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UB LAW STUDENTS FINISH FIRST IN MOOT COURT CONTEST

UB law students Mark Metz and Peter Abdella conquered seven other teams to take top honors in the first annual Domenick J. Gabrielli Moot Court Competition. The contest took place at Albany Law School on March 23 in the Albany Court of Appeals Chamber.

The two students brought back to UB more than glory. Their trophy, a hand-formed Steuben crystal bowl, is now on display in Dean Newhouse's office, where it will remain for one year.

Mr. Metz said their first place ranking going into the semi-finals was a "surprise."

"I thought we'd written a good brief, but I didn't know what the other schools would be like," he said.

They won a coin flip and argued on-brief. Despite this advantage, they were still wary going into the finals.

"Fortunately, we had a very active bench for the finals," Mr. Abdella said. "They were really impressive. They knew all our cases and they really knew their stuff. It was striking."

At the head of the bench sat Judge Gabrielli, with Second Circuit Judge Roger Miner, Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Bellacos, and Appellate Division Judges Howard Levine and Leonard Weiss. ■

*Excerpted from an article in
The Opinion by Paul W. Kullman*



Mark Metz, left, and Peter Abdella bowl them over in Albany.



LEARNING LEXIS

Part of the M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education was transformed into a computer lab for three weeks last spring as first year students learned how to search LEXIS and WESTLAW. Sixteen extra terminals were borrowed for this training period so that each student could have a hands-on instructional session. In addition, over 150 second and third year students attended refresher sessions or sessions on specialized computer searching in the areas of taxation, bankruptcy and international law.

WADE NEWHOUSE APPOINTED DEAN

On July 1, 1986, Wade J. Newhouse, a 28-year veteran of the Law School faculty, began a two-year term as dean. Dean Newhouse succeeded acting Dean John H. Schlegel, who was named to fill the post temporarily after the resignation of Dean Thomas E. Headrick in August, 1985.

Commending the appointment of Dean Newhouse, University Provost William R. Greiner observed, "He's the one with the longest teaching experience and administrative service on the faculty. He's done extraordinary work in his several administrative assignments within the faculty. He's absolutely dedicated to the welfare of the school and the students. He gets on well with the alumni and is very highly regarded by the people within the university with whom he has worked over the years."

Dean Newhouse does indeed bring a wealth of experience to his new position. He has served twice as associate dean, once as assistant dean, and twice as director of

the Charles B. Sears Law Library. He has also served as director of the Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government Law.

Born Nov. 22, 1922, Dean Newhouse received his bachelor of arts degree in 1948 from Southwestern at Memphis, a liberal arts college in Memphis, Tenn. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1951. After a two year stint as a legislative research assistant at Michigan, he went to Omaha, Nebraska, to accept a teaching position at Creighton University Law School.

Four years later, Dean Newhouse went to New York to attend Columbia University Law School as a Ford Foundation teacher fellow. The following year, 1958, he began his long and distinguished tenure at the University of Buffalo, originally teaching international law and constitutional law. Since 1969 he has taught law and public education, collective bargaining and constitutional law. Dean Newhouse has published books and articles in those areas. ■