



## ASHLY BOESCHE COACHES IIT CHICAGO-KENT MOOT COURT TEAM TO SECOND PLACE TITLE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

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Pattishall Partner, **Ashly Boesche**, successfully led this year's IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law moot court competition team to a second place title at the Saul Lefkowitz National Trademark Moot Court Competition on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The IIT Chicago-Kent team of Stephanie Crigler (2016) and Kenny Matuszewski (2016) placed second not only in their overall performance, but also second place both for their brief and their oral argument. No other team placed in all three categories.

Ashly and Team Chicago-Kent were dedicated in their preparation for the competition. Ashly honed her team's presentation style, demeanor and language while also preparing them to focus on "real" advocacy in court. In that vein, Ashly guided Team Chicago-Kent in handling the concession of one of the case's issues during oral argument—a risky strategy, but one rooted in a "real world" approach, versus the "safe" approach expected at most academic competitions. The high-risk strategy paid off and led to high praise from the judges.

In 2014, Ashly's debut year as a moot court coach, IIT Chicago-Kent's moot court team won first place and best brief in the Midwest Regional Tournament. At the 2014 National Finals, the team placed fourth overall out of 96 teams.



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