



National First Amendment Moot Court Competition

Vanderbilt University Law School
First Amendment Center

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 Nineteenth Annual National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 19-20, 2009.

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 10, 2008. Entrants will be notified by e-mail on October 31 regarding their competition status. Fees will be refunded to teams not chosen for the competition.

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.firstamendmentcenter.org/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 Irina Khasin 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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Irina Khasin
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Vanderbilt Moot Court Board

**Important dates for
the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition**

- October 10, 2008 Deadline for postmarked Intent-to-Compete forms, \$250 entry fee, Statement of Interest, and Competitors' resumes (if available).
NOTE: If you are sending a check issued by your University's accounting department, please allow enough time for the check request to be processed through their system. Entry fees must be received by the October 10th deadline to qualify your team for the competition.
- October 31, 2008 Teams are notified regarding competition status. Distribution of Problem and Rules to all registered teams.
- January 18, 2009 Last day to receive special rate at the Embassy Suites Vanderbilt (host hotel of the competition).
- January 21, 2009 Briefs due (A PDF version of the brief must be emailed to mootcourt@fac.org by 5:30 p.m. (CST) January 21st. Paper copies of the briefs must be postmarked January 21st and sent to the moot court board.).
- January 22, 2009 Competitors' Briefs will be posted on the competition web site (www.firstamendmentcenter.org/mootcourt).
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