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## School 58 Mock Trial



Appellate Division, Fourth Department Presiding Justice Henry J. Scudder presents a first place award to Aileen DeLeon and Cheyann Rivers, winners of the School 58 Moot Court Competition.

The Appellate Division, Fourth Department sponsored a moot court competition June 9 for seventh grade students attending World of Inquiry School No. 58.

The Appellate Division established a partnership with the school last year in an effort to promote volunteer activities in the community. School 58 is an expeditionary learning school within walking distance of the Appellate Division courthouse. Instruction is project-based, involving students in field research, often with the support of professionals from the larger community.

In November, the 70 seventh grade students attending School 58 had the opportunity to tour the Appellate Division, meet judges, lawyers and staff, and observe oral arguments.

Five students returned in January for two days of intensive study. Those students sat on the bench with Presiding Justice Henry J. Scudder, heard arguments presented by Appellate Division law assistants and prepared a written decision. The program culminated with the first-ever middle school moot court competition held at the Appellate Division. Eleven students participated, arguing before a panel of three Appellate Division judges and a courtroom full of proud parents, friends and teachers.

— James Mulley



The award presented to the 11 participants in the 2010 School 58 Moot Court Competition



Charisse Warnick and her father after the June 9 competition



Cheyann Rivers presents her argument to Justice Nancy Smith, Presiding Justice Henry J. Scudder and Justice Stephen K. Lindley as Aileen DeLeon and Nico Lopez look on.