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A Moot Court Team Prepares to Compete in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The College of Law and Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth are sponsoring a team to compete in the Inter-American Sustainable Development Law moot court competition. This is the second year that a team has been sent to compete in this international competition. The competition will be held March 2 and 3, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The selected team members include: Francis Dixson (2L), an Urban Fellow and member of the Moot Court Honor Society; Becca Lunceford (3L), Articles Editor on Law Review, Vice President of Appellate Advocacy for Moot Court, and pupil in the Bleckley Inn of Court, and; Reid Peacock (3L), Vice President of Competitions for Moot Court and pupil in the Bleckley Inn of Court. The team coach is William Alexander (3L), President of the Moot Court Board and pupil in the Bleckley Inn of Court.

The competition is a collaborative effort of the Moot Court Board and Payson Center for International Development at Tulane University Law School, Fundação Getúlio Vargas Law School (FGV Direito-Rio) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia.

The team will be arguing *The Rugendas Population v. The Republic of Tamoio*. Although the competition focuses mainly on sustainable development law, other areas of the law such as human rights law, health law, and environmental law are interwoven.

This competition provides our students with an exciting opportunity to refine their litigation skills, explore international law, learn about other cultures, and meet law students from other countries. This competition is highly unique in that non-English speaking participants are able to submit their briefs and make oral arguments in their native tongue. The participating teams will speak three different languages - English, Portuguese, and Spanish. Simultaneous translation services will be provided. Last year's competition boasted participants from 22 universities throughout six different countries across the Western Hemisphere.

Please help us in wishing Francis Dixson, Becca Lunceford, and Reid Peacock the best of luck in Rio de Janeiro!