Mocking and Mooting, Then and Now

A long tradition at Michigan Law, mock trials and moot courts help to train students for their careers in the courtroom. In the bottom photo, from November 2010, students from the General Clinic argue a larceny from a vehicle case in front of Ann Arbor attorney Drew McGuinness, ’88, acting as trial judge. Arguing for the prosecution are 2Ls Nick Hirst and Molly Storey, and for the defense are 2Ls Jonathan Fleischman and Cara Wall. “Participating in the mock trial was nerve-wracking, but I really enjoyed challenging myself to deliver an effective closing argument to help win the case,” Storey says of the experience. “The feedback provided to us by our professors, the student jurors, and the judge was extremely beneficial in developing our litigation skills.” Jurors are middle-school students from Detroit’s Pierre Toussaint Academy.