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1. Whether the Government may prosecute an individual for donating money to or soliciting donations for an organization designated as a "foreign terrorist organization" while prohibiting the defendant from challenging that designation?
2. Are the procedures governing the Secretary of State's designation of an organization as a "foreign terrorist organization" sufficient to protect the First Amendment rights of individuals (prosecuted for donating money to or soliciting donations from that organization)?

Arguing for the petitioner, Remy Rohman, were Anna Manasco Dimes '08 and Kristofer Vignarajah '08. Representing the respondent, the United States of America, were Ryan Calabro '08 and Paul Dunsenberg '08. Each orator had 15 minutes to present his or her case and answer some tough questions from the judges. After hearing the arguments, the judges took a brief recess to deliberate, then returned to the "courtroom" with their decision.

"We could not be more impressed by the quality of the oral arguments heard this afternoon," Alito began, adding, "this is a very hard case."

For "notable differences in performance," he said, the judges awarded the Peter Stewart Prize for best overall argument to the Petitioner, Anna Manasco Dimes and Kristofer Vignarajah. They declared the Thurston Arnold Prize for best oralist to be a tie between Dimes and Vignarajah. "I thought the judges asked good questions," said observer Kristina Scary '08. "And Justice Alito was just as I thought he'd be—measured, thoughtful and patient, but also challenging."