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Season in Review

YALE PLACES 11th AT 2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Last April, Yale ended the 2012-13 season strongly by placing 11th in the Robert S. Mueller Division at the National Tournament in Washington, D.C. The 2013 Championship was YMTA’s first visit to AMTA’s National Tournament since 2010, and the team finished with a record of 6-6, earning an Honorable Mention award. Team captain Vinay Nayak received an All-American Attorney award, with 25 ranks on the Defense. The team, made up of senior Annie Wang, juniors Amelia Clark, Vinay Nayak, and Abby Walter, sophomores Robert Peck and Ella Wood, and freshmen Allison Durkin, Johnny Golding, and Daniel Stern, hit the University of Washington, Rhodes College, Harvard, and Villanova in four thrilling rounds of mock.

With two months left until the 2013-2014 National Tournament, this year’s A Team is hopeful of earning another bid to the National Tournament in Orlando, and aims to win it all for the first time in association history.

FEATURES

A New System

WEIGHTED PARTIAL BALLOTS

At December’s 18th Annual Yale Invitational, YMTA debuted a new tabulation system called Weighted Partial Ballots (WPB). Developed by Annie Wang (BK ’13) and Ben Graham (YLS ’15) (both of whom probably have too much time on their hands), WPB corrects the bias of traditional tabbing for narrow victories over weak opponents and instead rewards teams for significant wins over strong opponents. Instead of counting every ballot as a win or loss, teams earn partial ballots based on point differential, and then these partial ballots are weighted by the number of ballots won by the opponent. In essence, WPB ranks teams based on both the strength of the win and the strength of the opponent, offering a more nuanced measure than traditional tabbing. Although the Executive Board has not determined whether WPB will be used at next year’s invitational, the system has been met with generally positive feedback.

You can read more about Weighted Partial Ballots on our website, www.yale.edu/mocktrial.
The Leadership

INTERVIEW WITH ALEX FEIOCK AND WENDY CAI, YMTA PRESIDENTS 2013-14

Alex Feiock is a junior in Calhoun majoring in Chemistry. He is YMTA’s President of Internal Affairs. Wendy Cai is a junior in Branford majoring in Psychology. She is YMTA’s President of External Affairs.

What’s the inspiration behind sending out our first magazine to alumni?

Alex: We know that Mock Trial has been such a big part of our college experience, and it was likely the same for many of the alumni who came before us. We want them to be able to be a part of the Mock Trial experience again, even though it’s a decade later for a lot of them. We really want them to share in the joy of what we’re doing.

Back in August, what were your aspirations for the coming year? What did you hope we could achieve as an association, and are we on track?

Wendy: One of my goals was to create a cohesive, social organization that grew together and enjoyed spending time together. I feel like I see a lot of our members every day, in and out of class, and beyond just Mock Trial. So in that sense, we’re on track to create this warm environment.

Alex: In terms of competitiveness, we’ve had a fall from grace in the last couple of years. So our biggest goal was to get back up and realize our potential again. A more concrete answer to that is to send two teams to nationals. We haven’t accomplished that in a while, but this is the year it’s going to happen.

Continued…
Until recently, Yale Mock Trial was usually led by one President. The role was split into two positions a few years ago because of increasing responsibilities within the association. What do your specific roles entail, and how do you divide up the responsibilities?

Wendy: I handle everything AMTA related, and I handle the finances.

Alex: Like Wendy said, the President of External Affairs is in charge of overseeing the treasury, while the President of Internal Affairs is in charge of the social chair and the publicity chair.

What are the challenges of overseeing four stacked teams while making sure the bottom teams still remain at a strong, competitive level?

Alex: Well there’s enough talent on A Team, so they really run themselves. We’re both on B Team so we can oversee it, and each of us is in charge of one of the C Teams. She’ll attend and help coach one team’s practices, and I’ll attend the other team’s, even though we won’t end up competing with them.

What is your favorite Mock Trial memory?

Wendy: We probably have the same favorite memory, since we were on the same team last year at ORCs (Opening Round Championships).

