



ASHLY BOESCHE COACHES IIT CHICAGO-KENT MOOT COURT TEAM TO FIRST PLACE REGIONAL WIN FOR A THIRD TIME IN FOUR YEARS

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Pattishall Partner, **Ashly Boesche**, successfully led this year's IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law moot court competition team to a first place win in the Midwest Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 11, 2017—her third such victory since she began coaching just four years ago. The IIT Chicago-Kent team of Frankie Brown (2018), Meaghan Fontein (2018) and Catherine Larson (2017) won not only the regional competition but also the best brief award.

The Midwest Regionals are considered the toughest in the country, with over 14 teams competing from six different states. Ashly adopts a real-life approach to the competition problem, which provides the framework for the team's overall strategy. The month preceding the competition is filled with rigorous practice sessions designed to hone the team's skills and overall presentations.

In 2014, Ashly's debut year as a coach, Chicago-Kent's moot court team, Sarah Aagaard and Ben Boroughf, won first place and best brief in the Midwest Regional Tournament. At the 2014 National Finals, they placed fourth overall out of 96 teams. In 2016, the Chicago-Kent team of Stephanie Crigler and Kenny Matuszewski placed second, not only in their overall performance but also in the brief and oral argument categories—an achievement not met by any other team in the competition that year. Sarah, Stephanie, Kenny and other former Chicago-Kent team members volunteered to help prepare Team Chicago-Kent for this year's competition. Ashly refers to all of her present and past teams as being part of her "moot court family" and is proud that so many return year after year to help.

Ashly and Team Chicago-Kent are now preparing for the National Finals, which will take place on March 18, 2017 at the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, DC.



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