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3L Ron Rose (Manlius, NY) and 2L J.P. Pruett (Harrisonburg, Va.) knew they had their work cut out for them; a team from mighty Duke stood between them and the championship in the twelfth annual Wechsler Moot Court Competition, the only national event to focus on substantive Criminal Law. Sponsored by the University of Buffalo Law School, this year's competition involved issues arising under a Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

Among the law schools represented were the University of Georgia, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Maryland, the University of Kansas, the University of Richmond, NYU, Catholic University, and, of course, Duke.

The final panel consisted of Judge Eugene Pigott, of the New York State Court of Appeals, retired Court of Appeals Judge George Bundy Smith, Erie County Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dillon, and Federal Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder. Not only did RWU Law win the final round against Duke, it was a unanimous decision, and the judges specifically lauded Ron and JP's ability to handle challenging questions with nary a note in front of them.

Read the [press coverage](#) of the competition and enjoy some photos from the event. Congratulations Ron and JP!



Ron Rose delivers his argument



Justin Pruett makes a point



Ron and Justin with Prof. Jon Shelburne



Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Justice Kevin Dillon, Ron Rose, Justin Pruett, Hon. Eugene F. Piggott, Jr., Judge George Bundy Smith