

# OTLA CUP COMPETITION

Each year, OTLA lawyers volunteer their time to support the development of trial skills, civility and professionalism amongst law school students by organizing the OTLA Cup. Law schools from across Ontario compete in a simulated trial which covers all aspects of a real court case. The OTLA Cup is held each year in a courthouse, rotating amongst various cities around the province, and is presided over by a local judge, with OTLA members making up the jury. Through the generous support of various law firms, OTLA members award prizes to the law students who exemplify the best in trial advocacy.

The 2013 OTLA Cup was held at the Superior Court of Justice Toronto Courthouse on March 2. The jury was made up of seven OTLA members: Michelle Jorge, Diana Lara, Nicole Correiro, Allan Rouben, Mike Shannon, Dylan Crosby, and Sig Pantazis. The Honourable Justice Thomas McEwan presided.

**Tim Boland Award for Best Overall Advocate**

Rachel McMillan, University of Western Ontario

**Will Davidson Award for Best Opening Argument**

Emily Wunder, Osgoode Hall Law School

**H. Bruce T. Hillyer Award for Best Closing Argument**

Melissa Novis, University of Windsor

**Greg Monforton Award for Best Examination-Chief**

Bianca Bielecki, University of Ottawa

**George Bonn Award for Best Cross-Examination**

Manav Singhla, Queen's University

**Bergeron Clifford Award for Best Team**

Matt Masters & Emily Wunder, University of Windsor

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L-R: Bianca Bielecki and Petrina Wallebeck (Ottawa); Rachel McMillan and Kristen Ogden (Western); Melissa Novis and Jason Rosen (Windsor); Mr. Justice Thomas J. McEwan; Megan Rolland and Manav Singhla (Queen's); Emily Wunder and Matt Masters (Osgoode).

