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William & Mary Law School's Moot Court team is ranked eighth in the nation, moving up two spots from a year ago, according to new data compiled by the University of Houston Law Center. Go to the rankings:

<https://www.law.uh.edu/blakely/mcnc/rankings.asp>. As one of the top 16 teams, William & Mary students will travel to Houston in January 2020 to compete in the annual Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship.

"The team added to last year's success by implementing goals to improve their brief writing skills, and by coming together more frequently for oral argument preparation," said Jennifer R. Franklin, Professor of the Practice of Law and the Moot Court Program's faculty advisor. "Third-year students Afton Paris, Daniel Cohen, and Bethany Fogerty have been instrumental in helping our newer members of the team develop their skills. With every competition this year, I was overwhelmed by our students' skills, dedication and professionalism."

Each year teams representing the Law School compete in inter-collegiate moot court tournaments around the nation. The Law School's Moot Court Program hosts the William B. Spong, Jr., Invitational Moot Court Tournament each year.

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