1. What year(s) did you participate and who was or were your teammate?
* Fall 2011, 2012; Partner was Yasi Manners
1. 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 in my third year of law school and will soon be graduating. Moot court was the best thing I could have done to prepare me for going to law school. It helped me develop confidence as a speaker, learn how to read and understand court cases, and gave me a huge leg up over other first-year law students. I don’t think I’d be where I am today without being a part of moot court.
1. What is your fondest memory about moot court?
* My fondest memory of moot court was winning a tournament and having that feeling of knowing that all the long hours of hard work had meant something.
1. What was the best thing about moot court?
* The best thing about moot court was that it was a real chance to see what it’s like to work a legal case. Even if it’s not a real case, it’s a chance to experience something that most people don’t until their second or third year of law school.
1. What was the worst thing about moot court?
* The worst thing was how it felt to lose sometimes when you were you certain that you had won.
1. What do you miss about moot court?
* I miss having the chance to work closely with a small group of friends on a complex problem as well all worked hard and improved over the months.
1. What tournaments did you compete in and what were they like?
* 2011-2012 Western Regional Tournament at CSULB
* 2011-2012 National Tournament at Chapman University
* 2012-2013 Western Regional Tournament at CSULB
* 2012-2013 National Tournament at Regent University
* 2011-2012 Texas State Tournament at UNT Denton
* 2012-2013 Texas State Tournament at South Texas College of Law
* The tournaments were an exciting opportunity to appear before real judges and lawyers and compete against other schools at the top of their game.
1. What advice would you give future mooters?
* Be prepared to work harder on this than probably anything else you’ll do during your college career. It will be challenging, it will be many long hours, and you may feel overwhelmed a few times. But you’ll get through it, and you will, without a doubt, be better for it.
1. Who was the BEST mooter you ever saw?
* Ashley Hall
1. Why should someone consider moot court?
* If you are at all interested in becoming a lawyer, then moot court is the best thing you can do in undergrad. Many first-year law students have no idea how to read cases or understand what they mean or know how to stand up and argue a case before a judge. You will learn all of these things in moot court, as well as gaining a small understanding of some Supreme Court law that no one else in law school will have.
Even if you’re not interested in law school, understanding how the Supreme Court of the United States decides legal cases and how those cases can affect your life and laws of our nation is important in being informed about the workings of our government.