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FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS AND THANKS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR

I am both honored and incredibly excited to be writing to you as Virginia Mock Trial's new president. I hope this newsletter reaches you well and that you enjoy the articles and photos we've included illustrating the success (and fun) we've had over this past year.

We are sad but proud to announce the graduation of six program members: Marcella Coburn, Meredith Davis, Max Kirby, Rohan Sebastian, and Greg Siegel completed their work as undergraduates and Jamar Walker (CLAS '08) graduated from law school. They have been incredible mentors, leaders, and competitors, and they each will be truly missed.

This past year marked our 15th year of competition since the program's creation. Last year, more than 600 teams competed in intercollegiate mock trial. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who came before us, Virginia Mock Trial is now the only program in the country to have two teams ranked in the top 10 in the nation, a first in program history. Our new Executive Board and I are already hard at work to make sure that UVA remains one of the best mock trial programs in the country and to make the 2011-12 season our most successful and rewarding yet. I would like to thank all of you for your continued encouragement and support. None of our success would be possible without it.

Megan O'Donnell
CLAS III



2010-11: A YEAR IN REVIEW

VIRGINIA MOCK TRIAL COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH FOUR TOURNAMENT VICTORIES

This season began with welcoming new friends and reconnecting with old ones. In September, five new members joined the program: Ellen Chapin, Kaz Komolafe, Liam McCabe, Amy Rodgers, and Amanda Swanson. Recent Stanford Law grads and 2006-07 assistant coaches Sam Bateman (CLAS '06) and Rakesh Kilaru returned to that role, joining Laura Bower, Ryan Faulconer, Kevin Richards (CLAS '08), Sarah Sawtelle, and Jamar Walker (CLAS '08).

The program attended four fall tournaments, twice winning and twice finishing second. The success continued in the spring. In January, the program won the Downtown Invitational, defeating UC-Berkeley in Round 5. In March, both teams qualified for the National Championship Tournament after finishing

first and third at the DC super regional. VaMT has now sent two teams to Nationals for five straight years—three more than the country's second-longest active streak.

VaMT made a strong showing at Nationals. One team came just two points out of 140 from appearing in the championship trial, and both teams finished in the top ten for the second straight year.

This season brought individual success as well. The program now boasts six All-Americans, with Ellen Chapin, Greg Siegel, Amanda Swanson, and Ben Wallace joining prior winners Max Kirby and Rohan Sebastian. In total, our competitors received 31 individual awards, with more than half coming at official AMTA competitions.



Tournament Results:

- 1st - Carolina Classic (*North Carolina*)
- 1st - CUBAIT (*New York*)
- 1st - Downtown Invitational Classic (*New York*)
- 1st & 3rd - Super Regionals (*Washington, DC*)
- 2nd & 3rd - Regionals (*Maryland*)
- 2nd & 4th - GAMTI (*Washington, DC*)
- 2nd - Beach Party (*California*)
- 5th & 8th - Nationals (*Iowa*)
- 5th - Commodore Classic (*Tennessee*)

NEXT SEASON'S OUTLOOK

PROGRAM LOOKS AHEAD TO MORE TOURNAMENTS, CRIMINAL CASE

The program is already looking forward to next season, which will center around a criminal case set to be released in August.

As always, a highlight of our fall season will be hosting the eighth (!) annual Great American Mock Trial Invitational during the weekend of November 5-6, 2011. As always, GAMTI will be held in beautiful downtown DC, and we once again

anticipate one of the most competitive fields in the country. If you're going to be in town, we encourage you to come watch, judge, or just hang out with the team.

The program also hopes to host one of the American Mock Trial Association's eight "super regional" tournaments in March 2012. Stay tuned for details.

By The Numbers:

- 31 Individual Awards
- 4 Tournament Victories
- 112-41-7 Program Season Record

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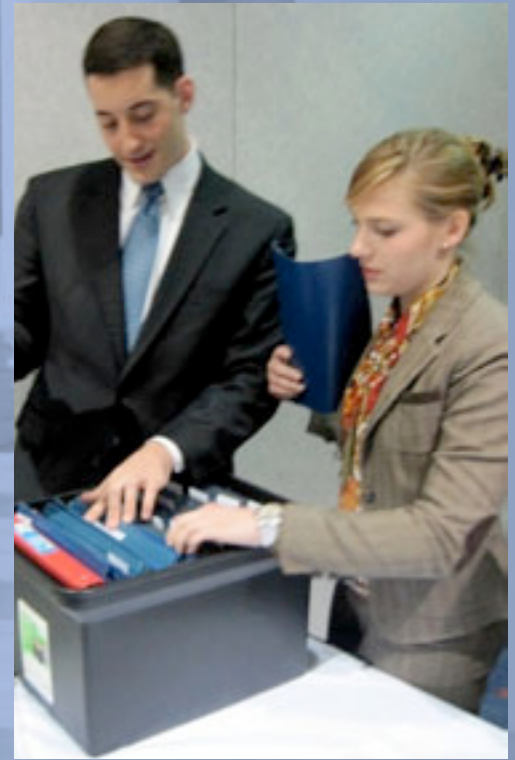
All of our success wouldn't be possible without the generous support of program alumni, family, friends, and sponsors. Creating demonstrative aids or flying twenty people (we hope) to Minnesota for the National Championships comes at no small cost. Unfortunately, the funds we receive from the University cover only a fraction of our expenses.

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