Alex: Last year, we had some bad luck, so we didn’t have a chance at going on to Nationals. So in the last round at ORCs, we decided to put on a complete joke case against Michigan State. We changed everything. Attorneys played witness roles; witnesses played attorney roles. We completely changed the themes and the theories – our defense’s theory was basically that the weather was really bad and caused the accident. And our theme was “There are storms we cannot weather.”

Some of our attorneys put on British accents for pretrial. And then Michigan bought into it and their closer rapped his closing. It was such a fun trial.

Alex Feiok (CC ’15) and Robert Peck (BK ’15), captains of Yale’s B Team, are attempting to accomplish that which has been unattainable in recent memory: earning their team a bid to nationals.

With ORCs (previously “Silver Nationals”) approaching in March and a spot at the national competition at stake, captains Alex and Robert have been working steadfastly with B Team through Winter Break. Last year, Alex captained a B Team that finished 15th at ORCs with a record of 3-3-2. This season, however, he is confident that his team can secure a bid to the National Tournament in Orlando. “We’re in a better place this year than we were in last year,” Alex says. “Last year, the majority of our B Team was freshmen - but this year, a lot of them have returned and they’ve all improved significantly. Plus, we’ve recruited a really talented new class, and have a lot of new talent on B Team too. We just came back from the Cornell Invitational, where we finished with a 7-1 record and got 2nd. Last year, we were 2-6. I think we have a nationals-worthy team.”

...AND FOR THE GLORY OF THE YMTA

Over a decade ago, Yale Mock Trial had enough widespread talent to send multiple teams to AMTA’s National Tournament.
YMTA CAPTAIN NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

Team A Captain and former YMTA President Vinay Nayak (DC ’14) has been named one of 32 Americans chosen as a Rhodes Scholar. Vinay is one of 3 Yale students selected for the 2014 Rhodes Scholarship. An All-American Attorney at last year’s National Tournament, Vinay has been involved with Yale Mock Trial since his freshman year. As a political science major at Yale, Vinay’s “academic work has focused on how the internet can be used to enhance citizen engagement in elections, government and policymaking. He has also applied these interests to political campaigns, including the Obama 2012 re-election campaign where he managed several national digital programs and social media accounts. Vinay also interned for the White House Office on Digital Strategy and managed the social media presence for Sandy Hook Elementary School parents whose children lost their lives. He has won many Yale prizes, and in forensics and debate was chosen as National Oratory Champion” (courtesy of The Rhodes Trust). Vinay will begin study at Oxford next October.
Results

**CHRONICLING THE 2013-2014 SEASON**

**PHILADELPHIA ORCS**
March 15-16, 2014

**CORNELL INVITATIONAL**
Yale A: 1st Place (8-0)
Yale B: 2nd Place (7-1)
Vinay Nayak: Outstanding Attorney
Robert Peck: Outstanding Attorney

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BIG APPLE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**
Team Inchwyrmrs: 2nd Place (6-1-1)
Team Tranbait: 11th Place (4-3-1)
Skyler Ross: Outstanding Attorney
Charles Kwenin: Outstanding Witness
Jonathan Esty: Outstanding Witness

**BRANDEIS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**
6th Place (5-3)
Loryn Helfmann: Outstanding Attorney

**NEW HAVEN REGIONAL**
Yale C: 3rd Place (6-2)
Yale B: 8th Place (5-3)
Chloe Larkin: Outstanding Witness

**BRISTOL REGIONAL**
Yale D: 8th Place (5-3)

**BOSTON REGIONAL**
Yale A: 1st Place (6-0-2)
Vinay Nayak: Outstanding Attorney

**COMMONWEALTH CLASSIC AT UMASS AMHERST**
Yale D: 6th Place (6-2)
Yale C: 7th Place (6-2)
Jeffrey Guo: Outstanding Attorney

**GREAT AMERICAN MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**
9th Place (8-8)
Vinay Nayak: Outstanding Attorney
Raymond Zhu: Outstanding Attorney
Travis Hutchinson: Outstanding Witness

