge of the tubes comprising the inter-web will be put to good use.

Victoria Hill-Clarkson (Secretary/Treasurer) has been a Moore since the summer of 2011 when she marched into the Moot Court Room with a giant whiteboard and an array of colored markers. She proudly served as the Managing Editor of the Moores for the 2012–2013 academic year, and this past year, coached three teams. She is an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, where she does justice using the skills she developed as a Moore. She serves this board as both Secretary (where everyone appreciates her love of colorful note-taking) and as Treasurer (once we have money).

Jonathan Macri (Events Chair) has been a proud member of the Moore Advocates since 2008, demonstrating a unique blend of charisma and complete lack of tact. Jonathan served as Editor-in-Chief of the program for the still-legendary 2009–2010 competition year, and has since coached numerous teams, thus ensuring future generations of Moores never forget the age-old motto, "Who cares if it makes sense – it sounds GREAT!" Jonathan is currently practicing plaintiffs' personal injury law for Parker Waichman, LLP, in Port Washington, and is looking forward to coordinating many a future boondoggle as the Events Chair for the Alumni Association.



Madeleine Stokes (Individual Communications Chair) has been a member of the Moores since 2010 and was Managing Editor during the 2011–2012 academic year. Her devotion to the Moores takes many forms, including coaching, judging, and baking every cookie, cupcake and brownie ever baked for every team that has ever competed. In real life, she is a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Practice, where she represents children in abuse and neglect cases. Maddy now does her trials in courtrooms with no juries -- real or imaginary -- and is still trying to get over the fact that there are only two places where she is allowed to stand. Maddy is thrilled to be your new Individual Communications Chair and to bring to her responsibilities the same zeal and powdered sugar that she brings to all her endeavors.

Deborah Wassel (Global Communications Chair) joined the Moores in 2008 and served on the board during the aforementioned “legendary” 2009–2010 school year. She has coached/baked for enough students over the past few years to form a small, litigious army. Her passion for fake trials in nonexistent jurisdictions has kept her coming back to coach a team every semester since graduating from Fordham in 2010. By day, Deb serves as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens, and has worked in both the Domestic Violence and Appeals Bureaus. She is thrilled to be on the inaugural alumni board and looks forward to hearing all of your wonderful news. In the alternative, she looks forward to emailing you all relentlessly until you give her some good news to put in the newsletter.

Class Notes

Victoria Hill-Clarkson '13 is thrilled to announce that she and **Tom Bellifemine '13** started as Assistant District Attorneys at the Kings County District Attorney's Office this month.

Eliza Orlins '08 was featured in the New York Times on February 11, 2014, for her commitment to public service in her work at the Legal Aid Society and her quest to obtain alternative sentencing for one of her clients. (Read the full article at: <http://nyti.ms/1ff22Rm> >.)

A huge congratulations to not one, not two, but THREE Moore couples who are now engaged to be married! Congratulations to **Bernard Ozarowski '10** and **Lili Corn '12**, **Krystyn Tendy '09** and **Charles Travis Atkinson '12**, and **Meghan Hill '12** and **Meghan McKeever '12**.



Promoted? Engaged or married? Had babies? Want to share good news about your classmates?

Email **Deborah Wassel '10** at deb.wassel@gmail.com to include your news in the next class notes!

Trial Ad Day: A Moores First

By Ben Bergin '14

Last week, the first annual Trial Ad Day opened with energy, excitement and expectations. Alums from the past three years joined current Moores to put the Moot Court Room to its final, proper, use – trial advocacy.

The day began with a Trial Ad Olympics, competitors separated into different venues to test all of the skills that they had developed as Moores – creativity, quick thinking, improvisational argument, teamwork, bravery, chivalry and, of course, in-depth knowledge of fairy tales. Mike Hardin '14 held court over an Evidence game gloriously based upon the Three Little Pigs. Alliances were forged and allegiances broken as teams of current Moores and alums gathered into teams to argue in limine the admissibility of BBQ-themed t-shirts and a picture of a wolf literally in sheep's clothing.

Meanwhile, Jason Tortora '14 found himself, as an expert witness, bombarded in the Cross Competition: a raucous onslaught of cross-examiners trying to get him to concede that baseball teams who spend the most money aren't always the best, and that Justin Bieber is NOT criminally annoying.

The Olympics portion of the day was brought to a close as all the competitors gathered for a final time in the jury box for a Closing competition. Arguments were heard on whether Santa Claus was guilty of trespass, Dorothy guilty of the felony-murder of the Wicked Witch of the West and a whole host of Disney characters guilty of various equally ridiculous crimes.

Following the Olympics came the main event that some people were dubbed, "The Trial Of The Century." Moore legends and current coaches **Bernard Ozarowski '10**, **Jonathan Macri '10**, and **Jeff Briem '05** presented the case of DeJackson Sean, an alleged gang member accused of murder.

After closing arguments were made an audience vote determined the winner. By just a single vote, the defense prevailed. Using the same universal rules as pool tables, beer pong tables and – for those of you who graduated a REALLY long time ago – shuffle board tables, "the winner stays on" – Mr. Ozarowski was thus presented with the opportunity to pick an alumnus to challenge next year. He chose – to nobody's surprise – former mentor **Greg SanGermano '02** before everybody retired to reminisce, catch up and look forward to this becoming a true Moore tradition.

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