



Sixteen Elite Law Schools Face Off in Los Angeles for Prestigious National Civil Trial Competition

LOS ANGELES — Sixteen of the nation's top law schools will compete in the 24th Annual Greene Broillet & Wheeler National Civil Trial Competition (NCTC), hosted by LMU Loyola Law School and proudly sponsored by Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP. The event takes place November 21–23, with preliminary rounds at Loyola and the Santa Monica Courthouse, with final rounds at Loyola Law School.

Designed to test advocacy, analysis, and persuasion, the competition features 64 student litigants who will try the fictional case *Vazquez v. Betemedhin*, a dramatic civil suit involving a journalist who claims she was harassed and threatened while investigating powerful figures in the entertainment industry.

“This competition reflects the essence of trial advocacy, mastering the facts, thinking on your feet, and fighting for justice,” said GBW partner Ivan Puchalt, who will deliver the keynote address at Thursday's Welcome Event and also serve as a judge during the preliminary rounds. “Each year, we see remarkable skill and passion from these students. Their preparation and professionalism give us real confidence in the future of trial work, and we're proud to support the next generation of trial lawyers who will lead our profession.”

This year's competition also marks the debut of John Henry, newly appointed Director of Trial Advocacy at Loyola Law School. A Loyola alumnus and longtime coach for the Byrne Trial Team, Henry said, “The NCTC captures what great trial work is all about, real-world skill, ethics, and community. I'm honored to be part of continuing that legacy.”

2025 Participating Schools:

- Baylor University School of Law
- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Georgetown University Law Center
- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- Samford University Cumberland School of Law
- South Texas College of Law Houston
- St. Mary's University School of Law
- Stetson University College of Law
- Syracuse University College of Law
- Temple University Beasley School of Law
- The University of Akron School of Law
- UC Berkeley School of Law
- UCLA School of Law
- University of Houston Law Center
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

About Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP:

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