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Dear Friends,

I constantly find myself in awe of our incredible students! Amidst all of their rigorous studies, they still find time to be fully engaged in the life of our vibrant law school and to use their talents and their education in service of others.



Today, I wish to lift up in particular all of our first-year students who took part in the Galloway Moot Court Competition. This competition is named in honor of Russell



W. Galloway, Jr. who was one of Santa Clara Law's most well-respected constitutional law professors. Always leaving a trail of inspiration wherever he went, Professor Galloway would end each semester with the same words of encouragement: "I definitely have enjoyed doing business with you. It is the end of a long, tough road. I hate to tell you that you are just actually at the beginning of the road.... I hope you walk

down that road. Do it with courage and boldness. And I hope you have a terrific life." What a timeless message for our students!

This year, 50 of our amazing first-year students submitted briefs to join the Galloway program, and 32 students (in teams of two) moved on to the oral argument phase. On behalf of our law school community, please allow me to express our collective gratitude to: Adriana Duffy-Höring, faculty adviser to the Galloway Moot Court program; the Galloway Moot Court Board, consisting of Alyson Smock (Head Chair), Hanchel Cheng (Assistant Chair), Hannah Chang, Aaron Stromberg, Ajit Bhullar, Andrey Volkov, and Jackson Ladgenski; the faculty members, alumni, and friends who served as judges and mentors; and our upper-class students who provided tremendous coaching, guidance, and support,



including Hana Steinbronn, Ruben Souza-Marquez, Maria Williams, Elizabeth Handtke, Terra Bilhorn, William Nachtrieb, and Alisha Hacker.

I had the opportunity to judge a round alongside Professor Liza-Jane Capatos and can attest that the students were terrific! After tremendous arguments by all, the teams of Ashley Harding & Jia Lou and James Long & Kim Ngo reached the semi-finals, and the teams of Clay Walters & Tristen Warmington and William Vogel & Samuel Pumarejo reached the finals.



Yesterday evening, on February 26th in the Panelli Courtroom, our finalists had the extraordinary opportunity to present their arguments before guest judges, the Honorable Justice Nathan Mihara of the Sixth District Court of Appeal, Justice Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian of the Sixth District Court of Appeal, and Judge Peter Kirwan of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Great thanks to these devoted public servants who gave their time and expertise to challenge our students with difficult questions from the bench and to offer insightful positive and constructive feedback! When the final round concluded,

William Vogel & Samuel Pumarejo emerged victorious. In addition, Tristen Warmington was named best oral advocate and the duo of Nicole Winship and Madison Hill were named as winners of the best brief.



"The Galloway Competition is such an impactful learning experience. It's given me so much knowledge and insight into oral advocacy and litigation. Working with my partner Sam has also been an absolute pleasure," said William Vogel, 1L.

Congratulations of course to our winners! But let us also congratulate every student who participated. Not only did they display tremendous legal skill, but they also demonstrated great strength of character in supporting and cheering for each other. In so doing, our students exemplified the best of Santa Clara Law—boundless courage, boldness, talent, skill, and care for others. They would have made Professor Galloway proud!

Congratulations indeed!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael".

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