

**THE CENTER FOR ADVOCACY**  
*at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law*  
*David C. Schott, Director*

**THE SUMMIT CUP**

The Center for Advocacy is the proud host of the annual autumn law school trial advocacy invitational tournament honoring Top 12 winners of the prior year's U.S. tournaments

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & TITLES**

**2021 CHAMPION. National *In Vino Veritas* Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament.**

Squad: Lindsey Hanselman, Christina Boyle, Anthony Roeber, Megan Machak.

Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**2020 CHAMPION. National *In Vino Veritas* Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament.**

Squad: Liz Hersey, Alex Uri, Holly Spease, Lindsey Hanselman. Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**2019 CHAMPION. National Ethics Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament. Sacramento.**

Squad: Leah Perczak, Sean Cuff, Alli Takacs, Lauren Knapp. Coaches: Garrik Storgaard. Madalia Maaliki.

**2017-2018 CHAMPION. Buffalo-Niagara National Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament.**

Squad: Doyle Bode, Josh Mangiagli, Abby Hegarty, Sam Gangemi. Coaches: David Schott; Chris Wilcox;

**2018 NATIONAL CHAMPION. ABA Representation in Mediation National Competition.**

Washington D.C. Squad: Erik Carlson and Sarah Rice. Coach: Professor Carol "CJ" Larkin.

**2018 NATIONAL CHAMPION. Transactional LawMeet. NYC.**

Squad: Keith Zittle, Zach Pfister, and Becky Stifter. Coach: Stacey Bowers.

**2012 NATIONAL CHAMPION. Top Gun National Trial Advocacy Tournament. Waco, TX.**

Chris Wilcox, Top Gun National Champion. Coach: David Schott

**EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS HISTORY**

**2022-2023**    *\*Top 10 National Departmental Ranking - U.S. News & World Report*

*\*Top 2 The Gavel Rankings*

*\*Top 2 Tournament of Champions Rankings*

*\*Top 3 Fordham Trial Advocacy Power Rankings*

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Denver, CO**

Squad: Chasen Miller, Jordan Thornlow. Coaches: David Schott, Conrad Huygen, Jordan Grosgebauer

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Denver, CO**

Squad: Christina Boyle, Ben Lovell, Sophia Faiella, Coaches: David Schott, Conrad Huygen, Jordan Grosgebauer

**Semi-Finalist (Top 4 of 16) – Hofstra Medical Legal Trial Advocacy Tournament. Long Island, NY**

Squad: Taylor Dobyms, Megan Machak, Katie Scruggs, Liliana ViorEspalter

Coaches: Judge John Madden, Allison Takacs

**2021-2022**    *\*Top 10 National Departmental Ranking - U.S. News & World Report*

*\*Top 6 Fordham Trial Advocacy Rankings*

*\*Top 2 Tournament of Champions Rankings*

**2021 CHAMPION. National In Vino Veritas Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament.**

Squad: *Best Overall Advocate and Best Closing* – Lindsey Hanselman, *Best Opening* – Christina Boyle, Anthony Roeber, Megan Machak. Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**National Semifinalist (Top 4 in U.S.) – National Trial Competition. TYLA.**

Squad: Madeline Sheahan, Colin Patzer. Coaches: David Schott, Conrad Huygen

**National Quarterfinalist (Top 8 in U.S.) – National Trial Competition. TYLA.**

Squad: Chasen Miller, Jordan Thornlow. Coaches: David Schott, Conrad Huygen.

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Provo, Utah.**

Squad: Madeline Chandler, Colin Patzer. Coaches: David Schott, Conrad Huygen

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Provo, Utah**

Squad: Chasen Miller, Jordan Thornlow. Coaches: Conrad Huygen, David Schott

**Championship Finalist – King of the Hill National Trial Competition. Washington D.C.**

Squad: Madeline Chandler. Colin Patzer. Austin Richards. Holly Spease.

Coaches: Garrik Storgaard. Madalia Maaliki. Conrad Huygen.

**Semi-Finalist – AAJ Regional Championships. Denver, Colorado.**

Squad: Lindsey Hanselman, Austin Richards, Anthony Roeber, Holly Spease.

Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**Semi-Finalist – Capitol City Challenge. Washington D.C.**

Squad: Christina Boyle. Andrew Ferland. Ben Lovell. Katie Scruggs. Coaches: Garrik Storgaard. Madalia Maaliki. Doyle Bode.

**2020-2021** \*Top 9 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**2020 CHAMPION. National In Vino Veritas Trial Advocacy Invitational Tournament.**

*Best Cross Examination* – Liz Hersey. *Best Opening* – Holly Spease. Squad: Liz Hersey, Alex Uri, Holly Spease, Lindsey Hanselman. Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**National Quarterfinalist (Top 8 in U.S.) – National Trial Competition. TYLA.**

Squad: Phillip Meinkoth, Rebekah Nickel. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox, Doyle Bode

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Denver.**

*Best Tournament Advocate: Bekah Nickel.* Squad: Phillip Meinkoth, Rebekah Nickel.

Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox, Doyle Bode

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition. Denver.**

Squad: Brandon Olsen, Justin Vanderveer. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox, Doyle Bode

**Championship Finalist – National Ethics Trial Advocacy Tournament. Sacramento.**

*Best Tournament Advocate: Kiley Oblisk.* Squad: Joe Soloway, Kiley Oblisk.

Coaches: Garrik Storgaard. Madalia Maaliki

**Top 16 National Qualifier - National All-Star 100 Tournament.**

*Best Advocate Award: Rebekah Nickel.* Squad: Phillip Meinkoth, Rebekah Nickel, Brandon Olsen, Justin Vanderveer. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox

**2019-2020** \*Top 7 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition.** Seattle.  
Squad: Phillip Meinkoth, Rebekah Nickel. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox

**Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition.** Seattle.  
Squad: Brandon Olsen, Justin Vanderveer. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox

**Championship Finalist - In Vino Veritas National Trial -Advocacy Invitational.** San Francisco.  
Squad: Caitlin Birrell, Liz Hersey, Daniel Steinhauser, Lukas Dregne. Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**Quarterfinalist (Top 8 of 36 teams) – Buffalo-Niagara National Trial Invitational.** Buffalo.  
*Best Direct Exam in Tournament - Brett Kaplan.* Squad: Brett Kaplan, Stephanie Faurotte, Martin Tenorio, Colleen Kelly. Coaches: David Schott, Madalia Maaliki

**Quarterfinalist – Lone Star Challenge.** St. Mary's University. San Antonio, Texas.  
Squad: Schyeler Gilman, Chandler Newman, Jacob Goldstein, Lauren Selby.  
Coaches: Judge John Madden, Katie Konecny

**2018-2019** \*Top 15 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**CHAMPIONS – National Ethics Trial Advocacy Tournament.** Sacramento. Pacific-McGeorge.  
Squad: Leah Perczak, Sean Cuff, Allison Takacs, Lauren Knapp. Coaches: Garrik Storgaard, Madalia Maaliki

**Regional Champions. ABA Representation in Mediation National Competition.**  
Squad: Rachel Neumann (2L) and Laura Yeager (3L). Coaches: Professor CJ Larkin, Sarah Rice

**Finalist – AAJ Regional Tournament.** Squad: Danielle Woodbridge, Gracen Short, Taylor Suta, McKenna Mayfield. Coach: Kevin Keyes

**Semi-Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (A Squad).** Salt Lake City.  
Squad: Abby Hegarty, Sam Gangemi, Lauren Selby. Coach: David Schott

**Semi-Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (B Squad).** Salt Lake City.  
Squad: Brett Kaplan, Martin Tenorio, Stephanie Faurote. Coach: Judge John Madden

**National Quarterfinalist (of 26 teams) – Capitol City Challenge.** American University.  
Squad: Stephanie Faurote, Schyeler Gilman, Chandler Newman, Jacob Goldstein.  
Coaches: Chris Wilcox, Katie Konecny

**Quarter-Finalist – In Vino Veritas National Trial -Advocacy Invitational.** San Francisco.  
Squad: Taylor Suta, Brett Kaplan, Daniel Woodbridge, Gracen Short. Coach: Kevin Keyes

**Quarter-Finalist – Mockingbird Challenge Trial Advocacy Tournament.** Faulkner. Squad: Leah Perczak, McKenna Mayfield, Lauren Knapp, Allison Takacs. Coach: Coach: Garrik Storgaard

**2017-2018** \*Top 11 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**CHAMPIONS – Buffalo-Niagara National Trial -Advocacy Invitational Tournament.** Buffalo.  
*Best Advocate in Championship Round - Doyle Bode.* Squad: Doyle Bode, Josh Mangiagli, Abby Hegarty, Sam Gangemi. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox, Diana Sada

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. ABA Representation in Mediation National Competition.**  
Washington D.C. Squad: Erik Carlson and Sarah Rice. Coach: Professor Carol "CJ" Larkin

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. Transactional LawMeet.** NYC. Squad: Keith Zittle, Zach Pfister, Becky Stifter  
Coach: Stacey Bowers

**Championship Finalist – Mockingbird Challenge Trial Advocacy Tournament.** Faulkner.  
*Best Cross Examination - Darren Kaplan.*

Squad: Darren Kaplan, Chelsea Moore, Lindsey Peterson, Madeleine Sheahan. Coach: Garrik Storgaard