**YALE INVITATIONAL**
*Villains Bracket:*
Team GAMTI Champs: 1st Place
Team Inchwyrmrs: 3rd Place
Vinay Nayak: Outstanding Attorney
Eleanor Runde: Outstanding Witness

*Heroes Bracket:*
Team Objectasaurus: 3rd Place
Team #TaleToOzlando: 8th Place

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT | ORLANDO, FL**
April 11-13, 2014
This Year’s Case

STATE OF MIDLANDS V. WHIT BOWMAN

The fact pattern:
On August 30, 2012, a robbery occurred at RacheterWorld (pronounced ROck-ter) Amusement Park in Midlands. Following the robbery, a chase ensued, and former police officer and current RacheterWorld security guard Winston Thomas was struck by the front car of the “Tunnel of Terror” ride. Thomas suffered serious injuries and went into a coma, in which he remains on the date of trial.

The robber whom Thomas was chasing through the park escaped and remains at large, his whereabouts unknown. Police, however, have arrested Whit Bowman, a park employee whom they believe took part in the commission of the crime. Bowman has been charged with theft by deception and robbery in the first degree.

Our take:
The YMTA splits into four equally competitive teams in the fall, and stacks an A, B, and two C teams in the spring (AMTA rules require that one of the C teams be designated Yale D). From the four teams we fielded last fall, some noteworthy themes, theories, and characters emerged. Among them include: a conspiracy-centered case in chief, calling a hostile witness to testify, calling a witness that writes greeting cards for lesser-known holidays, and swearing in a Nigerian imam defendant. We aim to take a more tailored approach at AMTA-sanctioned tournaments this spring.
Valuable Players
MEET OUR YMTA SENIORS

Amelia Clark
College: Trumbull
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Staten Island, NY

Activities: Student government, psych research

About: When Amelia isn’t working as a Russian spy or baking cookies for her grandchildren, she lives an undercover life as a student at Yale University. Her American accent is so perfect, it’s a little uncanny. She enjoys cheesy pop music, cooking, and forcing members of Yale Mock Trial to do embarrassing things like sing karaoke and watch Titanic.

Charles Kwenin
College: Trumbull
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Accra, Ghana

Activities: Ballet Folklórico, Yale African Students Association, Yale Communication and Consent Educators, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

About: Charles is your quintessential nice guy. He opens doors for women, buys flowers for his mother, and helps old ladies cross the street. He likes everyone, and he loves Mock Trial.

Vinay Nayak
College: Davenport
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Oak Brook, IL

Activities: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Sandy Hook Promise, Issues-based advocacy, Debate

About: Vinay has been a fake lawyer throughout his high school and college careers. He enjoys making fake arguments and questioning fake witnesses. He hopes one day to do real things.

Abby Walter
College: Stiles
Major: English
Hometown: Wilmington, DE

Activities: People do other activities?

About: After four years of high school mock trial, Abby thought she would want to branch out in college, but she was wrong. She enjoys designing YMTA apparel, volunteering, playing IM sports, and reading Victorian anything. She’s also a die-hard fan of Survivor.
YMTA Overseas

**PARTNERSHIP WITH KOREA MOCK TRIAL**

Yale Mock Trial is proud to announce a recent partnership with the Korean Mock Trial Association. Twice a year, the KMTA funds a few YMTA members to travel on an all-expense paid trip to Seoul.

There, we teach Mock Trial to South Korean students from schools throughout the city, and help them prepare for their national tournament. We run group workshops and travel to various schools in South Korea to hold individual team meetings. YMTA members then act as both judge and jury at the South Korean national tournament. This year, YMTA alumnus Kyle Skinner ('11) and current members Amelia Clark, Allison Durkin, Vinay Nayak, and Abby Walter made the trip to Seoul to participate in the Yale-Korea Mock Trial Championship.

