

# EXPERIENCE



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# ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Lawyers, government and nonprofit leaders, CEOs, and judges all utilize advocacy skills, including effective writing, persuasive and confident presentation, and the ability to anticipate the other side's argument. At Maryland Carey Law, advocacy offerings include intensive coursework as well as several competitive team opportunities.

Supported by coaches, faculty, and alumni along the way, students put their advocacy skills to work during the 2020-2021 competition season. Here, we highlight some of their successes over the past year.

## National Trial Team

### First Place, 2020 Regional St. Mary's All-Star Bracket Challenge

Team Members: Summer Akhtar '21, Daniel Mooney '21, Veronica Mina '21, Sangeetha Kannan '22, Cole Abell '22  
Coaches: Ian Anthony '13, Alex Carlson '13, Courtney Watkins '18

### Semifinalists, 2020 Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Kevin Kidwell '21, Kathryn Meader '21, Eunice Kabuga '22, Rachael Savage '22  
Coaches: Lindsey Cook '12, Lindsey Rennie '19, Aarti Sidhu '18, Emmitt Kellar '16

### Semifinalists, 2021 Regional American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition

Team Members: Pavel Glazunov '21, Awurama Agyei '22, Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22  
Coaches: Josh Ortega, Ben Garmoe '16, Ashley Fellona '18, Trevonne Walford '15

### Semifinalists, 2021 Regional Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Team Members: Summer Akhtar '21, Sangeetha Kannan '22, Cole Abell '22, Tonecia Brothers-Sutton '22, Eunice Kabuga '22  
Coaches: Ian Anthony '13, Alex Carlson '13, Patrick Dillon '17, Aarti Sidhu '18, Maria Stamidis '17, Ashley Fellona '18, Jhonell Campbell '19

## Thurgood Marshall National Trial Team

### Second Place, National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) 2021 Mid-Atlantic Region's Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Randall Ainsworth '23, Hanna Leonard '21, Samantha Jonjo '23, Samuel Kebede '23, Alexis Lovings '23, Tayler Littlejohn '23, Colin Forrest '23, Tamia Morris '23  
Coaches: Derrick Milburn '13, Sakkara Turpin '14, Trevonne Walford '15, Meryl Seidel '19, Emelia Hall

### Fourth Place, NBLSA 2021 National Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

Team Members: Randall Ainsworth '23 (Best Advocate), Colin Forrest '23, Samantha Jonjo '23, Tamia Morris '23

## Transactional Law Team

### Second Place, Duke Law's 2021 Interscholastic Transactional Competition

Team Members: Alexander Batton '21, Randi Rubinstein '22  
Coach: Joseph P. Ward '03

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Team

### 2021 ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Regional Competition

First Place: Kristin Wells '21 and Therian Lee '21  
Second Place: Spencer Warkentin '22, Emma Craig '22  
Team Members: Rachel Greenwald '22, Tanner Whited '22  
Coaches: Michael Goldberg '14, Nick Vogt '19

### 2021 Tulane Professional Football Negotiation Competition

First Place: Justin Meltzer '21, Mark Metrey '21  
Team Member: Maya Foster '22  
Coach: Barry Gogel '97

### 2020 ABA Law Student Division Regional Negotiation Competition

Winners: Celena Dyal '21, Garrett Unger '21  
Team Members: Ini Femi-Fatukasi '22, Erika Birk '22, Jesse Walsh '21, Mike McLaughlin '22  
Coach: Barry Gogel '97

# ADVOCACY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Moot Court

### Second Best Brief, 2020 National Moot Court Competition Regionals

Team Members: Daniel Mooney '21, Kyle Keraga '21, Allison Hyde '21  
Coach: Derek Simmons '12

### Quarterfinalists, 2021 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regionals

Team Members: Daniel Russo '21 (Runner-Up Best Oralist), Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman '21  
Coach: Derek Simmons '12

## International Moot Court Team

### Best English Memorial, 2021 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Team Members: Meghan Howie '22 (Third Place English Oralist), Sidney Howe '22  
Coaches: Janet Lord, Bryce Hollander '21



## Investing in Trial Advocacy

### Trial Advocacy Leadership Council enables hiring of trial team managing director

Since the late 1990s, the National Trial Team at Maryland Carey Law has provided hundreds of hours of coaching and competing for team members to hone their skills for real-world practice. The newly formed Trial Advocacy Leadership Council, made up of dedicated alumni, aims to build on this effort, first by supporting the hiring of a managing director for the trial team, Ben Garmoe '16, a former trial team captain.

“I love watching our practice trials and competition rounds and seeing team members gain confidence in their courtroom presence and knowledge of the Rules of Evidence,” says Garmoe. “I take pride in knowing students will graduate fully prepared to try cases in the real world.”

In addition to a multi-year philanthropic commitment to support the new managing director position, the council aims to host a tournament, create stronger connections between students and alumni to encourage mentoring relationships, streamline the process for recruiting judicial and practitioner volunteers, and enhance the National Trial Team’s online presence and national reputation.

# CLINIC SUCCESSES

Student attorneys in the Maryland Carey Law Clinical Law Program are afforded the opportunity to not only learn how to practice law, but also to make a real difference in the lives of the people of Maryland. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, our clinics rose to meet the additional challenges, adapting to mostly remote work and client interaction. Here are some highlights from the 2020-2021 academic year.



*Victor Scarpelli '22 (left) and Therian Lee '21 (right) at the District Court of Maryland*

**Criminal Defense Clinic** had two clients serving long sentences released under the federal “compassionate release” statute.

**Environmental Law Clinic** conducted four webinars on public participation in environmental law, state constitutional “green amendments,” and community benefit agreements. Clinic students also appealed a Planning Board decision on the siting of a gas station on behalf of a local community group.

**Gender Violence Clinic** helped several clients gain release from prison, including Eraina Pretty, Maryland’s longest serving incarcerated woman.

**Immigration Clinic** won asylum for a young woman who endured persecution because she was gay and for a well-known musician targeted because he refused to allow his music to be used by the ruling political party in his country.

**Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic** filed 15 patent and 40 trademark applications, and four copyright registrations. The clinic filed its first awarded utility patent on behalf of client and inventor of a smart glove for stroke survivors, Dr. Lloyd Emokpae, of LASARRUS (Limb Activation Stimulation and Robotic Rehabilitation Unencumbered Services), a Baltimore-based, clinic and research center.

**Juvenile Lifer Advocacy Clinic** helped a client get his sentence reduced from life to life with all suspended except time served. He was 17 at the time of the crime and was released after spending 34 years in prison.

**Mediation Clinic** provided information on mediation during “Know Your Rights” workshops in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County and developed referral partnerships and forms with local community mediation centers as part of the Eviction Prevention Project.

**Medical-Legal Partnership** represented and counseled numerous clients in Social Security Disability/SSI cases and other public benefit matters, helping one secure a waiver of over \$25,000 in VA benefits overpayment, and another with the reversal of a \$17,500 Social Security Disability overpayment.

**Public Health Law Clinic** researched state laws, drafted papers, and led webinars on protecting medical cannabis patients from discrimination, improving housing stability, and preventing eviction, and testified before the General Assembly on public health issues.

**Youth, Education, and Justice Legal Theory and Practice Class** settled a case on behalf of an elementary school client to get the student compensatory educational services. Student attorneys also worked to remove police from public schools and to re-open the cases of juvenile lifers.