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## Law School Hosts Federal Public Defenders

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law hosted the fourth of seven moot courts currently being presented by the Dallas Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Northern District of Texas as it prepares to argue the case of *Humerto Fidel Regalado Cuellar v. United States of America* before the United States Supreme Court.

Assistant Federal Public Defender Jerry V. Beard and Assistant Federal Public Defender Kevin Joel Page, both of the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Northern District of Texas, presented their arguments before a panel of eight law school professors acting as judges for the case. The participating professors were Malinda Seymore, Rob Sherwin, Keith Hirokawa, Jason Gillmer, Megan Carpenter, Meredith Conway, Neal Newman, and Joe Spurlock.

In July 2004 the petitioner was caught traveling through Texas to Mexico with concealed money that was allegedly obtained from drug trafficking. The issue before the Supreme Court is whether merely hiding funds with no design to create the appearance of legitimate wealth is sufficient to support a conviction for money laundering under the federal statute.

“We were delighted to host the Federal Public Defender’s Office to help the attorneys prepare their case,” Interim Dean Cynthia Fountaine said. “It is an extremely interesting issue, and it was a great opportunity for but our students to observe lawyers as they prepare to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court.”

The moot court was open to the law school community and was attended by over 50 students.

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