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**SEVENTH ANNUAL PACE NATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION**

Pace University School of Law is the organizer and host of the oldest environmental moot court competition and the largest moot court competition of any kind held in a single location. The competition merges the skills of environmental law and appellate advocacy. It provides an opportunity for law students from across the country to test these skills against fellow environmental advocates, and in front of some of the top environmental attorneys and judges in the nation.

The Pace National Environmental Moot Court Competition was conceived in 1988 and has grown steadily every year. This year seventy-five schools participated represented by almost two hundred students. The competition problem is prepared by the Environmental Law Institute and Pace University. The problem concerns timely issues of national importance to the practice of environmental law. The format of the competition is unique, with three parties represented in each round, mirroring a typical real-world environmental litigation.

Each year, *Pace Environmental Law Review* publishes the competition's three Best Briefs, one selected for each litigating party. This year, the UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS is acclaimed for its submission of the highest scoring brief for its party and the Best Brief overall; GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY and the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-HASTINGS COLLEGE submitted the highest scoring briefs for their respective parties. The *Review* is also publishing the

competition problem in full and the Bench Memorandum, which was developed to assist competition judges in evaluating oral and written arguments.

Pace University also commends LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, overall winner of the Seventh Annual National Environmental Moot Court Competition, and the first repeat champion in the competition's history. GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY and WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY are also honored for their excellent oral argument presentations in the final round of the competition. And congratulations also to JENIFER JOHNSTON of LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW who was awarded Best Oralist of the competition.

Pace University and the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Board commends the effort of all taking part in the competition — as judges, graders, bailiffs, advisors, and participants. To all involved, we extend our warmest appreciation.

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