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Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office Intern Trial Competition 2015

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman announces the results of the DA’s Office’s 12th Annual Summer Intern Trial Competition held between August 5th and August 10th, 2015. Six law students competed in this year’s competition. The competitors were certified legal interns from this summer’s class of thirty volunteers. The six competitors in this summer’s competition are approved and certified under Pa. B.A.R. 321 and 322 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court so that they could practice law in the District Courts and Courts of Common Pleas under the supervision of the Deputy District Attorneys in the office.
The final round of the competition took place on August 10, 2015, in Courtroom 4 of the Montgomery County Courthouse. The finalists prosecuted an elaborate case where the Defendant was charged with First Degree Murder. This hypothetical scenario was created by Jill Neal, a staff member of the District Attorney’s Office, and included legal hurdles and factual inconsistencies to create difficulty in the case. The District Attorney sat as the Judge for the case and the Jury was made up of Assistant District Attorneys and staff. This year’s winners were Kelsey Ashworth and Caroline Goldstein. Kelsey is from Lancaster, PA, and is entering her third year at Drexel University School of Law. Caroline is from Wayne, and is entering her third year at Villanova University School of Law. The runners-up were: Ryan Morris of Farmington, CT, and Temple University School of Law; and Gabrielle Hughes of Ambler, and Drexel University School of Law.

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