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Loyola's Rich Patent Law Moot Court Team Advances to National Championship

Los Angeles – Loyola Law School's Giles Sutherland Rich Patent Law Moot Court Team advanced to the national championship round in the Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition after taking second place in the western regional competition at Santa Clara University. The team, composed of students Alyssa Caridis and Jason Chan, defeated teams from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Utah and Hamline University. The team was also recognized as having submitted the best appellee brief in the region. The team will next compete in May's national championship in Washington, DC.

The competition is an annual inter-law school event sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Twenty teams participated from such schools as the University of California, Berkeley and Brigham Young University.

Loyola has a history of success in the competition. Loyola teams have advanced to nationals three out of the past five years and have secured two national titles since 2000. The team is coached by Professor John McDermott and alumni Ben Hofileña '03 and Michael Purleski '01. The team is now in final preparations for the national championship, where they will compete against the top eight teams in the US.

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