

Moot Court Program Benefits from Alumni Support

The Moot Court Program at Case Western Reserve University School of Law begins with Appellate Advocacy's rigorous training in the written and oral practices of appellate lawyers and is followed the next semester by the venerable Dean Dunmore Moot Court Competition. The Dunmore is an annual internal competition that puts all the students enrolled in Appellate Advocacy up against one another as adversaries and

in front of judicial panels drawn from the finest of Ohio's lawyers and judges. The excitement the competition generates and the opportunity it presents for collaboration between the school

and the practicing bar make the Dunmore a fitting tribute to one of Case Western Reserve's most influential deans, **Walter Thomas Dunmore**, Class of 1904, who served as dean from 1910 to 1945.

During the semester in which the Dunmore competition occurs, students first spend six weeks preparing their written briefs and

developing their oral arguments. In the following weeks, they argue against each other in a round-robin competition judged by faculty members, local judges, and attorneys, many of whom are alumni.

The second year of the Moot Court Program draws on the Dunmore participants, inviting them to try out for a position on a moot court team designed to compete against teams from

other schools. Case Western Reserve offers three teams: the National Team, the American Bar Association (ABA) Team, and the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Team. The National

Moot Court Competition is hosted by the New York Bar Association.

The National Team competes in the fall semester, and consists of two teams with three students on each team. This year the competition began on November 9 at Ohio State University. The American Bar Association hosts another competition in early March. This year Case Western Reserve is entering one team of three participants. The AIPLA hosts an intellectual property competition during the spring semester as well. There are two AIPLA teams from the law school this year, each with two students.

Moot Court teams are required to produce a competition brief and prepare oral arguments. The teams traditionally have three to four weeks to prepare their briefs; then they have four weeks to prepare their oral argument. The work is intense and anticipation builds quickly. When the competition begins, two team members argue each round before a panel of competition judges.

The Moot Court Program offers an excellent opportunity for alumni to work with students. The Moot Court teams and the Dunmore competition require guest judges. Dunmore judges manage the appellate argument, grade the participants, and give constructive feedback.

*Ever want to be a judge?
The Moot Court Program
encourages alumni to
volunteer as judges in
student competitions*

For the success of the Dunmore competitions, we consistently turn to what we see as the best pool of judges we can find—Alumni! The alumni community has been the backbone of the Dunmore competition and team guest judges. Year after year, alumni volunteer their time and energy to help educate current students. Alumni bolster pride and bring valuable skill sets.

On behalf of the Case Western Reserve Moot Court Board, I would like to thank alumni for their continued support of the Moot Court Program. If you have any questions or would like to judge a round, please do not hesitate to email me at casemootcourt@case.edu. I can also be reached at (216) 368-3314. I look forward to hearing from you.

— Gregory A. Price

Four School of Law Students Selected for Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program

Instead of just reading about equal justice, four law students from Case Western Reserve University spent the summer interning with nonprofit public interest law organizations as a part of Equal Justice Works' Summer Corps program.

Lauren Gilbride, Tiffany Nevel, Graham Polando and Matthew Vincel each received a \$1,000 education award voucher through this national AmeriCorps-funded program. The students were among 608 applicants for 315 participant slots nationwide. All 2006 Summer Corps participants were first-year and second-year law students, and they each served at least 300 hours in public interest internships providing critically needed legal assistance to low-income and underserved communities in 42 states.

The Summer Corps members gained first-hand experience and legal skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation, research and writing. Summer Corps program participants work on a broad range of issues such as civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, public benefits and workers' rights.

The four Case Western Reserve University law students interned with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland on different assignments: Gilbride worked for the Volunteer Lawyers Program, Nevel for the Unemployment Compensation Project, Polando for the Ashtabula County Office, and Vincel for the Consumer Law Unit.