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 provides students with a strong foundation of practical legal skills training that prepares the next generation of lawyers to put the law into action.

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 the tools needed to resolve disputes using negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and related processes through skills training and supervised case experience. Loyola frequently hosts and participates in both national and international dispute resolution competitions, conferences, and other events.

Loyola participates in approximately **30 competitions** during an academic year.

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

30

100+

Law students compete on an advocacy team each academic year.

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

LUC.edu/law/advocacy
Competitive edge
Loyola students compete in regional, national, and international student competitions, where Loyola teams routinely take top honors.

2018-19 ADVOCACY COMPETITION AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 Chicago Bar Association
Moot Court Competition
Champions, Second-Best Oralist

2018 Professor Bernie L. Segal In Vino
Veritas Mock Trial Competition
Champions, Best Opening Statement

2018 Thomas Tang National
Moot Court Competition
National Champions, National Second-Best Oralist, Regional Champions, Regional Semifinalists

2018 William W. Daniel National
Invitational Mock Trial Competition
Champions

2019 American Association for Justice
Student Trial Advocacy Competition
National Semifinalists, Regional Champions

2019 American Bar Association National
Appellate Advocacy Competition
Regional Champions, Regional Third-Best Brief

2019 National Black Law Students
Association Constance Baker
Motley Mock Trial Competition
National Quarterfinalists, Regional Champions

2018–19 National Moot Court Competition
National Quarterfinalists, Regional Champions, Regional Second-Best Brief, Regional Third-Best Brief

2019 Texas Young Lawyers
Association National Trial Competition
Regional Champions (Two Teams)

2018 National Health Law
Moot Court Competition
Second Place, Quarterfinalists, Best Oralist Overall

2018 Seigenthaler Sutherland Cup
National First Amendment Moot
Court Competition
Second Place

2019 Shanghai International Commercial
Arbitration Pre Moot Competition
Second Place, Honorable Mention Oralist

2019 Philip C. Jessup International
Law Moot Court Competition
Regional Second Place, Regional Best Memorial

California Attorneys for Criminal
Justice 2018 Criminal Trial
Advocacy Competition
Third Place

2019 Hispanic National Bar
Association Uvaldo Herrera National
Moot Court Competition
Third Place

2019 International Trademark Association
Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
Regional Third Place, Regional Best Oral Argument

2019 National Black Law Students
Association Thurgood Marshall
Moot Court Competition
National Quarterfinalists, Regional Third Place

2019 International Academy of
Dispute Resolution Law School
Mediation Tournament
Semifinalists (Mediation Skills), Second-Best Individual Mediator

2019 American Bar Association
Client Counseling Competition
Regional Semifinalists

2019 Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court
National Championship Competition
Quarterfinalists, Third-Best Oralist

2019 National Moot Court Competition
in Child Welfare and Adoption Law
Quarterfinalists, Best Brief, Second-Best Oralist

2019 Willem C. Vis East International
Commercial Arbitration Moot
Competition (Hong Kong)
International Top 32 of 137 Teams, Honorable Mention Respondent’s Memorandum, Honorable Mention Oralists

2019 Willem C. Vis International
Commercial Arbitration Moot
Competition (Vienna)
Honorable Mention Respondent’s Memorandum, Honorable Mention Oralist

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

Preparing for Practice
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A Training Leader
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