

Congratulations to Baylor University School of Law, first place winner of AAJ's 2007 National Student Trial Advocacy Competition! Law students Danny Back (3L), Josh Hedrick (3L), Dan Stokes (2L), and James Williams (2L), coached by assistant law professor Jim Wren, beat out 15 other teams to take home the first prize award.



Left to right: Josh Hedrick (attorney), Danny Back (attorney), Jim Wren (faculty coach), Lauren Davis (evidence coach), James Williams (witness), Dan Stokes (witness).

Hosted by Maria Glorioso of The Glorioso Law Firm based in New Orleans, AAJ's STAC, the premier civil trial competition in the country, welcomed 16 teams to New Orleans during the weekend of March 29 thru April 1 to battle it out during the finals. The members of the winning team from Baylor University and their coach Jim Wren, will receive an all expenses-paid trip to the AAJ Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

With tremendous assistance from AAJ members, the competition began with 250 teams from 140 law schools competing in 14 regional competitions. During the regional competitions, each team must compete in three qualifying rounds. Four teams are chosen to advance to a single elimination semi-final round based on the following criteria: (1) win/loss record, (2) number of winning votes, and (3) number of total points. The winners from each region received an invitation to compete in the finals in New Orleans.

Thanks to all the teams for a fantastic weekend of competitions!