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RWU Law students Juliana McKittrick, Nick Nybo and Will Wray to compete for National Title

Roger Williams University School of Law students Will Wray and Nick Nybo

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Roger Williams University School of Law is proud to announce that its National Moot Court Team won the New England Regional competition, beating out Northeastern University, Boston University, Suffolk University and Syracuse University.

The RWU Law National Moot Court Team won “Best Brief,” while Nick Nybo ’13 won “Best Oralist” for his Fourth Amendment argument on the question of whether a warrant was needed to search a cell phone when it was seized incident to an arrest. The team consisted of Juliana McKittrick, Nick Nybo and Will Wray, all third-year students. They were ably coached by RWU Law Professors Diana Hassel and Larry Ritchie. National final rounds will be held January 28-31, 2013, in New York City.

“I am delighted by our team’s outstanding performance,” said David Logan, Dean and Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law. “Their victory demonstrates a collective talent for briefing, arguing and thinking on their feet – precisely the kind of practical know-how and theoretical savvy we aim to cultivate in all our students.”

The National Moot Court Competition, sponsored for over 60 years by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers, is a nationally recognized competition that allows law students to hone their appellate advocacy skills by arguing before prominent members in the law profession. The competition consists of two rounds of arguments, the regionals and the finals. The U.S. is divided into fourteen regions; within each region a sponsor designated by the Competition Committee conducts regional rounds for the law schools located within that region. Teams that qualify in the regional rounds are eligible to enter the final rounds. More than 180 accredited law schools participate in the national program involving approximately 1,000 law students.