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Dayton, Ohio, February 3, 1986 -- A team of third-year University of Dayton law students took first place in regional rounds of the National Mock Trial Competition held January 31 to February 2 in Lansing, Michigan.

The team of Kathy Kerchansky and Ted Gudorf won the event. A second UD School of Law team of Dana Cole and Drew Segadelli finished in third place. The regional competition saw 16 teams from law schools in Ohio and Michigan vie for the opportunity to compete in the national finals in Houston, Texas in March. Kerchansky and Gudorf will advance to the finals.

The National Mock Trial Competition tests students' trial advocacy skills by means of repeated courtroom "trials" of the same case. Teams of students argue their cases against other teams before a panel of judges. The trials take place over three days. The regional round was hosted by the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Professors Thomas Hagel and Dennis Turner serve as coaches and advisors to the teams. Local attorneys and UD School of Law alumni Dennis Leiberman, Michael Lewis, Michael O'Laughlin, and Dana Stamps also helped the students prepare for the competition.
Leiberman and O'Laughlin were standouts in similar competitions while attending the UD School of Law.

Ted Gudorf, Dana Cole, and Drew Segadelli are Dayton residents. Kathy Kerchansky lives in Springfield.

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