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TJSL Captures First Place at Tulane Baseball Arbitration Competition

SAN DIEGO --The Thomas Jefferson School of Law student team has triumphed at the 5th Annual Tulane National Baseball Arbitration Competition in New Orleans on Friday, Feb. 10, scoring five straight wins and beating 39 other teams from prominent law schools across the nation, including Harvard, University of Arizona, NYU, Notre Dame, Michigan, Marquette, Columbia, Chicago-Kent, Arizona State, St. John's, Villanova, University of Pennsylvania, Southern Methodist University and the University of San Diego.

TJSL Baseball Arbitration Team members Justin Heim, Dan Nguyen and Sam Ehrlich advanced to the final round against the University of Virginia Friday morning by beating Wisconsin in the semi-finals. TJSL represented the Oakland Athletics in the championship round in the matter of the arbitration of Andrew Bailey.

The TJSL team got to the semi-finals with a victory over Harvard in Thursday's first round (98-92), earning a nearly perfect score of 98 out of 100. The team then bested Pittsburgh in the next round, followed by a win over Fordham, 95-88. TJSL's perfect 3-0 scoring and point accumulation advanced them to the semi-finals.

Faculty Sports Law Advisor and Adjunct Professor Randy Grossman accompanied the students to Tulane.

"I am so proud of the team of Dan Nguyen, Justin Heim and Sam Ehrlich," said Professor Grossman. "They all worked tirelessly and represented TJSL with aplomb against some of the top law schools in the country. A special thanks to Jeremy Evans who gave so much of his time and effort to help coach the team. This is a really nice victory and represents how great the students at TJSL are on the national stage."

Coach and 2011 graduate Jeremy Evans cheered for the team from San Diego.

"What a proud moment!" said Evans. "Great effort and congratulations to Justin, Dan and Sam for representing our school in such a great manner! We have competed in this competition for four years and, after establishing some good tactics and lessons learned over the years, we have made it and are bringing home the glory!"

Evans, who also credited first-year TJSL student Jonathan Stahler for helping prepare the team, is the director of the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition & Symposium to be held at

TJSL from Friday to Sunday, September 28-30, 2012. Teams from across the nation are already signing up for this competition, co-Sponsored by TJSL's Center for Sports Law & Policy. For more information, visit <u>http://www.tjsl.edu/conferences/nslnc</u>

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