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## **Bainbridge Moot Court Competition Held at Touro Law**

*Central Islip, NY* – Keri Mahoney, a second-year part-time evening student, was the winner of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bainbridge Moot Court Competition held at Touro Law Center on Wednesday, September 21, in a close decision over fellow second year part-time evening student Daniel Fischer.

The Honourable Madame Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada served as Chief Justice of the finals bench. Joining her were the Honorable Janet C. Hall, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and the Honorable Leonard D. Wexler, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. In the competition, named for former Touro Law Center Dean John S. Bainbridge, second-year students write appellate briefs and participate in oral arguments before panels of distinguished judges.

Congratulations also to semifinalists Genevieve Gadaleta, second-year full-time student, and Michael Nolan, a second-year part-time evening student, and to John Brolly, a second-year full-time student, who received the award for best brief.

The Moot Court Honors Board of Advocates is the Law Center's elite interscholastic appellate advocacy team. Members participate in competitions against teams from other law schools throughout the academic year.

Ms. Mahoney works full time as an oncology nurse at Stony Brook Hospital. Mr. Fischer is a legal assistant at an Islandia law firm. Both are students in Touro Law's part-time evening division, in which people working full time can obtain a law degree in as little as three and a half years by taking evening classes. Touro Law Center is the only law school on Long Island that offers a part-time evening program.

"Touro Law's evening program has enabled me to move ahead with my career goals while still working full time," said Keri Mahoney. "The faculty and my fellow classmates are all extremely supportive and I truly feel a strong sense of community at Touro Law."



*The finalists are shown, left, with the finals bench: Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, Supreme Court of Canada, center, presiding; and US District Court Judges Leonard Wexler, EDNY, left, and the Honorable Janet Hall, District of Connecticut, right.*

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*Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center's 185,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility is located adjacent to both a state and a federal courthouse in Central Islip, New York. Touro Law's proximity to the courthouses, coupled with programming developed to integrate the courtroom into the classroom, provide a one-of-a-kind learning model for law students, combining a rigorous curriculum taught by expert faculty with a practical courtroom experience. Touro Law, which has a student body of approximately 750 and an alumni base of more than 5,000, offers full- and part-time J.D. programs, several dual degree programs and graduate law programs for US and foreign law graduates. Touro Law Center is part of the Touro College system.*

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