**National Semi-Finalist / 3<sup>rd</sup> of 26 Teams – Capitol City Challenge.** American University.

Squad: Sean Cuff, Mckenna Mayfield, Leah Perczak, Gracen Short. Coach: Diana Sada

**Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (A Squad).** New Mexico.

Squad: Abby Hegarty, Sam Gangemi. Coach: David Schott

**Semi-Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (B Squad).** New Mexico.

Squad: Doyle Bode, Josh Mangiagli. Coach: Chris Wilcox

**Finalist – AAJ Regional Tournament.** Squad: Christina Bloeman, Lauren Knapp, Allison Takacs,  
Daniel Woodbridge. Coach: Sean Olson

**Semi-Finalist - AAJ Regional Tournament.** Squad: Darren Kaplan, Chelsea Moore, Lindsey Peterson,  
Madeleine Sheahan. Coach: Garrik Storgaard

**Semi-Finalist – ABA Employment Regional Tournament.** Miami.

Squad: Taylor McCreary, Joel Zink, Christina Bloeman, Allison Takas. Coach: Sean Olson

**2016-2017** \*Top 6 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**Championship Finalist – National Ethics Trial Advocacy Tournament.** Pacific McGeorge.

Squad: Chelsea Moore, Joel Zink, Madeleine Sheahan, Tim Tarr.

Coaches: Garrik Storgaard, Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

**Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (A Squad).** Missoula, Montana.

Squad: Joshua Mangiagli, Lindsey Peterson. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox, Diana Sada

**Semi-Finalist – National Trial Competition Regionals (NTC) (B Squad).** Missoula, Montana.

Squad: Justin Friedberg, William Doyle Bode, Taylor McCreary. Coaches: Chris Wilcox, Diana Sada

**Semi-Finalist - AAJ Regional Tournament.**

Squad: Alex Duncan, Gavin Jacobs, Josh Abromovitz, Dirk Remily. Coaches: Sean Olson, Katie Konecny

**Top 8 – Buffalo Niagara Trial Advocacy Tournament.**

*Justin Friedberg – Top Tournament Advocate; Josh Mangiagli – Best Closing.*

Squad: Justin Friedberg, Joshua Mangiagli, Lindsey Peterson, Taylor McCreary.

Coaches: Diana Sada, Chris Wilcox

**Quarterfinalist – Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament.** Gainesville, Florida.

*Luke Corliss – Outstanding Cross Examiner.*

Squad: Luke Corliss, Sarah Colburn, Dirk Remily, Mackenzie Ludwig. Coach: Kevin Keyes

**2015-2016** \*Top 20 National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**National Semi-Finalist – Transactional Law Meet.** NYC.

Squad: Tyson Welch, Derek Bell. Coach: Stacey Bowers

**Regional Finalist (A Squad) – National Trial Competition (NTC).** Oklahoma City.

*Professionalism Award: Grant Grosgebauer – Overall Outstanding Tournament Advocate.*

Squad: Grant Grosgebauer, Arielle Hanser-Dean. Coach: David Schott

**Regional Semi-Finalist (B Squad) – National Trial Competition (NTC).** Oklahoma City.

Squad: Josh Abromovitz, Luke Corliss, Justin Friedberg. Coach: Chris Wilcox

**6<sup>th</sup> Place of 22 – Ethics Tournament.** Sacramento, California.

Squad: Josh Abromovitz, Liz Austin, Alex Duncan, Gavin Jacobs. Coaches: Sean Olson, Katie Konecny

**Bankruptcy Moot Court – Top 4 Briefs (of 60).** NYC. Coach: Matt Faga

**Regional Semi-Finalist – AAJ Competition.** Seattle, Washington.

Squad: Allison Derschang, Padraic Emerine, Robert Zahradnik-Mitchell, Steve Visioli.

Coaches: Garrik Storgaard, Kyle McFarlane

**6<sup>th</sup> Place of 18 - Georgetown White Collar Crime Trial Tournament.** Washington D.C.

*Outstanding Advocate – Josh Abromovitz.*

Squad: Josh Abromovitz, Alex Duncan, Justin Friedberg, Kelly Frickleton. Coach: Sean Olson

