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I am delighted to announce that a team of RWU Law 3Ls -- Nicholas Nybo, Will Wray, and Juliana McKittrick – placed 4th in the National Moot Court Competition, the largest, and most prestigious appellate competition in the country

<http://www.actl.com/Content/NavigationMenu/AboutUs/AwardsandCompetitions/NationalMootCourt/default.htm>. Over 196 teams from 131 schools compete in regionals, and after sweeping through a New England field that included Northeastern, Suffolk, Boston University, Syracuse, Boston College, Maine, Vermont, and Western New England, <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/rwu-team-wins-new-england-regional-national-moot-court-competition>, the RWU team joined 29 other teams in the Big Apple for the final rounds.

The case presented involved complex issues presented by a suit for damages against a police officer for violation of Fourth and First Amendment rights.

Nick and Will were the oralists; Juliana had taken the lead on the brief, and at the nationals Roger Williams knocked off #1 seed Utah en route to a Final Four appearance with Case Western, the University of Georgia, and Stetson, the eventual champ (that beat RWU by only a fraction of a point).



Professor Hassel, Will Wray, Nick Nybo and Juliana McKittrick

According to the faculty coach, Professor Diana Hassel, “Nick and Will were simply superb; the judges uniformly commented on how well-prepared they were and lauded their adept use of facts and case law.”

Will Wray commented:

“Our Professors, Deans, classmates and support staff had prepared us with endless practice rounds and advice. We didn’t face a tougher judge panel than the one at school comprised of Nick’s Con Law professor, my seminar professor, and our 1L legal writing professor. It goes without saying that without RWU’s support and training, we wouldn’t have been there. Thanks, and next year on to the finals!”

And from Nick Nybo:

“The moot court program at Roger Williams has provided me with some of the most rewarding experiences that I have had as a law student and the opportunity to represent the program and the Roger Williams community in such a competitive national forum is one that I will never forget”

Way to go, RWU!