

In The Spotlight with: Jacqueline Dobbert, Law Student, Ohio Northern University

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Jacqueline Dobbert, a law student at Ohio Northern University, will be on the show ***Law Talk*** with host John Celebrezze to discuss her recent win of Ohio Northern Law School's Anthony J. Celebrezze Appellate Advocacy Competition. This show will run on Wadsworth Cable (WCTV) Public Access Channel 15, Brunswick Area Television (BAT) Public Access Channel 21, and Armstrong Cable Access Channel 37 in Medina County along with Clear Picture Channels 21 & 22 in Wooster and Massillon.

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 justice on the Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals. This year's competition was held on Wednesday April 4, 2012. The competition is offered each year to all second and third year law students.

This year's moot court competition competitors were Jacqueline Dobbert, Respondent, and Dan Jones, Petitioner.

Dobbert, this year's winner of the competition, is from Greentown, Indiana. She graduated with a B.S. in biology from Manchester College. A little known fact about her is that she went to college on an opera scholarship, and has performed at Carnegie Hall. She also enjoys playing tennis and the piano. Her post law school plan is to specialize in intellectual property.

"The Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law Moot Court Program is a prestigious competition and it has always been an honor to be able to compete in it. I knew that it was something that I was going to want to do and finally I had the opportunity, so I decided to do it" noted Dobbert.

Dan Jones is a second-year law student from Ashland, Ohio. He graduated from the Ohio Northern University College of Arts and Sciences in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in political science and English literature. He hopes to practice international business or immigration law after graduation.

The question presented to the competitors this year was whether the Arizona immigration law, S.B. 1070, is pre-empted by the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act?

After working through the problem and competing, Dobbert's view on the issue was that the State of Arizona could handle this crisis in a more appropriate way. "I can definitely understand where the State of Arizona is coming from when you read the statistics on some of the problems that they are facing. At the same time there are some serious issues with the State of Arizona to implement this plan because this country as a whole is going to have to, at the end of the day, answer for the way that the State of Arizona treats any citizen of any country that happens to be in the State of Arizona. There has been condemnation of this policy throughout the world and that is something that we as American citizens will all have to answer for, which is a reason our founding fathers wanted one national immigration policy" Dobbert said.

To learn more about the competition and the outcome of the court ruling on this case, watch for the interview with Jacqueline Dobbert by John Celebrezze, host of *Law Talk* .

