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And the winner is...

People in the Law

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Norfolk ADA Sean Riley was given the 2017 Paul McLaughlin Trial Advocacy Award for Top Prosecutor after five months of competition in six Massachusetts counties this summer.

"We are lucky to have Sean Riley working in the office and on behalf of the people of Norfolk County," said District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey. "We take training and professional development of our attorneys very seriously, so that we have the most skilled, ethical and practiced people seeking justice for our victims and protecting our rights. Very pleased for Sean."

In addition to his work as a trial attorney in the Quincy District Court, Riley also serves as a Captain in the United States Army Reserves, assigned to the Judge Advocate General Corps.

ON THE TOWN

2017 Advanced Trial Training finalists do themselves (and their mentors) proud

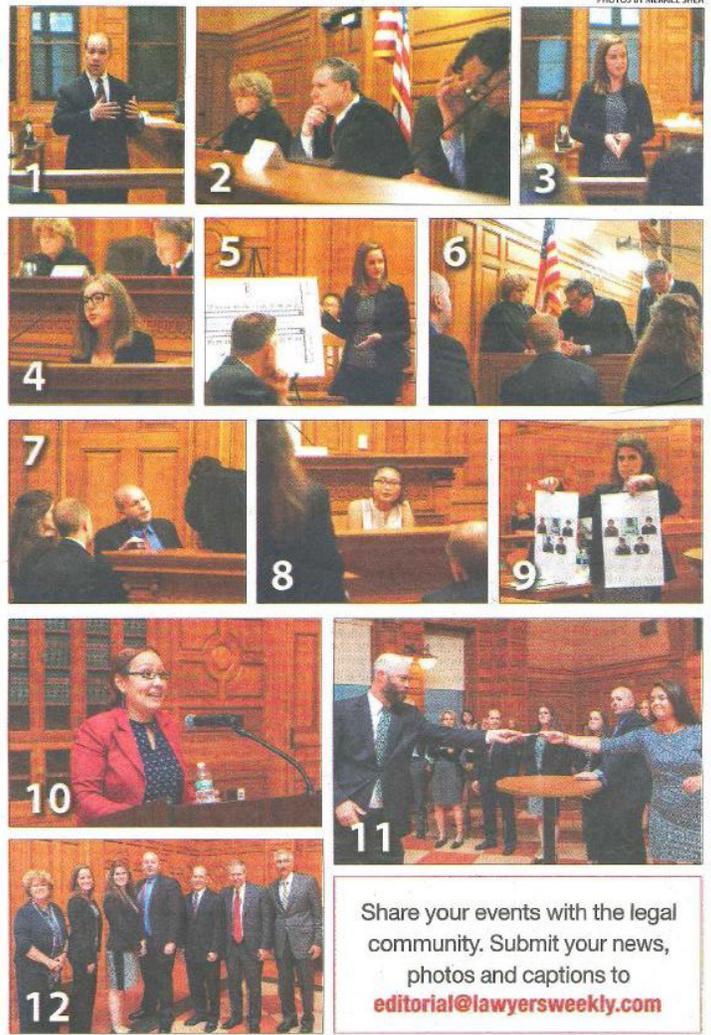
Following five months of competition in six counties, the 2017 Advanced Trial Training finalists faced off on June 1 at the John Adams Court in Boston. Supreme Judicial Court Justice David A. Lowy, Appeals Court Judge Sydney Hanlon and Superior Court Judge Jeffrey A. Locke presided over the trial. Following the verdict, Cara O'Donnell of the CPCS in Worcester County was deemed the top defense

litigator, for which she received the Peter J. Muse Trial Advocacy Award from Superior Court Judge Christopher J. Muse. Top prosecutor honors went to Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Sean Riley, who was handed the Paul McLaughlin Trial Advocacy Award from Locke. For seven years, Superior Court Judge Robert N. Tochka, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley, the Committee

for Public Counsel Services and Suffolk Lawyers for Justice have organized a program in Suffolk County to develop trial advocacy skills and to encourage collegiality between the defense and prosecution. The annual Advanced Trial Training Program pairs "seasoned" lawyers (both defense and prosecution) to work closely with and mentor junior attorneys as they work through a six-week mock trial program.

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- Riley, winner of the Paul McLaughlin Trial Advocacy Award for Top Prosecutor, presents his opening argument to the jury.
- From left: Judges Hanlon, Lowy and Locke listen to the arguments.
- O'Donnell, recipient of the Peter J. Muse Trial Advocacy Award for Top Defense Counsel, gives her opening.
- 'Another Course to College' student Meredith Zielonka testifying as witness 'Gale Fitzgerald'
- O'Donnell of CPCS in Worcester County
- Locke addresses the parties at sidebar. From left: Kevin Canty of CPCS in Plymouth County, Hanlon, Riley, Lowy and Worcester County ADA Paige Barton
- Kevin Canty of CPCS in Plymouth County makes a point at sidebar to Judge Locke while ADAs Paige Barton and Sean Riley look on.
- 'Another Course to College' student Cynthia Phan testifying as witness 'Officer Wright'
- Worcester County ADA Paige Barton publishes exhibits to the jury.
- Migdalia Iris Nalls, a lawyer in CPCS's Youth Advocacy Division and president of the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys, presents the Gerald Howland Best Witness Award. Howland, associate headmaster of Boston Latin School, coached the student witnesses and was Nalls' high school teacher and longtime mentor.
- Marc Chamblee, CPCS supervising attorney in the Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court, serves as clerk and accepts the verdict from the jury foreperson, Superior Court law clerk Jaclyn B. Latessa
- From left: Hanlon with Advanced Trial Training finalists Cara O'Donnell, Paige Barton, Kevin Canty and Sean Riley, as well as Lowy and Tochka



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