

AUA Law students take 1st place in IHL Competition

On March 20, 2009 AUA law students won first place in a national competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Last year was the first time that AUA participated, and last year's team also won first place.



Organized annually by the local ICRC, the 4 day competition tests students' legal knowledge and legal advocacy skills. In teams of 3, students face a series of role playing exercises culminating in an international criminal moot court trial between finalists. The winning team included AUA Law students Sona Ghazazyan, Stepan Khzrtyan and Susanna Vardanyan. Stepan Khzrtyan was also recognized as the Best Speaker of the Competition. Also participating were Narek Ashughatoyan, Shushan Paremuzyan and Lilia Petrosyan.

Taking initiative, these 6 students spent more than 3 months preparing for the competition. Initially they received guidance from AUA alumnus and Deputy Minister of Justice Emil Babayan. Later they were coached by AUA alumna Marine Antonyan, one of last year's winners.

While enthusiastic about the win, one participant added, "everything else put aside, this was really great practice-experience for us as future lawyers."

