Case Western Reserve University's Appellate Litigation Clinic Celebrates Impressive Victories

CLEVELAND, **OHIO** (**OCTOBER 29**, **2021**) - Case Western Reserve University's School of Law is proud to announce the remarkable achievements of its Appellate Litigation Clinic students. Over the past two years, the Clinic's students have argued 11 cases, achieving a 50% success rate in overturning criminal convictions, a significant accomplishment compared to the national average.

Among the standout students is *Megan Moro*. Moro, along with her teammates Joshua Knauf and Alexandra Raleigh, filed a brief challenging a narrow standard applied by the court in a case. The case involved a client who pleaded guilty without being aware of an audio recording of the crime scene that prosecutors had withheld. The team has asked the Ohio Supreme Court to broaden the standard in such circumstances. Moro describes this as the most meaningful work they've been a part of. The Supreme Court has agreed to consider their request, which Moro sees as a significant step forward.

This decision by the Ohio Supreme Court not only represents a victory for the Clinic and its client but also <u>sets a new precedent in the state's law</u>. The ruling will influence future cases, ensuring that defendants are fully informed before entering a plea. This is a testament to the Clinic's commitment to justice and its impact on the legal landscape in Ohio.

"We are incredibly proud of the work our students are doing," said Andrew Pollis, who directs the Appellate Litigation Clinic. "Their dedication and hard work are making a real difference in the lives of our clients and in the broader legal community."

Looking to the future, the School of Law plans to expand the Clinic to run both semesters and accommodate more students. This will allow the Clinic to continue delivering top-quality advocacy from dedicated students like Megan Moro.

For more information about the Appellate Litigation Clinic at Case Western Reserve University's School of Law, please visit our website at https://case.edu/law/clinic.

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