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Lone Star Success for Texas Wesleyan Law Team

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Texas Wesleyan Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Team of 2L Ashlea Almond, 2L Ryan Conway, 2L Carrie Giles, and 3L Mario Herrera advanced to the semi-final round of the 2008 Lone Star Classic Invitational Mock Trial Competition held in San Antonio, October 9-11.

The invitational tournament is considered one of the most competitive in the nation, with 16 teams from around the nation competing against each other. Additional participants represented the law schools of American University, Baylor, Brooklyn, Cumberland, Emory, Florida State, LSU, Michigan State, Pace University, SMU, South Texas, Tulane, Villanova, and Washington University.

The Texas Wesleyan team won initial rounds against Washington University and Florida State. The team split ballots against SMU in the third round, and faced the SMU team again in the semi-finals. In addition to Texas Wesleyan, other semi-finalists were Villanova, Baylor, and SMU.

Vince Cruz, Jr., director of advocacy programs, said that the team's success is a product of much talent, hard work, and dedication.

“This competition represented the first interscholastic mock trial competition for all four Texas Wesleyan team members,” Cruz said. “Achieving a semi-finalist finish in a competition of this level by rookie competitors is, quite frankly, very unusual. I congratulate these excellent student advocates for their outstanding success in this competition, and I especially commend the high work ethic they demonstrated these past five weeks preparing for this competition. The professionalism and respect they demonstrated throughout the competition with their opponents, and the friendship and camaraderie they showed among themselves is representative of the great law students we have at Texas Wesleyan.”

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