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CHICAGO-KENT WINS 32ND ANNUAL NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION Keya Rajput also wins Best Advocate Award

Chicago—April 9, 2007--Keya Rajput, a third-year student at Chicago-Kent College of Law, and her teammate, Joshua Jones, are the winners of the 32nd annual National Trial Competition, the premier trial advocacy tournament in the United States, after defeating six nationally ranked trial teams during the final rounds of the contest held March 29 to 31 in Houston.

Rajput, the daughter of Hemant and Minoti Rajput of West Bloomfield, Michigan, also received the competition's Best Advocate Award. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan, where she majored in political science and French.

"The Chicago-Kent trial advocacy team has not only given me an opportunity to craft and argue both criminal and civil cases across the country, but it has also given me confidence to be a good advocate after I graduate. I will leave the team knowing that I have a family of truly dedicated teammates and coaches from whom I have learned excellent trial advocacy skills and from whom I will, no doubt, continue to learn as I build my own career as an attorney," said Rajput..

Sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the trial competition involved more than 1,000 law students competing on 280 teams and representing 147 U.S. law schools. To reach the final round of competition, Rajput and Jones finished first among 20 teams competing for one of 13 regional championships, then defeated three teams in the national preliminary rounds to advance to the national quarterfinals.

The quarterfinals featured trials between Chicago-Kent and University of North Carolina; Temple University and University of Houston; University of Notre Dame and University of California-Hastings; and Stanford University and Pepperdine University. After defeating North Carolina in the quarterfinals and Pepperdine in the semifinals, Chicago-Kent prevailed over Temple to win the championship.

Chicago-Kent College of Law is the law school of Illinois Institute of Technology, a private, Ph.D.-granting institution with programs in engineering, psychology, architecture, business, design and law. With more than 1,100 students, Chicago-Kent offers full-time and part-time J.D. and LL.M. degree programs as well as joint-degree programs with other IIT units, including Stuart School of Business.