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**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
PACE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT
COURT COMPETITION**

The Twenty-First Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition was held on Thursday, February 19, through Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Pace University Law School, White Plains, New York. Over 400 students, advisors, and judges were in attendance during the three days of the oral arguments. The winning team, Lewis & Clark Law School, emerged as the winner from 68 competing schools. This year's complex problem, described as "Pirates of the Caribbean meets Environmental Law" by one team's coach, involved a shipwreck off the U.S. coast, an exploration company seeking title to the wreck, the Kingdom of Spain also seeking title to the wreck and the U.S. claiming that permits were required for the salvage.

The final round was judged by the Honorable William K. Sessions III, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont, the Honorable Charles J. Sheehan, Judge, Environmental Appeals Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Gary Nurkin, Attorney, U.S. EPA Region 2.

MOOT COURT COMPETITION WINNER

Lewis & Clark Law School
Tarah Heinzen, Erica Maharg, and Elizabeth Zultoski

FINALISTS

Louisiana State University—Megan Donohue, Patrick Grozinger, and Charlotte Youngblood
The University of Utah—Megan Anderson, Jason Groenewold, and Ben Machlis

BEST ORALIST

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
Charlotte Youngblood

DAVID SIVE AWARD FOR BEST BRIEF OVERALL

GALLEON ENTERPRISES, INC.

University of Houston Law Center
Sarah Williams, Elizabeth Pletan, and Matt Riley

BEST BRIEF – THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

Georgetown University Law Center Joseph Mathews and Wei Xiang

BEST BRIEF – THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

University of California, Davis School of Law Gabrielle Janssens, Michael Minkler, and
Monica Baumann

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