



### Mock Trial Team Qualifies for National Championship Tournament



Cornell's mock trial team, in only its third year of existence, took first place at their opening round championship site in Kansas City to advance to the national championship tournament. The team finished 7-1 in Kansas City besting teams from the University of Colorado, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Central Missouri State University and splitting a decision with Washington University in St. Louis. Cornell was one of three Iowa schools in the national tournament and one of the five liberal arts colleges in the 48 team field in Des Moines. A seasoned squad will return in the fall as only one team member graduates this spring. The 3rd Annual Pohlmann Invitational Tournament at Cornell College will be held October 31—November 1.

### U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts speaks in Des Moines

A dozen pre-law students travelled to Drake University Law School in October to hear Chief Justice John Roberts deliver the Opperman Lecture in Constitutional Law. Prior to the lecture, students toured the law school and learned about Drake's academic programs. Then, Chief Justice Roberts shared his thoughts about advances in technology for legal research and scholarship. Following the lecture, students attended a Des Moines attorney alumni reception hosted by Craig Shives '67 at the offices of Nyemaster, Goode, West, Hansell, & O'Brien, P.C. in downtown Des Moines. Past alumni board president, Lu Ann White '78, also attended the reception and engaged the students about law careers.



### Students tour law schools in Chicago, attend academic symposium at Iowa

Block breaks were quite productive for pre-law students this year. During the November break, students travelled to Chicago to visit the University of Chicago, Loyola University Chicago, and Northwestern University law schools. In addition to admission presentations and tours, students were also able to sit in on a class. As part of the trip, students also had breakfast with an intellectual property professor from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and had dinner with Cornell alumni attorneys in downtown Chicago. The February block break brought students down to Iowa City to attend the *Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice* Symposium focused on the Varnum v. Brien case, the Iowa Supreme Court Case which legalized same-sex marriage in Iowa. Three Cornell alumni currently attending Iowa law visited with the students to share their experiences with law school and how Cornell effectively prepared them.



### Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity initiates ten new members, co-sponsors fashion show



Cornell's pre-law chapter, only one of three in Iowa, of Phi Alpha Delta initiated ten new members to the fraternity as part of their fall and spring rush programs. Major chapter activities this year included co-sponsoring a "What (Not) To Wear" Fashion Show highlighting appropriate and inappropriate business attire with the Business Interest Group and coordinating four "Lunch With A Lawyer" events featuring new attorney Rachel Antonuccio '02, litigator Natalie Ditmars from a Cedar Rapids law firm, family law attorney Jake Koller, and Tim Wynes '83, chancellor of Iowa Valley Community College. Chapter officers also travelled to St. Louis to participate in a PAD Pre-Law Symposium.

### Cornell Seniors admitted to ten law schools and enter workforce

Collectively, seniors who applied to law schools for fall 2009 were admitted to ten different schools across the country. Schools include Chicago-Kent, City University of New York, Drake University, Hamline University, Howard University, Rutgers University, Saint Louis University, Seattle University, University of Denver, and the University of Iowa. Amber Fricke (left) will be attending the University of Iowa and Leslie Tweeton (right) will be at Drake University. Other pre-law seniors are pursuing jobs in business, public policy, and agriculture prior to applying to law school after having work experience.

