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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS MOOT COURT COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18, 2013 – The Saint Louis University School of Law’s Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition (FDMCC) team placed second in the Midwest region. FDMCC is hosted by the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA). The team’s placement qualifies them for the national competition March 6 -10 in Atlanta.

This year, the SLU LAW FDMCC team includes Jamille Fields, a third-year law student, and Aujsha Weeden, a second-year law student. Sheena Hamilton, a 2010 alumna of SLU LAW and an employment and labor attorney at Armstrong Teasdale, LLP, is the SLU LAW adjunct professor of moot court who coached the students.

"Moot court is not just an advocacy performance or a writing exercise, it’s both. It gives students an opportunity to simulate a real case and client and gives employers a sense of the student’s ability to not only advocate for their clients but also to write a real legal document,” said Hamilton. “I am pleased to have advanced to the national competition for the third year in a row and provide these SLU LAW students with the opportunity to compete alongside some of the most elite schools in the country.”

Since 1975, FDMCC has provided NBLSA members with opportunities to learn skills in appellate advocacy through oral arguments and brief writing. Between 100-125 teams compete during six regional competitions with the top three schools in each region advancing to the national competition held during NBLSA’s Annual Convention. Through the FDMCC, students have the opportunity to argue issues on the forefront of debate in the legal profession. This year’s problem is centered on the Defense of Marriage Act and the administrative procedures of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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About the Black Law Students Association

The Saint Louis University School of Law BLSA chapter was founded in the early 1970s. BLSA’s members focus on articulating and addressing the academic, financial, political, social and professional needs of its membership and promoting the interaction between the membership and other organizations within the law school and the University generally, and the legal community and black community specifically. To learn more about BLSA, visit http://slu.edu/school-of-law-home/student-life/student-organizations/current-organizations/black-law-students-association

About Saint Louis University School of Law

Saint Louis University School of Law was founded in 1843 and is the oldest law school west of the Mississippi River. The strength of the faculty, breadth of course offerings and extensive clinical and professional skills experience provide students with a well-rounded legal education. The School of Law’s rich history consists of strong connections to the community and a long tradition of public service. SLU LAW’s location in the heart of the City of St. Louis, offers students unparalleled access to leading law firms, corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations — and a unique opportunity to see the law in action. For more information, visit http://law.slu.edu/.

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