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### **LAW SCHOOL INTERNS NEVEIL AND SORETH WIN DA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**



NORRISTOWN, Pa. – Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announced the winners of the DA's Office 13th Annual Summer Intern Mock Trial Competition for second-year law students. Taking first place were Alison Neveil from Temple University Beasley School of Law and Gabriela Soreth, who attends Villanova Law School. Taking second place were Tanner Beck (Penn State Law) and Gwen Kull (University of Pennsylvania Law School).

The competitors were certified legal summer interns—all second-year law students—who were approved and certified under Pa. B.A.R. 321 and 322 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. That certification allowed them to practice law in District Court and Court of Common Pleas this summer under the supervision of the office's Assistant District Attorneys. Throughout the summer, the second-year law students handled bench warrants, Gagnon orders, guilty pleas, arraignments and other legal proceedings.

The Mock Trial competition was held the week of August 8, with the final round on August 12, 2016, in Courtroom G of the Montgomery County Courthouse. The finalists prosecuted a hypothetical case that included legal hurdles and factual inconsistencies to create difficulty in the case. Other interns acted as witnesses and detectives in the case, and the jury was made up of Assistant District Attorneys. First Assistant District Attorney Edward F. McCann, Jr., sat as the Judge for the case.

The nine second-year law students were part of a summer class of 36 interns that included undergraduate, first-year law and second-year law students. Interns hailed from Cabrini College, Columbia, Drexel, Duke, George Washington, Kutztown, University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, Syracuse, Temple, Villanova, West Chester and Widener.

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