Samford University
Cumberland School of Law

Advocacy Competition Highlights and Historical Achievements

For more than four decades, Cumberland School of Law students have earned distinction in national and regional competitions across trial advocacy, moot court, appellate advocacy, arbitration, negotiation, mediation, client counseling and other experiential advocacy disciplines. The following highlights represent a selection of notable achievements by Cumberland advocacy teams.

Recent Competition Results

2023

- National Trial Competition — Regional Semifinalist
- Hall of Fame Sports & Entertainment Law Negotiation Competition — Semifinalist
- AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition — Regional Sweep; 2nd and 5th Place
- Trials and Tribulations Competition — Quarterfinalist; Two Outstanding Advocate Awards
- Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition — Sweet 16; Best Advocate Award
- South Texas Mock Trial Challenge — Final Four; Outstanding Advocate Award

2022

- Flash Trial Competition — 5th Place; Professionalism Award
- Battle of the Experts — 3rd Place
- Syracuse National Trial Competition — Semifinalist; Best Advocate Award
- E-Sports National Negotiation Competition — Quarterfinalist and Semifinalist
- ABA Arbitration Regional Competition — Two Semifinalist Teams
- National Trial Competition — Regional Co-Champion
- AAJ Competition — Regional Champion; Regional Finalist; National Quarterfinalist
- The Verdict Trial Competition — 3rd Place
- South Texas Mock Trial Challenge — Sweet 16; Outstanding Advocate Award
- ABA Moot Court Appellate Advocacy Competition — Regional Champion; National Quarterfinalist
- Transatlantic Negotiation Competition — U.S. Runner-Up

2021

- Syracuse National Trial Competition — Semifinalist; Best Opening Statement Award
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition — 5th Place; Outstanding Advocate Award

2020

- National Trial Competition — Regional Co-Champion
- ABA National Arbitration Competition — 2nd Place
- Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition — Quarterfinalist

2019

- National Trial Competition — Regional Finalist
- Cristol Kahn Paskay Cup Moot Court Competition — Finalist
- Capital City Challenge — Finalist; Best Advocate
- National Trial Advocacy Tournament — Semifinalist; Best Cross Examination
- AAJ Regional Competition — Semifinalist
- ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition — Semifinalist; Best Oralist
- Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition — Top 16
- Top Gun National Trial Competition — Finalist
- ABA Regional Arbitration Competition — Champion
- Syracuse National Trial Competition — 2nd Place
- Lone Star Classic — Semifinalist
- Battle of the Experts Trial Competition — Semifinalist

Selected Historical Results (2009-2018)

- 2018 National Trial Advocacy Competition — Champion
- 2018 Florida National Trial Advocacy Competition — Champion
- 2018 ABA Regional Mediation Competition — Champion
- 2017 National Civil Trial Competition — Champion
- 2016 National Trial Competition Southeast Regional — Champion
- 2015 National Trial Competition National Finals — Final Four
- 2014 National Trial Advocacy Competition — Champion
- 2013 National Civil Trial Competition — Champion
- 2012 AAJ National Competition — National Champion
- 2011 National Trial Competition — National Champion
- 2011 Tournament of Champions — Champion
- 2011 ABA Student Tax Challenge — National Champion
- 2010 National Arbitration Competition — Champion
- 2009 AAJ National Competition — National Finalist

Historical Program Achievements

National Championships: National Trial Competition (1981, 1984, 2011); AAJ National Trial Competition (1984, 1987, 2000, 2008, 2012); National Mediation Competition (2005); Tournament of Champions (2011); National Civil Trial Competition (2013, 2017).

Major National Finalist Finishes: National Trial Competition (1985, 1989, 1991); National Mediation Competition (2001); AAJ National Competition (1983, 2009).

Regional Championships and Honors: More than 20 National Trial Competition regional championships, more than 15 AAJ regional championships, and numerous ABA regional titles and individual advocacy awards.