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

2008 – 2009 (Amy Price)

2009 (Spring) (Jillian Ewan)

2009 – 2010 (Jose Reynoso and Richard Bosanko)

(2010) (Spring) (Wyatt Lyles)

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 currently spending my 1L summer (soon to be 2L) in DC, Interning for the Attorney General of DC, and then the US Department of Transportation. I am attending the University of Connecticut School of Law

3 What is your fondest memory about moot court?

Winning the California Classic with my teammate Jillian Ewan. The Final Round was the best round I ever had, and specifically my rebuttal. Rebuttals had always been ‘my thing’ but this time was special. Probably the best memory from that moment was receiving a hug from our Coach, Lewis Ringel.

4 What was the best thing about moot court?

Although the experiences are priceless, the best thing about moot court is the friendships.

5 What was the worst thing about moot court?

Going for such a long time without knowing who my specific teammate was.

6 What do you miss about moot court?

The thrill of the challenge, both mentally and orally

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

Fall 09 Regionals – First Preliminary against the reigning National Finalists (We Tied)

Spring 10 – Winning the whole thing, such a great feeling

Fall 10 Regionals – Seeing that the judge had a “Star Trek” lapel pin and then weaving in the phrase ‘live long and prosper’ into my argument. (situational awareness)

Fall 10 Nationals – First Round, I captivated the judges. Third Round, Rich captivated the judges. Truly great we were…

Spring 11 – Giving a pep talk to all the mooters on the team, telling them to relax and to think only of having a conversation with the judges instead of arguing with them.

8 What advice would you give future mooters?

I always listened to Tom Petty before each round: The song “Don’t Back Down” because it described not backing down and standing your ground. Naturally, as an attorney, you must take direction from the court and at times concede points, but when the judges ask you a question that is intended to make you sound unsure of yourself, do not be afraid, do not back down and change your mind on your arguments, stick to what you ‘believe in’ and Don’t Back Down.

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

I cannot name any specific one person, but I do know what I have seen that has made them so great. They were calm, they were never shaken, they spoke boldly, they spoke with conviction, they never once waivered. A good mooter is a good actor; yes, you must know your lines (knowledge of material) but it is more about the moment, playing calm off the judges and SHOWING, not telling why you are right.

10 Why should someone consider moot court?

It will be the best experience of your undergraduate career. If you are any bit interested in law, this is for you. The best friendships develop just as much as your skills.