The Washburn University School of Law negotiation competition team of Jessica Stabler and Kevin Kemp took fourth place at the national finals Feb. 3-4, 2012. The American Bar Association/Law School Division (ABA/LSD) Negotiation Competition was held at the mid-year ABA meeting in New Orleans, La.

The team of Stabler and Kemp beat 224 teams of 448 law students from 116 law schools across the country.

The Washburn team qualified for the national competition when they took second place in the finals of the Region 8 ABA/LSD Negotiation Competition in November.

Shawn Leisinger, executive director, Centers for Excellence, is the coach of the Negotiation Competition team.

“I was complimented by a number of the round judges and National Negotiation Committee members on the class and professionalism our Washburn team demonstrated throughout the national competition rounds,” said Leisinger. “I was proud to have other coaches comment that Washburn is one of the recognized competitive teams to try to beat in the ABA/LSD Negotiation Competition.”

TWO ADMISSIONS EMPLOYEES RETIRE; NEW DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT NAMED

Washburn University School of Law Director of Admissions Karla Whitaker retired this summer after more than eight years in that position. During her tenure, Whitaker directed a national recruiting effort on behalf of the law school. She always made time to personally contact prospective students, giving them a first taste of the student-centered atmosphere they would experience at Washburn Law.

Sandy Knipp, admissions assistant, retired in June after seven-plus years in that position. Knipp was often the first contact prospective students had with Washburn Law. She provided a professional and friendly environment, which has encouraged students to take the next step in attending Washburn Law.

Yolanda Ingram, ’95, was named Assistant to the Dean, Director of Admissions. She brings 10 years of experience to Washburn Law after serving as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Director of the Conditional Admissions Program, and as the Director of the Academic Support Program for the University of Memphis School of Law. Ingram graduated with honors in 1995 from Washburn University School of Law. She joined the Admissions Office in mid-July. Janessa Akin, assistant director of Admissions, served as acting director in the interim.

Cory Payne joined the Admissions Office on Aug. 6 as the new office assistant. She previously worked in the undergraduate Admissions Office at Washburn University.