HUGH WOODING LAW SCHOOL
REGIONAL WINNER – CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA

Hugh Wooding Law School is the Regional Winner – Caribbean & Central America in the Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition which was held at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York. Stephen Roberts won an award for Outstanding Advocacy. Hugh Wooding Law School has qualified for the international finals at Oxford University, England during the period April 8–13, 2013.

This was the first time that Hugh Wooding Law School entered this competition. The Law School was represented by Stephen Roberts (Guyana), Cara Shillingford (Dominica), Carlon Mendoza (Trinidad and Tobago). The team’s coach is Akhail Khan, a Tutor at the Law School.

The Americas Regional Round of the competition was held during the period January 24–27, 2013. The Region of the Americas has three groups; North America; Caribbean and Central America; and South America. The other entrants in the Caribbean and Central American Round were: Norman Manley Law School (Jamaica), Eugene Dupuch Law School (Bahamas), University of the West Indies (Jamaica), Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) and Universidad Panamericana (Mexico).

THE HUGH WOODING TEAM ADVANCES TO INTERNATIONAL FINALS

The North Atlantic Regional Rounds for the 17th Annual Stetson International Moot Court Competition was hosted by the American University, College of Law, Washington DC. Students from sixteen law schools from across the region eagerly fought for the opportunity to be one of the two regional finalists, who would advance to the International Finals to be held in Tampa from March 21 to 23, 2013.

The competition, which spanned 3 days, was keen and preparation was obvious from the very first moot. Our team, comprising Miss Danielle Edwards and Miss Luan Harford had to moot a total of six times. They were required to moot for both the Applicants and the Respondents in the various rounds.

The fact-pattern which forms the basis of the moot dealt with the novel area of trans-boundary haze pollution and a State’s responsibility to protect against specie extinction. Our team engaged in nuanced environmental arguments before environmental practitioners and academics, all of whom praised the team for exceptional advocacy ability. Miss Harford and Miss Edwards received the awards for the second best advocate and fourth best advocate respectively.

The Hugh Wooding Law School team competed in the regional finals against the University of Pepperdine, California. Judges were split on the final decision, but the Hugh Wooding Law School won on legal argument and merit, but the University of Pepperdine won the moot overall. Both teams now, advance to the International Finals.