

## California Western School of Law Takes First Prize in Competition

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In a showdown mock trial competition involving San Diego's three law schools, California Western School of Law came out on top, besting the litigator teams from Thomas Jefferson and University of San Diego schools of law.

Perhaps home field advantage helped. The first part of the competition, sponsored by the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, was held at Cal Western's downtown campus, while the final round was held Nov. 10 at the federal courthouse.

Cal Western's trial advocacy team, which took the first place, \$5,000 prize, consisted of Jordan Du Bois, Melissa Mack, Sara Reeb and Madelynn Woodhall.

The competition was judged by a panel of San Diego attorneys, with the final round presided by U.S. District Court Judge Anthony Battaglia. To ensure objectivity, the schools names weren't disclosed.

Mario Conte, a longtime federal court defense attorney and advisor to Cal Western's Moot Court Honors Board said the win the first competition among the schools "was a real tribute to the hard work of our coaches and competitors."