



National First Amendment Moot Court Competition

**Vanderbilt University Law School
First Amendment Center**

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Dear Law School Students:

The Moot Court Board of the Vanderbilt University Law School and the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University cordially invite you to apply for participation in the Sixteenth Annual National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 23-24, 2006.

Recognized as one of the nation's finest constitutional law competitions, this annual event draws law schools from across the nation to debate a current First Amendment controversy. During the two-day event, teams argue before panels of prestigious judges, attorneys and law faculty.

The competition is open to 32 two-member teams (2nd- and 3rd-year students only) from ABA-accredited law schools. If the competition is over-subscribed, admission will be based on the quality of the team and the school's commitment to the competition. To assist in making these determinations, please submit team-member resumes (if available) and any other information (e.g. team selection process) that would suggest a serious commitment to a high level of performance in the competition. All application materials must be submitted by October 14, 2005. Entrants will be notified by e-mail on November 4 regarding their competition status. Fees will be refunded to teams not chosen for the competition.

Here are some important dates for the competition:

October 14, 2005

Deadline for postmarked
Intent-to-Compete forms, \$250 entry
fee, Statement of Interest, and
competitors' resumes (if available).

November 4, 2005

Teams are notified who will be competing. Distribution of Problem and Rules to all registered teams.

January 23, 2006

Briefs due (Teams send copies via certified/tracking mail to competitors and send electronic and paper copies to Vanderbilt Moot Court Board).

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Please review the brochure for more details regarding the competition. Additionally, we encourage you to browse the First Amendment Center's Web site at www.freedomforum.org/first/mootcourt for information on last year's winners and this year's competition.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and hope you will join us in Nashville next February. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ore by email at mootcourt@fac.org or at the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition's voice mailbox at (615) 727-1345.

Sincerely,

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