**Tim Appelbaum (2009-2011)**

1 What year(s) did you participate and who was or were your teammate?

2009 Heather Pegg, 2010 Reema Abboud, 2011 Alex Lohman

2 If you have graduated and moved on, what do you do now and how or did moot court help you for your future?

I am a comic. If you've argued in front of lawyers and judges, drunks in a bar are no problem.

3 What is your fondest memory about moot court?

The friendships that I've made.

4 What was the best thing about moot court?

There is no experience like it.

5 What was the worst thing about moot court?

It's a ridiculous amount of time for three units. It should be the only class you take. I'm sure Dr. Ringel would approve of that.

6 What do you miss about moot court?

The intellectual banter.

7 What tournaments did you compete in and what were they like?

Seven. Regionals are a breeze compared to the competition at Nationals. You see people that may very well run this country at Nationals.

8 What advice would you give future mooters?

8) Listen to your coaches, they know more than you. Especially because they aren't arguing, they have a more objective view of the rounds. Also, get in as much practice arguments as humanly possible. Practice makes permanent, not perfect, so practice as if it was the real thing. Finally, don't waste a day of instruction. If you come unprepared, you not only lose the time, you lose the practice, and more importantly, you're hurting your entire team. This is a team. If you think you can make it to Nationals without your teammates and coaches, I wish you good luck.

9 Who was the BEST mooter you ever saw? What made him or her so good?

Aidan Grano. He was my nemesis. He beat me fair once, then robbed me the next year. You could not phase the guy, he always prepared with a GOOD answer. A lot of nonsense answers get tossed around, but he always had a DIRECT answer that led him back into his own arguments. My classmate, Laila Nikaien, was great. She was "human," smart, and knew her briefs front and back. I produced the most incomplete briefs possibly ever submitted to CSULB my first year. After that, I took the time to complete briefs like her and it made argumentation much, much easier.

10 Why should someone consider moot court?

It is very rare for students to receive this kind of academic experience and training. You'll learn to read, write, and think.