**Top 16 – Buffalo Niagara Trial Advocacy Tournament.**

*Best Overall Advocate – Christopher Brummitt*

Squad: Christopher Brummitt, Alison Derschang, Steven Visioli, Casey Fleming

Coaches: Kevin Keyes, Kyle McFarlane

## 2014-2015

**2015 Champion – Moot-San Diego Vis International Arbitration Competition.**

**2015 Champion – Moot-Shanghai Vis International Arbitration Competition.**

**2015 Championship Finalist – Jessup International Appellate Moot Court Competition.**

**2015 International Quarterfinalist – Hong Kong Vis International Arbitration Competition.**

**2015 Regional Finalist (Both Squads) – National Trial Competition (NTC). Denver.**

Squad 1: Jonathan Coppom, Jordan Labonde. Coach: Conrad Huygen, David Schott

Squad 2: Grant Grosgebauer, Arielle Hanser, Kristin Romano. Coach: Chris Wilcox

**2014 National Semifinalist - Tournament of Champions. Baylor Law School. Waco, Texas.**

Squad: Casey Brown, Adrienne Jones, Casey Krizman, Madalia Maaliki. Coach: Sean Olson

**2014 Undefeated. Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition. San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

Squad: Jon Coppom, Jordan Labonde, Grant Grosgebauer, Arielle Hanser. Coaches: Schott, Wilcox

**2013-2014** \*10<sup>th</sup> Place National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**2014 Regional Champion & National Championship Qualifiers- National Trial Competition**

Squad: Jonathan Coppom, Darin Smith, Nick Tootalian. Coaches: David Schott, Chris Wilcox

**2013 Championship Finalist – In Vino Veritas Trial Competition. San Francisco, CA.**

*Tournament MVP - Spencer Kontnik; Outstanding Advocate -Martha Legocki.*

Squad: Spencer Kontnik; Martha Legocki; Darin Smith; Nick Tootalian. Coaches: Schott, Wilcox

**2013 Undefeated 6-0. Buffalo-Niagara Trial Competition. Buffalo. NY**

Squad: Jon Coppom, Spencer Kontnik, Jordan Labonde, Nick Tootalian. Coach: Brown, Storgaard

**2012-2013** \*12<sup>th</sup> Place National Departmental Ranking (U.S. News & World Report)

**2013 Regional Championship Finalist – Squad 1 - National Trial Competition (NTC).**

Squad: Kyler Burgi, Kyle McFarlane ; Coach: David Schott, Chris Wilcox

**2013 Regional Championship Finalist – Squad 2 - American Association of Justice (AAJ)**

- 2013 Regional Semi-Finalist– Squad 2 - National Trial Competition (NTC).
- 2013 Regional Semi-Finalist – Squad 1 – American Association of Justice (AAJ).
- 2012 Most Professional Team Award. Lone Star Classic. San Antonio, Texas.

#### 2011-2012

- 2012 **National Champion - Top Gun National Championships. Waco, TX**  
Chris Wilcox, Top Gun National Champion. Coach: David Schott
- 2012 **National Semi-Finalist – National Trial Championships (NTC). Austin, TX.**
- 2012 **National Championship Qualifiers- National Trial Competition (NTC). Houston, Texas**
- 2012 **Regional Champion – Squad 1 - National Trial Competition (NTC).**  
*Chris Wilcox, Tournament MVP*  
Squad: Chris Wilcox, Ashley Hirschboeck. Coach: David Schott
- 2012 **Regional Champion – Squad 2 - National Trial Competition (NTC).**  
Squad: Kyler Burgi, Katie Konecny, Jesse Miller. Coaches: Garrik Storgaard, David Schott.
- 2011 Regional Finalist – ABA Employment Law Mock Trial Competition. San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Regional Semi-Finalist – Squad 2 - ABA Employment Law Mock Trial Competition.
- 2011 Semi-Finalist – Joseph Kelly Invitational Tournament. Fordham Law School. NYC, NY

#### 2010-2011

- 2011 **National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition (NTC). Houston, Texas**
- 2011 **Regional Champion – Squad 1 - National Trial Competition (NTC).**
- 2011 Regional Semi-Finalist - Squad 2 - National Trial Competition (NTC). Ark.
- 2011 Regional Semi-Finalist - American Association of Justice (AAJ).
- 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Place (Tie) – Top Gun National Championships. Waco, TX
- 2010 **Championship Finalist - National Trial Advocacy Competition. Michigan State.**

#### 2009-2010

- 2010 **National Championship Qualifier - National Trial Competition (NTC). Dallas, Texas.**
- 2010 **Regional Champion. National Trial Competition (NTC). Region 11 Tulsa**
- 2010 Regional Finalist – Squad 2 - National Trial Competition (NTC). Region 11. Tulsa, OK
- 2010 Qualifier - Top Gun National Championship. Waco, TX
- 2009 Quarterfinalist - National Trial Advocacy Tournament (NTAC). Michigan State Univ.
- 2009 *Professionalism Award Winner - National Trial Advocacy Competition (NTAC). Michigan State.*

#### 2008-2009

- 2009 **Regional Finalist – National Trial Competition (NTC). Region 11. Oklahoma City, OK**
- 2008 Semi-Finalist – NACDL. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Tampa, FL

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