

## About the Competition

The Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition is widely recognized as one of the nation's preeminent moot court competitions. The competition promotes and recognizes the finest oral and written advocacy on significant issues in bankruptcy practice. More than 60 law school teams participated last year, making this the largest single-site appellate moot court competition.

Jointly sponsored by St. John's University School of Law and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), the competition is named in memory of St. John's alumnus, former ABI Director and former Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein. ABI is the largest multi-disciplinary membership organization devoted to research and education on insolvency issues. St. John's is a leader in bankruptcy education and offers the premier LL.M. in bankruptcy law.

The Duberstein Competition is well known for the quality of its judging. New York is a center of bankruptcy practice, and area bankruptcy practitioners judge the preliminary rounds and briefs. Advanced rounds are judged by New York-area bankruptcy judges and more than a dozen leading appellate and bankruptcy judges from around the country.

The competition culminates in a gala awards dinner in Manhattan. The dinner draws more than 1,000 attendees, including many leading bankruptcy judges and practitioners.

Any ABA-accredited law school may enter one or two teams, comprised of two or three students each. Each team will argue in at least three preliminary rounds on alternating sides. Sixteen teams will advance beyond the preliminary rounds. All students will receive a certificate of achievement. Students need not have taken a bankruptcy course to do well in the competition.

To be part of this prestigious competition, please register online at [www.dubersteingala.com](http://www.dubersteingala.com).



Final-round judge Hon. Michael J. Melloy (l) and competition director Prof. G. Ray Warner (r) are pictured with members of the winning teams from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

### The ABI Endowment fund will present awards of:

- \$5,000 to the first-place team
- \$3,000 to the second-place team
- \$1,500 to the two third-place teams
- \$1,000 each for Best Oralist and Best Brief

### Recent ABI/Duberstein Competition Champions:

2015	Southern Methodist Univ. Dedman School of Law
2014	Georgia State University College of Law
2013	Southern Methodist Univ. Dedman School of Law
2012	University of Texas School of Law
2011	University of Houston Law School
2010	University of Texas School of Law
2009	University of Miami School of Law
2008	Mississippi College School of Law
2007	Brooklyn Law School
2006	Baylor University School of Law
2005	University of Connecticut Law School

### Hotel & Travel:

Hotel and travel accommodations are at your expense. The special hotel rate is **\$279** per night at the Sheraton New York Times Square, 811 7th Avenue at 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019, [www.sheratonnewyork.com](http://www.sheratonnewyork.com). When making reservations, call **(888) 627-7067** and mention St. John's University School of Law to receive this special rate.

## 2016 Registration Information

Register online at [www.dubersteingala.com](http://www.dubersteingala.com).

Cost is **\$495** per team.

Included in your registration fee:

- Continental Breakfast and Lunch on **Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6**, for student competitors and coaches.
- Evening Reception on **Sunday, March 6**, for student competitors and coaches.
- Gala Awards Dinner on **Monday, March 7**, at the **Sheraton New York Times Square hotel at 6:00 p.m.** (for each student competitor only).
- Additional tickets for the Gala Awards Dinner are available for coaches or other guests at a special discount rate of **\$195** each and can be purchased at [www.dubersteingala.com](http://www.dubersteingala.com) along with your team registration; use discount code **2016COACH**.

Deadline for Entry: **Monday, November 23, 2015.**

### Questions?

#### Rules and Fact Pattern

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#### Competitor Registration

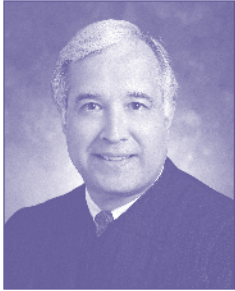
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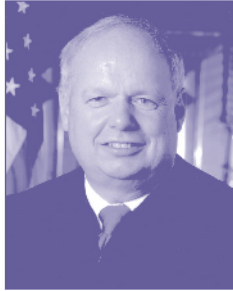
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## About the Judges

The quarter- and semifinals will be judged by bankruptcy judges from across the nation. Some of the nation's leading bankruptcy and appellate judges will serve as judges for the final round of the 2016 competition. The final-round judges will be:



*Hon. Edward C. Prado*  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit



*Hon. N. Randy Smith*  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
Ninth Circuit



*Hon. Laura Taylor Swain*  
U.S. District Court  
S.D.N.Y.



*Hon. Carla E. Craig*  
Chief Judge  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
E.D.N.Y.



*Hon. Cecelia G. Morris*  
Chief Judge  
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### The National Moot Court Competition on Bankruptcy Law

March 5-7, 2016

**Preliminary & Octo-Final Rounds**  
March 5-6, 2016

St. John's University School of Law

**Quarter, Semi and Final Rounds**  
March 7, 2016

Conrad B. Duberstein

U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse

Brooklyn, New York

**Awards Dinner**

March 7, 2016

Sheraton New York Times Square

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