

## **In The Spotlight with: Chase Carter, Law Student, Ohio Northern University**

By Kate Feeks

Chase Carter, a law student at Ohio Northern University, will be on *Law Talk* with host John Celebrezze to discuss his recent win of the Ohio Northern Law School Anthony J. Celebrezze Appellate Advocacy Competition. This show will run throughout the month of August on Wadsworth Cable (WCTV) Public Access Channel 15, Brunswick Area Television (BAT) Public access Chanel 21, and Armstrong Cable Access Channel 37.

The Appellate Advocacy Competition is named in honor of the late Anthony J Celebrezze, LLB '36 , distinguished alumnus of the Ohio Northern College of Law and former judge on the Sixth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. This year's competition was held on Thursday April 15, 2010. The competition is offered each year to all second and third year law students.

Students interested in competing must register. Once students are registered they are presented with the case question. Arguments on the given case then begin in about a week.

The problem presented to the competitors usually focuses on a controversial issue that will be heard by the United States Supreme Court. This year's question was whether the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is incorporated as against the Fourteenth Amendment's Privileges and Immunities or Due Process Clause?

The competition was based on the United States Supreme Court case of *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, a Second Amendment case. This year the competition required competing in and winning a series of five rounds of arguments before the moot court executive board, faculty members, two judges; Judge John Williamowski, Ohio Third District Court of Appeals, Judge Thomas Bryant, Ohio Third District Court of Appeals (Ret.) and David Crago, Dean of the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. The entire competition takes approximately three weeks from start to finish.

The Second Amendment is a sensitive subject to many citizens. Some Americans really identify with this Amendment and hold a strong position on the right to bear arms. "The Second Amendment for me is a personal issue. I grew up in a rural area and hunting was a big part of my life. I saw this topic for the debate and I thought it was a great opportunity for me to research a topic I am very interested in" Carter explained.

Chase Carter is from Bainbridge, Ohio where he graduated from Paint Valley High School. He then attended Capital University in Bexley, Ohio where he majored in political science and public administration. Chase has just completed his second year of law school at Ohio Northern University. While attending Ohio Northern he has been a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment Society as the sergeant at arms, a member of the Criminal Law Society, along with the Student Bar Association Election Committee, and he was a legal intern for the Ross County Prosecutors Office. After law school Chase plans to open a private practice in Ross County, Ohio.

To learn more about the outcome of the actual court case, watch for the interview with Chase Carter and Mr. Celebrezze on *Law Talk* .