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Students Make Winning Arguments

MARCH 9 was a day devoted to appellate advocacy. At 12:30, the final round of the 42th annual Morris Brown Myerowitz Moot Court Competition took place in the Ceremonial Courtroom, with Marie Maas earning the nod for best oral argument from judges Gregory M. Sleet, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Gerald Bruce Lee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Kathryn G. Graeff of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland. Matt Haven was runner-up for best argument, and Derek Simmonsen was awarded the prize for best brief.

Clockwise: Marie Maas (left) receives the best oral argument award from last year's winner, Rachel Simmonsen.

Matt Haven argues for the defense.

Judge Gregory M. Sleet gives the students feedback after the awards.

UM Carey Law Day in Annapolis

SOME 20 SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS, together with faculty, administrators, and staff—including Dean Phoebe Haddon and University of Maryland President Jay A. Perman—braved a blustery winter morning this past January to head to the state capital in Annapolis to spend a few hours meeting with close to 50 delegates and senators. The meetings weren't aimed at asking for anything from the legislators—though funding for financial aid and the Loan Assistance Repayment Program were mentioned. Instead, the intent was to thank them for supporting the School of Law and higher education over the years, and to remind them of the important ways the School's students, professors, and alumni serve the state.

Several lawyer/legislators—some of whom are UM Carey Law alumni—discussed how the students could put their legal education and commitment to public service in the political arena. Some noted how their legal training helped them understand and write better bills. Others said it made them more aware of all sides of an issue that is under consideration.

PHOTO BY STEVE BERBERICH

Dean Phoebe Haddon (center, in purple) with students at the Maryland State House.

One UM Carey Law alumnus who is particularly attuned to all sides of an issue is Daniel Friedman '94, counsel to the General Assembly. As the students finished lunch after their morning with legislators, Friedman shared insights into how he balances politics—but not partisanship—as he represents delegates and senators from both parties in their official duties. It is a balance, he said, that he strives to maintain every day.

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Class of 2011 Celebrates Commencement

THE UM CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW celebrated the commencement of the Class of 2011 with a Hooding Ceremony on May 20 in the Hippodrome Theatre, which was brimming with excitement, buzz, and just a little angst. Brooksley Born, former chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) gave the commencement address. Among their peers, friends, and family, the members of the Class of 2011 proudly walked across the Hippodrome stage as newly minted graduates of the nation's third-oldest law school. Any butterflies in their stomachs came from the knowledge that the hurdle of the bar exam is just around the corner.

LAW PROFESSORS HONORED AT UM COMMENCEMENT

Longtime faculty member and professor emeritus Clinton Bamberger received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the UM Commencement ceremony. Professor Bamberger came to the law school in the 1980s as director of the Clinical Program, which quickly became—and remains today—among the nation's top-ranked clinical law programs. Professor Bamberger has enjoyed a long and successful career in which he has served as an attorney in public and private practice, a law school dean, a public administrator, and the first director of the federal program to provide legal assistance for the poor.

Also honored at this commencement exercise was retiring law school professor Robert Keller, a tax policy expert who joined the University of Maryland law faculty in 1972. He was chosen to serve as the honorary student marshal and led all of the graduates into the First Mariner Arena.

—Philip Little