



Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

PRESENTED BY

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Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University



2014 Puerto Rican Bar Association
Moot Court Competition
“Three-Peat” Champions
Tameka Franco & Loren Vasquez

The Competition

- ▶ Historic Osceola County Courthouse in Kissimmee
- ▶ Our Competitors
 - ▶ UNC School of Law
 - ▶ Cornell University School of Law
 - ▶ Barry University
 - ▶ Nova Southeastern University
 - ▶ St. Johns University
 - ▶ Universidad Interamericana
 - ▶ Pontifica Universidad Catolica
 - ▶ New York Law School
- ▶ FAMU competed against UNC, then Cornell, in two 15 minute rounds



Best Team: FAMU College of Law
Based on Written Brief
and Oral Arguments

Best Advocate: Tameka Franco
Based on Performance
during Oral Arguments

“How to Win a Moot Court Competition”

- ▶ Brainstormed and researched during the Summer
- ▶ Spent the month of September writing the brief
 - ▶ Facilitated and supervised by coaches Kristy D’Angelo Corker and Rebecca Olavarria
 - ▶ 25-page appellate brief
 - ▶ 3 separate sub-issues
 - ▶ Topic: the application of the Federal Death Penalty Act to United States Citizens residing in Puerto Rico
- ▶ From September 26 until October 11: Practice Oral Arguments
 - ▶ Memorized legal arguments
 - ▶ Perfected delivery and presentation
 - ▶ Responded to questions from the practice judges
 - ▶ Strengthened arguments
 - ▶ Analyzed competitors’ briefs

- ▶ **Preparation**
- ▶ **Commitment**
- ▶ **Dedication**
- ▶ **Teamwork**
- ▶ **Great Coaches**
- ▶ **Great Staff**
- ▶ **Practice**
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“At FAMU, Great Things Are Happening Every Day.”

“It’s A New Season”

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