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March 16, 1998**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
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MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SAN FRANCISCO — Two Golden Gate University School of Law Mock Trial teams have won two Western regional championships in recent months. In February, the three-person team of Jules Binder, Vladie Viltman, and Sharad Milanfar went undefeated in four trials to win the regional championship of the National Mock Trial Competition.

On March 7, Heidi Larsen, Arron Nesbitt, Joanna Opperman, and Frank Adam defeated the team from Boalt in the semi-trial round to win the Western Regional Competition of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Student Trial Competition. These students are headed for Washington D.C. to compete in the Nationals. They will join other winners of the ATLA regional competitions at a reception with members of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. on March 26. Their coach is Steven Lightfoot, a 1991 J.D. graduate from Golden Gate.

The latest victory represents the eighth time that a team from Golden Gate University has won a regional trial championship. The Law School's teams have also captured gold, silver, and bronze medals in numerous other trial competitions. The school's mock trial teams have competed in national competitions in Chicago, Texas, and Florida. Competing on equal footing with the finest law schools in the country, Golden Gate University teams have defeated teams from Harvard and Yale and from all over California.

The mock trial competition successes are a direct result of the Law School's excellent Trial Advocacy program taught by Professors Bernie Segal, Susan Rutberg, and Allan Brotsky. Professor Segal has been particularly instrumental in developing the mock trial teams, having put in countless hours coaching teams at Golden Gate over the past 23 years.