

## About the Competition

The Sixteenth Annual Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Memorial Moot Court Competition is the nation's only moot court competition devoted entirely to bankruptcy. Jointly sponsored by St. John's University School of Law and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), the competition is named to honor the memory of St. John's alumnus and former ABI Director Chief Judge Conrad B. Duberstein.

ABI is the nation's largest multi-disciplinary membership organization devoted to research and education on insolvency issues. St. John's is a leader in bankruptcy education and offers the only LL.M. in bankruptcy law.

The competition is designed to promote and recognize the finest oral and written advocacy on a significant problem in bankruptcy practice. Nearly 50 law school teams entered the 2007 competition.

Each team argues in at least two preliminary rounds on alternating sides. Sixteen teams will progress to the octo-final round. Sides in the preliminary and later rounds are chosen randomly.

Preliminary rounds and briefs will be judged by prominent bankruptcy practitioners and judges. The final round will be judged by leading members of the federal judiciary.

The event concludes with a gala awards banquet at scenic Pier 60, Chelsea Piers in Manhattan, which will be attended by most of the leading New York bankruptcy judges and practitioners.

Any ABA-accredited law school may enter one or two teams, comprised of two or three students each. It is not required or even expected that students have taken a course in bankruptcy or creditors' rights. To be part of this unique national competition, complete the adjacent application and return it to St. John's University School of Law. For more information, visit [www.stjohns.edu/law/bankruptcy](http://www.stjohns.edu/law/bankruptcy).

## Awards

The ABI Endowment Fund will present awards of:

- \$5,000 to the first-place team
- \$3,000 to the second-place team
- \$1,500 to the two third-place teams
- \$1,000 each for Best Oralist and Best Brief



Winners of the 2007 Moot Court Competition (c) pose with (from left) ABI President Reggie Jackson, winner Ann C. Bucos, Judge Duberstein's daughter Elyse Bellesakos, winner Robert J. Sitman, Hon. Marjorie Rendell, and ABI Immediate Past-President Hon. Wesley Steen (l-r).

### Recent ABI/Duberstein Competition Champions:

2007	Brooklyn Law School
2006	Baylor University School of Law
2005	University of Connecticut Law School
2004	Emory University School of Law
2003	University of Miami School of Law
2002	Brooklyn Law School
2001	University of Idaho College of Law
2000	William & Mary Law School

**Deadline for Entry: Monday, November 26, 2007**  
**Return with Payment to:**

Karyn DiDominici, Office of Special Events  
St. John's University School of Law  
8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439

#### Questions:

(718) 990-5343 (rules and fact pattern)  
(718) 990-1950 (hotel, logistics)  
e-mail: [didomink@stjohns.edu](mailto:didomink@stjohns.edu)  
[www.stjohns.edu/law/bankruptcy](http://www.stjohns.edu/law/bankruptcy)

## Application Form

Official Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Must be the contact person for all Duberstein-related correspondence.

Contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of teams (circle one):                      1                      2

### Moot Court Team Registration Fee:

No. of teams \_\_\_\_\_ x \$495 per team      Total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gala Awards Banquet Tickets:

Gala Awards Banquet tickets are included in the registration fee for student team members only. Additional tickets are available for coaches and guests.

No. of extra tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$175 per guest      Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to St. John's University.

### Registration Fee Includes:

• **Continental Breakfast & Lunch** for student participants and coaches on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

• **Luncheon & Reception** on Sunday, March 9, 2008, for student participants and coaches.

• **Gala Awards Banquet Tickets** (for each **Student Participant only**). Additional tickets are available for coaches or other guests at a special discount rate of \$175 each. The Awards Banquet will be held at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers at 23rd St., New York, on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

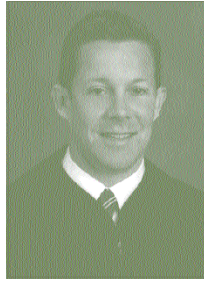
Hotel and travel accommodations are at your expense. The special hotel rate is **\$199** per night at the **Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, 811 7th Avenue on 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019, [www.sheraton.com/newyork](http://www.sheraton.com/newyork)**. When making reservations, call (888) 627-7067 and mention St. John's University School of Law to receive this special rate.

## About the Judges

Some of the nation's leading bankruptcy and appellate judges will serve as judges for the final round of the 2008 competition. The quarter- and semifinals will be judged by bankruptcy judges from across the nation.



*Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell*  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
Third Circuit



*Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton*  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
Sixth Circuit



*Hon. Mary M. Schroeder*  
Chief Judge  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
Ninth Circuit



*Hon. Carla E. Craig*  
Chief Judge  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
E.D.N.Y.



*Hon. Stuart M. Bernstein*  
Chief Judge  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
S.D.N.Y.

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**Conrad B. Duberstein**  
*National Bankruptcy Memorial*  
*Moot Court Competition*

## The National Moot Court Competition on Bankruptcy Law

Preliminary & Octo-final Rounds  
March 8-9, 2008  
St. John's University School of Law

Quarter, Semi and Final Rounds  
March 10, 2008  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Brooklyn, New York

Awards Banquet  
March 10, 2008  
Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, New York



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