WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS had a highly successful year in lawyering skills competitions, including winning the Attorney General’s Cup and the McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition, taking high honors in several regional competitions, and advancing to the national rounds. Students also won numerous awards for their briefs and oral advocacy.

In the Attorney General’s Cup, Trial Team members Tessa Somers and John Drake won first place, and Jason Julien and Casey Ransom took second. Julien also was selected the Best Advocate Plaintiff, and Drake was named the Best Advocate Defense.

Additionally, Trial Team members Christopher Bloom and Tiffany Ellis won the Regional Competition of the National Trial Competition and competed nationally. Michelle Parthum and Jacob Galperin also were semi-finalists in the Regionals. Ellis, Galperin, Erin Lucker, and Roen Taylor advanced to the semi-finals in the National Civil Trial Competition. Similarly, Lucker, Taylor, Alexander Durst, and Amanda Montee were semifinalists in the ABA Labor and Employment Law Competition.

National Moot Court Team members Parthum, Ian Gross, Katherine McRobbie, James Stanley, Jenny Shen, and Jacob Vanzin won the Regionals of the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition and were quarterfinalists at the Nationals. Parthum and Vanzin were honored as Top 10 Speakers at the Nationals. In the Regionals, Parthum, Vanzin, and Shen were selected for Best Brief, and McRobbie, Gross, and Stanley received 4th Best Brief. Additionally, Moot Court Team

University Names Davis Vice Provost

A DIENNE D. DAVIS, the William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law, has been appointed Washington University’s vice provost.

Edward S. Macias, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced the appointment, following the recommendation of an advisory committee.

“This new position will focus initially on diversity and faculty development, as well as other areas of campus-wide importance,” Macias says. “Adrienne Davis is very well suited for this position as it is a natural outgrowth of her current work on law, gender, and race in an interdisciplinary manner.”

Davis, who will continue to serve on the law faculty, focuses her scholarship and teaching on gender and race relations, theories of justice and reparations, feminist legal theory, and law and popular culture. She directs the Black Sexual Economics Project at the law school’s Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Work & Social Capital, an interdisciplinary working group of eight scholars from seven U.S. research universities. Davis also founded the Law & Culture Initiative at the law school to facilitate scholarly engagement and exchange on the intersection of legal, cultural, and other interdisciplinary studies. She holds courtesy appointments in Arts & Sciences in African & African-American Studies; History; and Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, including serving on the Executive Committee.

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Konig Receives ICJS Research Fellowship

David Konig, professor of history and of law, has received a prestigious fellowship from the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS) to further his research on the legal thought and practice of Thomas Jefferson. This summer, he is reconstructing Jefferson's eight-year law practice, which involved more than a thousand legal matters.


Formerly a senior research fellow for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Konig is an internationally recognized authority on Jefferson and the development of law in Colonial, Revolutionary, and early national America. He has presented numerous scholarly papers on the third president and written several articles and book chapters related to his research on Jefferson.

Konig is the founder and current director of Washington University’s Legal Studies Program in Arts & Sciences and writes, and lectures on such topics as the framing of the Second Amendment and the Commerce Clause, the law of slavery and freedom, and transatlantic legal conflict in the Colonial and Revolutionary eras.

Competitions

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members were named champions of the McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition. In addition to winning the competition, Sabrina Jiwani, Nicholas Rosinia, and Mikela Sutrina were chosen for 2nd Best Brief. Sutrina also received the Best Speaker Overall and Honorable Mention, as well as the Best Speaker—Preliminary Rounds. David Sokol, Justin Lepp, and Laura Bentele made it to the quarterfinals and were awarded 6th Best Brief.

In other competitions, law students Matthew Clarkson and Patrick Busch were semifinalists in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. The ABA Representation in Mediation Team of Tyler Tigges and Elizabeth Fehder won the Regionals and were semifinalists in the National Competition. ABA Team members Patrick Poston and Erin Spears also placed third in the Regionals.

At the Rocky Mountain Super-Regional for the Jessup International Moot Court Competition, M. Imad Khan, Samina Sulemanjee, Julia Walcott, Andrea Weintraub, and Erica Woods were selected for Best Written Memorial. Khan also received 6th Top Oralist, and Walcott, 9th Top Oralist. The team took second out of 24 teams in the preliminary rounds. Their written Memorials are currently being considered for the Hardy C. Dillard Award given for the top written arguments in the world.

MEDIATION TRAINING

Adjunct professors James Reeves, left, and Alan Pratzel, JD '78, Missouri Supreme Court chief disciplinary counsel, along with Judge Jean Hamilton, JD '71, participate in a panel on "Advanced Mediation Training for Court Certified ADR Neutrals." The program was co-sponsored by the law school's Dispute Resolution Program, U.S. Arbitration & Mediation Midwest Inc., and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.
Martin Creates Algorithm for Online Legal Hiring Service

The expertise of Professor Andrew Martin, director of the law school’s Center for Empirical Research in the Law (CERL), is behind a new online service designed to “match” law students with potential employers. JD Match (jdmatch.com), the brainchild of law firm consultants Bruce MacEwen and Janet Stanton, uses a “proprietary algorithm” written by Martin and Kevin Quinn, a frequent research collaborator of Martin.

