



Recap of 2011-2012 Season

This year we handled our season differently than we have in the past. From September to mid-October we had the invitation season; for this part of the year our teams were not stacked, each team had a mixture of beginners and more experienced members. All three teams competed at The Ohio State University's Scarlet and Gray Invitational. Once we competed in the first tournament it gave our coaches and captains a better idea of which team to put us on based off of our performance. We found that this was actually very beneficial for our organization and team Gryffindor even placed at this tournament.

Throughout the rest of the season our teams were broken into Blue, Orange, and Bears. Members were divided based on experience and talent, with the most experienced members being on Blue and the newer members on Bears. All three teams competed at tournaments all over the Midwest, going to places like Ohio, Iowa, and our Blue team even going to Las Vegas. All three teams were very successful this last year. During Regionals Blue received a bid to ORCS in Waukegan. They placed among the top six teams at ORCS, qualifying for Nationals for

the first time in the Illinois Trail Team's history. At the Nationals Tournament in Minnesota the team went up against teams like University of Texas and UC Irvine and placed within the top 15 teams in their division.



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Achievements from the 2011-2012 Season

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Blue 2nd Place, University of Iowa's Cornshucker Challenge, 1st place University of St. Francis' Midwest Challenge, 4th Place University of Illinois' Illini Invitational, 6th Place, University of Southern California's Rebel Trojan All-In Tournament, Bid to Waukegan ORCS (6-2, 6th place) South Bend Indiana (Notre Dame), Bid to the national Championship (5-2-1, 4th place) Waukegan, IL ORCS.

Orange - 7th Place, University of St. Francis' Midwest Challenge, 10th Place, Loras College's National Mock Trial Invitational.

Bears - Spirit of AMTA, University of Illinois' Illini Invitational.



Kelsey Chetosky Vice President External 2012-2013

Vice President External Feature

Our VP External has been busy preparing for Quad Day, information meetings, clinic sessions, and try-outs. This year we had over 500 people sign up at our booth at Quad Day and over 100 new people are trying out for our team. We have received great feedback about the koozies we handed out, which provided quick information about the info meetings. The entire team really pulled together this year by putting fliers in residence halls, dining halls and making announcements in classrooms. This was all done in the few days between Quad Day and our first info night. Everyone really did their part to help in order to recruit some amazing mockers, and we are so excited to finally start the season! Try-outs were hosted from September 4th through the 7th.

President's Note

Greetings,

I am extremely excited for the 2012-2013 season! Our Executive Board met this past June and has been tirelessly planning many amazing things for this year, from tournaments to a high school camp to a new fundraising campaign. More information on all of these upcoming ventures can be found on our website and will be detailed in future newsletters.

A few weeks ago the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) released the 2012-2013 case that we will be using for the entire season. This year's case is a civil case that revolves around scuba diving. Lee and Andy Allen went on a weeklong diving expedition with Neptune Underwater Expeditions to explore the Hepburn, a shipwreck at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. It was during one of these dives on July 7, 2011 that Lee Allen died. As a result, Andy Allen is suing Neptune for wrongful death.



The Illinois Trial Team will represent both the plaintiff, Andy Allen, and the defendant, Neptune Diving Company, at competitions this year.

The first part of our season will last from now until October and will feature a scrimmage with Loyola University and University of Illinois-Chicago. The season will culminate with all three teams attending a tournament at Washington University in St. Louis the weekend of October 20-21.

I am also pleased to announce that this year we will be hosting our first ever High School Mock Trial Camp. This camp will bring high school mock trial programs from around the Midwest to UIUC's campus the first weekend in November for a series of workshops on the various aspects of mock trial leading up to a final scrimmage to put all of those skills to use. Information can be found on our website and by contacting our tournament director in charge of the camp, Amyna Virsam.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have about the Illinois Trial Team at anders75@illinois.edu

Looking forward to a great year of mocking!

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Further Announcements

Illini Invitational - Each year we have an Illini Tournament here at the University of Illinois. The tournament is January 19-20 on campus. Our Tournament Chair Amyna Visram organized this last year and will be doing so again this year. We depend heavily on our alumni of this team and the law school or judges during that tournament. If you are able to be a judge or help in any way please contact Amyna at illinoistournamentchair@gmail.com.

Also, a special thank you to the following for helping our organization off to a great start this year

Mr. Mark A. Bradford, Associate at DLA Piper, J.D., University of Illinois College of Law 2004

Ms. Jill Rockwell, Assistant Dean of Student Services, Frank Battern School of Leadership and Public Policy, J.D., University of Illinois College of Law 1995

Ms. Prabha Parameswaran, Aon Hewitt, J.D., University of Illinois College of Law 1993
