

Rutgers Law National Mock Trial Team

Trial Team members are selected through a competitive process for a 2 year term. Over the 2 year period, team members are immersed in trial advocacy training, taking an advanced trial advocacy program, which includes Evidence, Mastering Trial Advocacy I and Mastering Trial Advocacy II and participating in a rigorous schedule of structured practices from August to March.

Rutgers Law offers a broad spectrum of trial advocacy training opportunities to non-team members as well, through course work, simulation courses, clinics and the Moot Court Board. Rutgers Law Moot Court Board holds training sessions and an annual intra-mural trial competition, the Nathan Baker Trial Competition.

The Rutgers National Trial Team recent competitions and achievements:

2023

Queens District Attorney Trial Competition
First Place
Best Cross Examination Award [Melanie Zelikovski]

Texas Young Lawyers Trial Advocacy Competition

2022

Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition
Semi-finalist

Texas Young Lawyers Trial Advocacy Competition

All-Star Bracket

2021

Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition
First Place
Best Overall Advocate Award [Pierre Avalos]

Texas Young Lawyers National Trial Competition

All Star Bracket

2020

All Star Bracket

Texas Young Lawyers National Trial Competition

2019

Queens District Attorney Trial Competition
Third Place

ABA/John Marshall Law School Criminal Trial Competition
Semi-finalist
Best Direct Examination Individual Award [Opeyemi Akinde]

ABA National Trial Competition - New York Regional

AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition

2018

Queens District Attorney Trial Competition

Semi-finalist

ABA/John Marshall Law School Criminal Trial Competition

Quarter-finalist

2017

Queens District Attorney Trial Competition

Semi-finalist

ABA National Trial Competition - New York Regional

Semi-finalist

2016

ABA National Trial Competition - New York Regional

Winner

ABA National Trial Competition - National Finals

Semi-finalist