

DAN K. WEBB CENTER FOR ADVOCACY

Advocacy is the heart of legal education at Loyola University Chicago. With one of the most respected advocacy programs in the nation, Loyola continues to set a standard for excellence. Loyola graduates are among the most effective trial, appellate, and dispute resolution lawyers in Chicago and across the country. Named for a Loyola graduate and legendary litigator, the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy provides students with a strong foundation of practical legal skills training that prepares the next generation of lawyers to put the law into action.

Wide-ranging curriculum

Offering a wealth of expertise, distinguished academics and experienced attorneys teach courses in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and dispute resolution. In recognition of the importance of the art of advocacy, all students must take skills and experiential learning courses. Students who wish to continue their studies may earn the center's advocacy certificate. For lawyers seeking more in-depth training, an LLM in advocacy is offered.

- **Trial advocacy**—Many graduates attribute their success to Loyola's highly regarded trial advocacy program, which offers intensive coursework and participation in mock trial competitions while sharpening skills via externships and clinical work. Loyola was a pioneer in adopting the widely recognized methodologies of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) for use in training law students in trial litigation skills.
- **Appellate advocacy**—Students receive intensive training in the appellate process through coursework and participation in appellate advocacy competitions. Students also gain practical writing experience through externships with both public and nonprofit advocacy agencies, as well as with state and federal judiciary.
- **Dispute Resolution**—Reflecting the changing legal landscape, Loyola's Dispute Resolution Program gives students the tools needed to resolve disputes using negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and related processes through skills training and supervised case experience. Loyola frequently hosts and participates in both national and international dispute resolution competitions, conferences, and other events.

Competitions Hosted by Loyola

Region VI American Bar Association Negotiation Competition
-Fall 2019

International Law Students Association Philip C. Jessup International Law Midwest Regional Moot Court Competition
-Spring 2020

44th Annual Intraschool Moot Court Competition
-Spring 2020

InterNational Academy of Dispute Resolution Law School Mediation Tournament
-Spring 2020

Region 9 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition (virtual)
-Spring 2021

45th Annual Intraschool Moot Court Competition (virtual)
-Spring 2021

All Star Bracket Challenge Midwest Regional Mock Trial Competition (virtual)
-Fall 2021

National Board of Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions Mock Trial Competition (virtual)
-Fall 2021

200+

attorneys **donate their time and talents** each year to Loyola's advocacy programs by coaching, judging and mentoring Loyola law students

100+

law students compete on an advocacy team **each academic year**



Competitive edge

Loyola students compete in regional, national, and international student competitions, where Loyola teams routinely take top honors.

Recent Results

ABA Client Counseling Competition

-2021 Regional Champions

ABA Negotiation Competition

-2020 Regional Third Place

All Star Bracket Challenge Mock Trial Competition

-2021 Regional Second Place

CBA Moot Court Competition

-2020 Semi Finalists

-2019 Best Oralist

Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

-2021 Semi Finalists

Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship

-2021 Best Oralist

INADR Law School Mediation Tournament

-2021 Semi Finalists Advocate/Client Team

-2021 and 2020 Semi Finalists Mediation Team

-2020 Third Place Advocate/Client Team

INTA Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition

-2020 Regional Best Oral Argument

Judge Paul Joseph Kelly Jr., Invitational Trial Competition

-2020 Second Place

NBSA Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition

-2021 and 2020 Regional Third Place

-2020 National Champions

NBSA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition

-2021 National Best Respondent's Brief

-2021 Regional First Place

-2021 Regional Third Place

-2020 Regional Second Place

NBTA Tournament of Champions

-2019 Champions

-2019 Best Final Round Advocate

National Ethics Trial Competition

-2021 Top Preliminary Round Advocate

National Health Law Moot Court Competition

-2020 Second Best Oralist Overall

-2019 Second Place

-2019 Best Oralist Overall

-2019 Best Preliminary Round Oralist

-2019 Second Best Brief

National Moot Court Competition

-2021 Regional Best Brief

-2020 and 2019 Regional Champions

-2020 Regional Best Final Round Oralist

-2020 Regional Best Petitioner Brief

-2019 Regional Semi Finalists

-2019 Regional Second Best Brief

National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law

-2020 Best Brief

-2020 Second Best Brief

ILSA Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

-2020 Regional Semi Finalists

-2020 Regional Best Memorial

Professor Bernie L. Segal In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition

-2021 Second Place

-2021 Best Cross Examination Overall

-2021 Best Direct Examination Overall

-2019 Third Place

Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition

-2021 Second Place

-2021 Best Oralist

TYLA National Trial Competition

-2020 Regional Champions

-2020 Regional Semi Finalists

Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition

-2021 and 2020 National Semi Finalists

-2021 and 2019 National Best Brief

-2021 and 2020 National Second Best Brief

-2021, 2020 and 2019 Regional Champions

-2021, 2020 and 2019 Regional Second Place

-2019 National Second Place

-2019 National Second Best Oralist

-2019 Regional Best Oralist

-2019 Regional Best Brief

Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (Hong Kong)

-2021 and 2020 Honorable Mention Claimant's Brief

-2020 Honorable Mention Best Oralist

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition (Vienna)

-2021 Honorable Mention Respondent's Brief

-2020 Round of 64 Team

William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition

-2019 Champions

Corboy Fellowships

For more than two decades, Loyola's Philip H. Corboy Fellowship in Trial Advocacy program has provided student scholarship assistance and **some of the best advocacy training in the country** to 10 students each year. The Corboy Fellows represent Loyola in several prestigious mock trial competitions throughout the year.

Advocacy Scholarships

Circle of Advocates Scholarship
Cooney Conway Scholarship
Gary David Friedman Award
Hon. Thomas R. Mulroy Award
James P. Carey Scholarship
Joan Marie Corboy Scholarship
Leahy and Hoste Scholarship
Ozmon Family Foundation Scholarship

Preparing for Practice

Loyola's advocacy courses and competitions serve as the foundation for preparing students for the practice of law. Students also hone their practical skills training by **working with actual clients in one of Loyola's seven in-house clinics, or participating in externships** with judges, prosecutors, defenders, and legal service agencies. Students also gain hands-on experience by representing clients in mediations or serving as mediators.

A Training Leader

Loyola serves as the **Midwest regional headquarters for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)**, the largest of the association's regional programs. NITA offers seminars, workshops, and weeklong training sessions to train practicing attorneys in basic and advanced litigation skills. Students may sit in on NITA classes and interact with lawyers who come to Loyola to participate in NITA programs.

Alumni stay involved

Alumni support current students in advocacy by **coaching student teams as well as teaching and guest lecturing in advocacy courses**. They are also active in the Circle of Advocates, an alumni group that sponsors a **mentoring program** pairing students with top litigators and judges in the Chicago legal community.



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