Every year, the winner of the South Korean national tournament earns the privilege of representing South Korea at the U.S. National High School Mock Trial Championship. In May of 2013, team member Amelia Clark traveled with the South Korean team as one of its coaches.
YMTA Members 2013-2014

Wendy Cai
Alex Feick
Travis Tor Hutchinson
Robert Peck
Lionel Rodriguez

Corinne Ruth
Ella Wood
Danielle Zucker
Eric Abney
Nasos Abuel

Clé Dupuy
Allison Durkin
Johnny Golding
Jeffrey Guo
Loryn Helfmann

Vanessa Holman
Ali Lohman
Ralph Molina
Arziki Adamu

College: Silliman
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Yonkers, NY

About: My interest in the law stems from a passion for social justice, and a hope to see greater racial equality in the criminal justice system. I hope to attend law school and later pursue a career in civil or criminal litigation. I am currently working as a Litigation Paralegal with Proskauer & Rose LLP in their New York Office. While at Proskauer I have been focusing on sports and entertainment law, but mostly participate in their thriving pro bono program. We are currently working with the NY Bar Association to assist war veterans in obtaining their much deserved health benefits.

Favorite YMTA Memory: My favorite memory is when I co-captained with Eric Baudry. Our team was made up of mostly freshman, but we won third place at Penn State amongst very difficult competition. I made so many good friends that year, and the campus was gorgeous!
About:

After I completed college, I attended Columbia Law School in New York City, where I won the Lawrence S. Greenbaum Prize for Best Oralist in the 2003 Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition, and I graduated with my Juris Doctor degree in 2006. In September 2006, I returned to my hometown of Buffalo, New York, and since then I have been associated with Phillips Lytle LLP, a Buffalo-based full-service law firm of over 175 attorneys. I focus my practice on litigation involving state and municipal government, public authorities, and other quasi-governmental entities. In this practice area, I have experience in prosecuting disciplinary hearings against public employees, representing political candidates in election law disputes, challenging the constitutionality of state statutes and municipal ordinances, obtaining review of the decisions of state and municipal agencies in special proceedings pursuant to Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules, and advising governmental clients concerning issues of governance and compliance with state law. For this work, I was honored to receive the Jefferson Fordham Award for Advocacy from the American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section in August 2013. I also have published several scholarly articles, including “Downsizing Done Right: Cutting the Cost of Government Through Intermunicipal Collaboration,” in the Summer 2012 edition of the Urban Lawyer; “Regionalism Revisited: The Effort to Streamline Governance in Buffalo and Erie County, New York,” in Volume 71 (2008) of the Albany Law Review; and “Cracking the Code: The Legal Authority Behind Extrastatutory Debtor-in-possession Financing Mechanisms and Their Prospects for Survival,” in the 2005 Survey published by the Columbia Business Law Review.

When I am not practicing law, I am actively involved in politics. I am a member of the Erie County Democratic Committee and of the New York State Democratic Committee, which votes on Democratic endorsements for statewide offices.

In November 2011, I finished with over 48% -- the highest vote total earned by a Democrat in decades -- in a special election for a longtime Republican seat in the Assembly, the lower house of the New York State Legislature.

I also have maintained my involvement in Mock Trial, as a member of the New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee, which writes the fact pattern each year for the annual High School Mock Trial Tournament in New York State; and as the Coordinator of the Tournament’s preliminary rounds in Erie County. Most important, I enjoy spending time with my loving and supportive family -- my wife Kate, whom I married in November 2011, and our ten-month-old daughter Colleen.

Favorite YMTA Memory:

In 2003, my team (which we called the “Yale B” team) qualified for the National Tournament in St. Paul. At the St. Paul National Tournament, called the “Silver Flight” nationals, where I won an All-American Witness award, the top two teams in each division won berths to the National Championship (“Gold”) tournament in Des Moines. We finished second in our division, with an 8-0 record, and won a trip to the Des Moines National Championship a few weeks later. (We would finish 3-5 in Des Moines, but we were very happy to be there.)