JD Match is loosely based on a medical school model, which is operated by the National Residency Matching Program and links medical students to available residency opportunities annually on Match Day. Given today’s highly selective job market in legal employment and the feedback they had been receiving as consultants to law firms, MacEwen and Stanton decided to approach Martin and Quinn about building an algorithm to simplify the recruitment process for both law students and legal employers.

“JD Match complements the OCI process, which in the current employment market resembles a crazy dance,” says Martin, who stressed that the project is part of his new consulting firm, Principia Empirica LLC, and completely separate from his work with CERL and Washington University.

Martin believes JD Match, which launched May 3, could add value to the law school. “I can say with confidence that JD Match will open doors to Washington University law students,” he says.

Specifically, JD Match draws from an online database in which law students numerically rank employers, and legal employers rank the participating law students in which they are interested. Based on the number of available positions at the firm, the system then runs through a series of sophisticated choices to “match” a given law student with a given firm based on order of preference.

Drawn from the rules created in the algorithm, the system will always select the most preferential option. Once law students sign up, answer a series of questions, and pay the $99 annual fee, they will remain in the system throughout the recruitment season. Participating law firms also will pay a fee and then enter their selection criteria. Using the non-binding service, firms will be able to rank students they are interested in employing based on their knowledge of the students from more traditional formats, such as interviews and résumés. Law schools will be able to join at no cost, and if the students give their consent, schools may be able to use JD Match to track job placements.

An additional component, JD Recommends can be accessed by law firms at the end of the hiring cycle to consider students they might not previously have ranked but who are now being “recommended” by the algorithm as strong candidates that meet their criteria.

Martin, who specializes in political methodology and social scientific research for lawyers, is an expert on the politics of the U.S. Supreme Court and judicial decision-making. In addition to his role as director of CERL, Martin serves as chair of the Department of Political Science in Arts & Sciences, professor of political science, and professor of law.
ABA Reception

The law school recently hosted members of the ABA Council, Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, for a special reception during their meeting in St. Louis. (right) Associate Deans Tomes Moyer-Mersmann, JD ‘91, left, and Janet Bolin, center, were among the senior administrators who welcomed the ABA Council, including Jerome Hartman, right, former 2010–11 section chair.

Parents and Friends Day

The annual Parents and Friends Day offered visitors an inside, snapshot view of the life of first-year law students and featured mini classes, panels, and a reception. (right) Second-year law student Phil Cantwell, at podium, third-year law student Jeryl Hayes, left, and Professor of Practice Jo Ellen Lewis field questions about the law school experience.

Sponsored by the Clinical Education Program, this 11th annual conference focused on “Race to Justice: Mass Incarceration & Masculinity through a Black Feminist Lens,” including keynote addresses and panels on related topics.

Harris Institute Events

The Whitney R. Harris Institute featured a full line-up of speakers, panels, and presentations. (above) Panelists discuss “Are U.S. Drone Attacks in ‘The War on Terror’ Lawful? Do They Make for Sound Foreign Policy?” From left are: Mary Ellen O’Connell, University of Notre Dame; Matt Septic, Minnesota Public Radio; Kenneth Anderson, American University; and Leila Nadya Sadat, Washington University.

PILPSS 2010–11

The 13th annual Public Interest Law & Policy Speakers Series featured a wide range of lecturers, including nationally prominent lawyers, academics, and journalists with expertise in human rights, environmental justice, death penalty, social justice, and free speech and fair use online.

CIS Colloquium

The law school’s Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Work & Social Capital (CIS) and Saint Louis University Law School co-hosted the “Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law,” which brought together 60 presenters on related topics. (above) Panelists, from left, are Pauline Kim, Washington University; Joseph Salerno, University of South Carolina; Daniel O’Garman, Barry University; and Tonie FitzGibbon, Saint Louis University.
Students Recognized for Exceptional Contributions

**THREE LAW STUDENTS** recently were selected for several prestigious honors and awards based on their scholarship, commitment to public service, and passion for justice.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice, in collaboration with the Center for Reproductive Rights, named second-year law student **Elizabeth Chen** as a second-place winner of the sixth annual Sarah Weddington Writing Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights. Chen’s article, “Equal Protection: Why the HPV Vaccine Should be Mandated for Both Boys and Girls,” includes a constitutional analysis exploring why girls-only HPV vaccine mandates rely on gender stereotypes and perceptions of real differences between men and women. The article will appear on the LSRJ website, lsrj.org/awards, as well as in an upcoming issue of the Washington University Journal of Law & Policy.

