DAN K. WEBB CENTER FOR ADVOCACY

Advocacy is the heart of legal education at Loyola University Chicago. With one of the most respected advocacy programs in the nation, Loyola continues to set a standard for excellence. Loyola graduates are among the most effective trial, appellate, and dispute resolution lawyers in Chicago and across the country. Named for a Loyola graduate and legendary litigator, the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy brings together the school’s many academic programs and cocurricular activities in the multifaceted discipline of advocacy.

Wide-ranging curriculum
Offering a wealth of expertise, distinguished academics and experienced attorneys teach courses in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and dispute resolution. In recognition of the importance of the art of advocacy, all students must take skills and experiential learning courses. Students who wish to continue their studies may earn the center’s advocacy certificate. For lawyers seeking more in-depth training, an LLM in advocacy is offered.

• **Trial advocacy**—Many graduates attribute their success to Loyola’s highly regarded trial advocacy program, which offers intensive coursework and participation in mock trial competitions while sharpening skills via externships and clinical work. Loyola was a pioneer in adopting the widely recognized methodologies of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) for use in training law students in trial litigation skills.

• **Appellate advocacy**—Students receive intensive training in the appellate process through coursework and participation in appellate advocacy competitions. Students also gain practical writing experience through externships with both public and nonprofit advocacy agencies, as well as with state and federal judiciary.

• **Dispute Resolution**—Reflecting the changing legal landscape, Loyola’s Dispute Resolution Program gives students tools to resolve conflict using negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and related processes. Loyola frequently hosts international dispute resolution competitions, conferences, and other events.

Loyola participates in approximately 30 competitions during an academic year.

100+ law students compete on an advocacy team each academic year.

200+ attorneys donate their time and talents each year to coach Loyola law students for competitions.

Advocacy skills courses and competitions prepare students to be effective advocates.

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Competitive edge

Loyola students compete in regional, national, and international student competitions, where Loyola teams routinely take top honors.

2016-17 ADVOCACY COMPETITION AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition Champions

2017 Shanghai International Commercial Arbitration Pre Moot Competition International Champions, Honorable Mention Oralists

2016-2017 National Moot Court Competition Regional Champions, Regional Quarter Finalists, Regional Best Oralist

2017 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition Regional Finalists, Regional Semifinalists


2017 Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition Second Place, Best Brief

2017 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Regional Second Place, Regional Second-Best Oralist, International Top 32 of 127 Teams, International 15th-Best Oralist of 908 students (highest U.S. score in the competition)

2017 Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Regional Second Place, Regional Third Place, Regional Best Oral Argument

2016 Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition Regional Second Place, Regional Third Place

2017 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition Regional Second Place

2016 National Health Law Moot Court Competition Third Place

2016 William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition Third Place

2017 American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition Regional Third Place

2017 Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition Regional Third Place

2017 International Academy of Dispute Resolution International Mediation Tournament International Semifinalists, International Second-Best Individual Mediator of 135 students, International Coach of the Year

2017 Hispanic National Bar Association Uvaldo Herrera Moot Court Competition Quarterfinalists

2016 American Bar Association Negotiation Competition Regional Quarterfinalists

2017 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (Vienna) International Top 32 of 338 Teams, Honorable Mention Respondent’s Brief (only two of 46 U.S. teams received an Honorable Mention Award)

2017 Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (Hong Kong) Honorable Mention Claimant’s Brief

Corboy Fellowships

For more than two decades, Loyola’s Philip H. Corboy Fellowship in Trial Advocacy program has provided student scholarship assistance and some of the best advocacy training in the country to 10 students each year. The Corboy Fellows represent Loyola in several prestigious mock trial competitions throughout the year.

Advocacy Scholarships

Circle of Advocates Scholarship
Cooney Conway Scholarship
Gary David Friedman Award
Hon. Thomas R. Murnoy Award
James Carey Scholarship
Joan Marie Corboy Scholarship
Leahy and Hoste Scholarship
Ozmon Family Foundation Scholarship

Preparing for Practice

Loyola’s advocacy courses and competitions serve as the foundation for preparing students for the practice of law. Students also hone their practical skills training by working with actual clients in one of Loyola’s seven in-house clinics, or participating in externships with judges, prosecutors, defenders, and legal service agencies. Students also gain hands-on experience by representing clients in mediations or serving as mediators.

A Training Leader

Loyola serves as the Midwest regional headquarters for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), the largest of the association’s regional programs. NITA offers seminars, workshops, and weeklong training sessions to train practicing attorneys in basic and advanced litigation skills. Students may sit in on NITA classes and interact with lawyers who come to Loyola to participate in NITA programs.

Alumni stay involved

Alumni support current students in advocacy by coaching student teams as well as teaching and guest lecturing in advocacy courses. They are also active in the Circle of Advocates, an alumni group that sponsors a mentoring program pairing students with top litigators and judges in the Chicago legal community.

SCHOOL of LAW

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Some of Loyola’s victorious competition teams (from left): the Corboy Fellows National Criminal Justice Trial Competition Team, Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Team, and Shanghai International Commercial Arbitration Pre Moot Team.