I have many favorite Mock Trial memories, but my most favorite was our performance at the National Tournament in St. Paul in 2003, because our team included several last-minute replacements for others who could not or did not want to spend four days of spring break in the Twin Cities. This team “cobbled together” in the week before Spring Break spent an entire Thursday in Minneapolis to put together examinations and rehearse, and went on to win every ballot on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I am still amazed by how well the team did under the circumstances.
Rhia Catapano

About: I’m a Pierson 2012 alum, and majored in Psychology. Although I’m originally from New York, I’ve been living in South Korea for over a year now. After coming to Korea with YMTA and having a great experience, I decided to get a job as an English teacher here after graduation. I teach an after school program for Elementary and Middle School students to learn English. I also teach high level English students in a debate class (that sometimes includes a Mock Trial, actually). In addition to teaching, I am also a Research Assistant at a Psychology lab in Korea, and hope to apply to graduate school in Psychology soon.

Whitney Haring-Smith

College: Morse
Major: Political Science BA/MA
Hometown: Washington, PA

About: After Yale, I pursued a doctorate in political science at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. I spent time consulting and election observing in Afghanistan, northern Iraq, Pakistan, Indonesia, Sudan, and (equally challenging) London.

I now work as a project leader for the Boston Consulting Group. I recently finished an eight-month business transformation in Nigeria. Prior to Lagos, I worked on heavy industry turnarounds in the United States for BCG’s San Francisco office, and low-carbon manufacturing strategy in Asia for BCG’s Hong Kong office. To date, I have worn through a couple pairs of steel-toed boots, though my collection of ties sit virtually untouched.

Favorite YMTA Memory: My favorite memories are definitely traveling out to the national tournaments with great friends after a long season.
Mariam Hinds

College: Silliman
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Trumbull, CT

About: Mariam Hinds is from Connecticut and attended Yale University where she majored in Psychology. She currently attends Stanford Law School where she is a member of the Stanford Law Review and also conducts research with the Stanford Criminal Justice Center on the statewide impact of California’s Realignment legislation. Mariam spent her 1L summer at The Bronx Defenders representing indigent criminal defendants. She split her 2L summer between Debevoise and Plimpton in New York City and The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. She will graduate in June 2014 and spend a year clerking in the Eastern District of New York. Afterwards, she hopes to become a public defender.

Favorite YMTA Memory: I think my favorite memory was the look on our captain’s face (he was a senior named John Robinson) when we won the Harvard Mock Trial Invitational. I really enjoyed being a small part of a moment that clearly brought him such pride and joy before he graduated from Yale.
Serrena Iyer

College: Silliman
Major: Applied Mathematics
Hometown: Greenwich, CT

About: At Yale I was involved in Math/Econ Tutoring, Hemispheres, the Yale Political Union, and the Class of 2012 Class Councils. I took my junior spring semester off to work at the White House in the National Economic Council under Gene Sperling. After graduating, I started working for Goldman Sachs as a trader in the Synthetic Products Group in the Equities Division. I currently focus on Int’l, specifically Emerging Market, equity derivative products. I live in New York City and in addition to work, I volunteer as a docent on the floor of the Museum of Mathematics.
Kaitlin Malloy

College: Silliman
Major: Ethics, Politics, and Economics
Hometown: Portola Valley, CA

About: Kaitlin grew up in Portola Valley, California. She was in Silliman and graduated from Yale College in 2009. She was awarded the Gordon Grand fellowship from Yale, which supported her to work in carbon finance in Brazil and Mexico for a year after graduation. Since 2011 she has been working at Oliver Wyman, a management consulting firm, based out of San Francisco. Her work with OW has taken her from exotic locations like Minneapolis to Bogota and Buenos Aires working on project in retail, aviation, healthcare and energy. In the fall Kaitlin will join the Stanford Graduate School of Business class of 2016.