The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded second-year law student **Lisa Manson** with a 10-week summer fellowship to work on labor law issues. Manson will be interning with the Legal Department of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Washington, D.C. Candidates for the public interest labor law fellowships are selected based on excellent academic records and “demonstrated commitment to workers’ rights.” Manson interned for the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board as an undergraduate and spent last summer working for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, St. Louis District Office.

As a third-year law student, **Jeryl D. Hayes** received a Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s 2011 Women’s Justice Award in the Leader of Tomorrow category. The award is given to a law student who “demonstrates leadership, professionalism, and passion for making a difference in the justice system and/or legal profession.” Hayes, who received her JD in May, served as president and social chair of the Student Bar Association, board member of the Women’s Law Caucus, member of the Black Law Students Association, member of the Regional Negotiation Team, and intern with Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Each spring, the law school honors students from the top 15 percent of the class at a special Academic Excellence Reception. Here members of the class of 2011 are saluted along with Honorary Order of the Coif Initiate Timothy Thornton, JD ’80, standing left.
‘Law and the Multiverse’
Alumnus Creates Blog Based on Superheroes’ Legal Quandaries

James Daily, MS ’07, JD ’08, has transformed his musings about the legal dilemmas of superheroes into a blog, a co-authored book, and a television and film deal. Drawing from the plot lines of popular comic books, Daily’s blog covers everything from superheroes’ immigration issues to the rights of mutants to intellectual property law implications for their gadgets to property damage issues created in the wake of their hot pursuit of villains.

When asked about the blog’s popularity, Daily says that unlike the entertaining and action-packed format of comic books, many legal educational materials can be “dense and boring, especially for non-lawyers.”

“Comic books give us a rich, varied set of characters and compelling stories that we can turn into engaging legal hypotheticals,” he adds. “People want to understand the law, and we try to make it accessible and interesting for them. One of the great things about the blog has been the discussions and questions we get from our readers, including attorneys, law students, and law professors.”

Several months ago, Daily was having dinner with his wife, Jennifer Beasley, BA ’07, and some friends, also Washington University alumni, when he began to joke about the myriad legal issues involved in comic book scenarios. Soon thereafter, Daily launched Law and the Multiverse, lawandthemultiverse.com. The site is now averaging 10,000 to 15,000 visitors per week and includes some humorous, yet fairly in-depth discussions of legal issues as applied to comic book scenarios. The first person to comment was Ryan Davidson, an attorney in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who now co-authors the blog. Daily’s and collaborator Davidson’s blog also quickly attracted the attention of Slashdot, Boing Boing, The New York Times, ABA Journal, and NPR’s All Things Considered, as well as St. Louis Magazine.

From the blog, Daily and Davidson decided to co-author a book, which Gotham Books, a subsidiary of Penguin Group, will be releasing in 2012. The two also recently signed a television and film rights deal with Sony.

Daily explains that Law and the Multiverse serves as an online archive for the hypothetical legal ramifications of comic book tropes, characters, and powers. Blog entries ponder the legal plights of Batman, The Thing, The Incredible Hulk, Captain Marvel, and Galactus, to name a few. Using legal doctrines, Daily and Davidson have tackled such issues as the immigration status of Krypton-born Clark Kent; whether or not mutants are a protected class; who should pay when a superhero damages property while fighting a villain; jurisdictional issues for leash laws related to animal sidekicks; workers compensation for injuries; and whether or not people are responsible for the violent actions of their alter egos.

Rosenbury Elected to American Law Institute

Professor Laura Rosenbury has been elected to the American Law Institute (ALI), a national independent organization that focuses on producing scholarly work to clarify and modernize the law. Membership in the ALI is based on professional achievement and a demonstrated interest in improving the law.

Rosenbury, who serves as the law school’s associate dean for research and faculty development, is an expert on the law’s role in constructing gender and personal relationships. Among other topics, she examines family property distribution and the ways that default rules concerning such distribution shape general understandings of the meaning of family and of the obligations of individual family members to one another and to the state. She regularly presents her scholarship throughout the United States and is the co-author of Feminist Jurisprudence: Cases and Materials, as well as the author or co-author of numerous law review articles.

Founded in 1923, ALI produces influential Restatements of the Law, model statutes, and Principles of Law. Its publications are distributed widely and are often cited in court opinions.

As a member of the ALI, Rosenbury will join other members who participate in the ALI’s work by attending annual meetings, commenting on drafts, taking part in individual ALI projects, serving as ALI-ABA speakers, and/or authoring ALI-ABA publications.
COMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

Dean Kent Syverud recognizes National Council member Alicia McDonnell, JD ’95, following her "Welcome to the Legal Profession" address during the law school’s Commencement Ceremonies on May 20, 2011. Some 304 JDS and 80 LLMs made up the May 2011 list of graduates. Joseph A. Litman served as the Voice of the Class. JD Class Marshals were Jarrod D. Reece and Kristen K. Erickson, and the LLM Class Marshal was Xiao Chen. For more information, including a photo gallery, visit: law.wustl.edu/commencement.