

The logo for the GW Law Moot Court Board. It features the letters "GW" in a blue, serif font, enclosed within a blue rectangular border. To the right of "GW" is a vertical blue line, followed by the words "LAW" and "MOOT COURT BOARD" in a blue, serif font.

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To The GW Law Moot Court Board:

Today, the leadership of this organization passes to a new group of members. Before I officially hand over the keys to our incoming President, I wanted to share with you the accomplishments from this past year by our members and my team.

This year, the Board participated in eighteen different external moot court competitions. As a result: five teams advanced to the quarter final rounds; two teams advanced to the semi-finals; six teams were finalists; two teams were crowned regional champions; and two teams won their competition. These statistics do not include the numerous individual awards that our members received from these competitions.

Our Board also had an extremely busy year with the various competitions we sponsored. With the return of our National Security Law Moot Court Competition, we coordinated five upper-level competitions. In total, 180 competitors participated in our three internal and two external competitions and 170 practitioners volunteered their time to judge these competitions. Lastly, we received 370 intent to compete forms for our First Year Competition and invited fifty 1Ls to join our Board. When I look at this remarkable list, I am amazed by all the hard work and dedication each of you, especially the Executive Committee, contributed to the Board's success.

To our graduating members, please know that your commitment these last few years has made a difference to the Board and I wish all of you the best on your future endeavors. To our returning members, continue to strive. My hope for next year is that we avoid any problems with the First Year Competition. To our new members, you have been invited to join, in my opinion, the best organization at GW Law. Many have worked hard to make us great, so please try to not screw it up.

Finally, to Dean Johnson, Kristen Pallmeyer, and the members of Executive Committee, my team, I could not have asked for a better group of individuals to work alongside and manage the organization with this year. Some days were not easy, but we held fast, buckled down, and got the job done. Thank you for serving with me.

This has been an experience of a lifetime; one I am sure I will never forget. Thank you all for giving me the distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your President. Best of luck to the incoming Executive Board. I have no doubt of your great success for the upcoming year.

Yours truly,

Caleb D. Raymond