Ngozi Joel Nezianya

College: Berkeley
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Zachary, Louisiana

About: Currently, I work as a Senior Research Analyst at the Democracy Alliance (DA) in Washington, DC. My work at the DA has included monitoring the performance and evaluating the impact of a multi-million dollar portfolio of community organizing, policy research, and issue advocacy organizations and helping develop philanthropic strategy for America’s most influential network of liberal political donors. I have also kept busy at the DA by leading the creation and launch of a new website to better aggregate and display data for donors; conducting secondary research to track dynamic political movements and hundreds of millions of dollars in conservative political funding; and maintaining relationships with progressive movement experts. Before the DA and right after college, I was selected as a Teaching Fellow at African Leadership Academy – an elite, pan-African boarding school outside of Johannesburg, South Africa.

There, I eventually became the Acting Head of the Leadership Department, and the hallmarks of that experience included spearheading the research, writing, and design of the Academy’s two year leadership curriculum; teaching courses in leadership and entrepreneurship; coaching students on developing and launching new nonprofit and for-profit social enterprises; and shaping school-wide academic and disciplinary policy.

Favorite YMTA Memory: It’s hard to choose just one favorite YMTA memory; so (in Mock Trial fashion), today, you will learn about three: First, being told that the car I borrowed (from Kyle Skinner, I think) to bring food to the judges at the Yale Invitational had been towed during the middle of the tournament. Second, traveling with two teams to ORCs (a.k.a. “Silver Nationals” for the older alums) in Greenville, SC my senior year and stopping at some hole in the wall restaurant off the highway to get one of the most delicious burgers I’ve ever had. Third, winning two top-10 trophies at nationals (8th place sophomore year and 7th place senior year) with my partner-in-crime, John Robinson.
About: At Yale, I served on the board of the YMTA all four years, including as Tournament Director. I’m now a trial attorney at Keker & Van Nest in San Francisco.

Whether writing speeches and public relations strategies for politicians, or drafting motions and conducting expert witness research for law firms, I focus on presenting information so as to persuade sophisticated audiences and laypersons alike. While at Berkeley Law, I volunteered at the school’s Veterans Law Practicum and its New Business Counseling Practicum, representing disabled military veterans during administrative appeals, and assisting not-for-profit start-ups respectively. My community work includes providing counseling and mentorship to underprivileged youth by coaching Mock Trial teams and guiding students through the college application process.

Outside of work, I enjoy the company of two chinchillas, and practice the art of letterpress printing in my design studio.

About: During Tochi’s time at Yale, he co-founded the Undergraduate Political Economy Reading Group at Yale and traveled extensively throughout the Balkans researching his senior thesis on regional illicit trade and how, during the wars in the 1990’s, it helped birth the current political-criminal apparatus. After working briefly at The Carter Center in Atlanta, GA, conducting research on international elections and election observation methodology, he enrolled at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, graduating in the spring of 2012 with a Masters of Fine Arts in Dramatic Writing. During his time there, he penned numerous screenplays and stageplays that explored facets of the international criminal organizations he studied at Yale. He was chosen, during his final year, to represent New York University as one of three student-delegates at the 4th Biennial Festival of Thinkers conference in Abu Dhabi. In 2011, a novella he wrote, featured in a science-fiction and fantasy anthology, garnered significant reviews in science-fiction review publications and was named by Locus Magazine as one of the Recommended Readings for 2011. In the fall of 2012, he enrolled at Columbia Law School. The summer following his first year, he worked with a prisoners’ rights organization in the West Bank. This summer, he will be working with a New York law firm. He is currently a 2L at Columbia Law School.

Favorite YMTA Memory: I was particularly proud of winning an All-American Witness Award at the national championship in Iowa at the end of the 2008-2009 season, particularly because our coach at the time hailed from Iowa and we’d raised a ruckus by acknowledging race in our case-in-chief (our plaintiff was an aspiring politician who, we insinuated, was the target of a smear campaign launched by defendant news broadcaster because of his race) and precipitating a subsequent change in the AMTA rules wherein teams could no longer introduce race into their case theories. The whole episode provided a brief moment of vindication, as our nuanced portrayal of characters of color seemed to go against the tide of stereotypes that had been the norm in witness testimony. The wonderful and affirming thing for us (and we have our rather maverick coach to thank for this) was that our case theory was a function of us, our team, and not simply “let’s devise this case-in-chief and find some people of color to put on our team.”

