

FOUR SCORE: Stephanie Llanes '16, Jerel Dawson '15, DeCarol Davis '17, and Salah Hawkins '15 won the 2015 ABA Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition.

Mock Trial Teams Stock Trophy Case

o, winning isn't everything. But as two Berkeley Law mock trial teams that took home national championships can attest, it sure is exhilarating.

In October, Janice Lu '15, Jason Wu '16,

Jordan Kahler '15, and Roxana Guidero '16 won the prestigious National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Tournament of Champions at Baylor Law School. The event features the nation's 16 top-performing trial advocacy programs.

"To emerge No. 1 in the face of such competition is quite an achievement," says Bill Fernholz '93, the director of Berkeley Law's appellate and competition teams.

Led by coaches Spencer Pahlke '07 and Justin Chou '11, Berkeley Law defeated three schools in the preliminary rounds, including Georgetown. The team then bested Yale in the

TRAINING GROUND

Berkeley Law offers four internal competitions to hone key skills and help train students eager to participate in external events. They include:

Bales Trial Competition

Introduces trial advocacy through a fictional case and encourages students to join the competitive trial program

Halloum Business Competition

Pairs MBA and law students to tackle various elements of a challenging transaction in a limited amount of time

Halloum Negotiation Competition

Develops real-world negotiating, business transaction, and cooperative skills, and is open to first-year students

McBaine Moot Court Competition

Allows second- and third-year students to experience a moot-court event modeled after U.S. Supreme Court practice