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The brief was written as part of the 27th Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition in New York City in March 2019. Each year, the competition considers one or more questions. Teams then address those concerns in oral arguments and briefs. Mallory Woodford and Clayton Stansell earned the Best Brief Award at the competition.

Richard Lieb, Editor-in-Chief of the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, was so impressed by the brief that he decided to share it with other lawyers who practice bankruptcy law. He said the brief was presented in such a clear manner that he found it “thrilling” that students could be so talented at this stage in their careers. Many briefs written by practitioners don't come anywhere near the quality of this brief, he said.

“This particular brief was beautifully thought out by the authors,” Lieb said. “They really understood issues, and they understood the argument on both sides.”

The team was coached by Mark Williams and Professor Gary Sullivan.

“I am delighted that Mallory and Clayton are receiving well-deserved recognition for their exceptional work,” Sullivan said. “In fact, this appears to be the first time a student Duberstein brief has ever been selected for publication in the *Norton* journal. This is quite an honor.”