That entire season, one of the biggest pleasures I received out of competing was watching the looks on our competitors’ faces as we addressed the elephant in the room and no one on the other side of the aisle knew what to do about it. In South Carolina where we’d won a bid to go to Nationals that year, there was much furious flipping of pages. By the time we got to Iowa, it had become a point of pride.
Isaac Park

College: Calhoun
Major: Economics
Hometown: Germantown, TN

About: Isaac was born in a small town in Texas. His life has yet to fully recover. He is currently working as an Antitrust Research Specialist with Morrison & Foerster in Washington, D.C.

Stephen Silva

College: Calhoun
Major: Portuguese
Hometown: Tewksbury, MA

About: Stephen Silva is a former YMTA Vice President and All-American Witness who graduated from Yale College in 2010. He frequently channeled a flamboyantly gay Latino witness while competing on teams Bulldog, Eli, Los Barbudos, and the A Team from 2005-2010. After Yale, Stephen moved to New York City to work as a paralegal at Immigration Equality, a nonprofit that provides legal services to LGBT and HIV-positive asylum seekers and binational couples.

Stephen also volunteered as a peer counselor at Identity House, a volunteer organization that provides individual and group peer counseling to LGBT people New Yorkers. Currently, Stephen is a 1L at Harvard Law School. He works on social justice causes in the areas of indigent criminal defense, immigrant rights, LGBT equality, and mental health destigmatization.

Favorite YMTA Memory: One of Stephen’s favorite things about Mock Trial in general is seeing former teammates in unexpected places: subway tunnels, job interviews, and even the guy who volunteered to coach his Moot Court team.
Eric Tsytsylin

College: Jonathan Edwards
Major: Cognitive Science
Hometown: Forest Hills, NY

About: After graduating from Yale, Eric spent two years working at Millward Brown Optimor, a brand strategy consulting firm based in New York. He then went on to pursue his MBA at Stanford University, where he is currently in his final year. At Stanford, Eric serves as a personal development coach to first-year students as part of the Arbuckle Leadership Fellows Program and continues to build on the public speaking skills he acquired from Mock Trial as a member of the Mastery in Communication Initiative.

David Wertime

College: Morse
Major: English
Hometown: Jenkintown, PA

About: David Wertime graduated from Yale in 2001 as an English major. He is now a Senior Editor at Foreign Policy Magazine, a position he began in Sept. 2013 after a website he founded, Tea Leaf Nation, was acquired by the Washington Post Company (now called Graham Holdings Co.), which owns the Foreign Policy Group. Immediately after graduating from Yale, David served a Peace Corps Volunteer in Western China, and then attended Harvard Law School. After receiving his JD in 2007, and before founding his business, David practiced corporate law at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in Hong Kong.
MEET THE YMTA IN PERSON

There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to meet the team. If we qualify for the national competition, we’ll be practicing through April, and would love to have alumni come preside over practice trials and provide feedback on performances. Each year we begin practicing in September, and would also welcome alumni to come help in the fall.

We provide three judging opportunities throughout the year: the Yale Invitational, Bulldog Invitational (for high school students), and New Haven Regional.

If you would like to come down for a day to help us out, or would like to judge at or help run a Yale tournament, please contact YMTA President Alex Feiock at alexander.feiock@yale.edu.

SUPPORT YALE MOCK TRIAL

The YMTA is one of the most competitive programs in the country. Last season we placed 11th at the national tournament, despite the fact that our association was comprised of mostly freshmen. You have all set the foundation for our club’s success, but we’re continuing to grow; we are defined by our determination and drive to succeed, not just as “mock” attorneys now, but as attorneys in the future. To do that we need your help. Please show us and the entire Yale community your support by sponsoring or donating to our student-run organization and helping us achieve our dream.

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