



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 Twenty First Annual National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 17-18, 2011.

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 36 two-member teams (2nd- and 3rd-year students only) from fully 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 8, 2010. Entrants will be notified by e-mail on October 29 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 Jamie Thalgott 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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Vanderbilt Moot Court Board

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

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| October 8, 2010 | Deadline for postmarked Intent-to-Compete forms, \$500 entry fee, Statement of Interest, and Competitors' resumes (if available).
<u>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 8 deadline to qualify your team for the competition.</u> |
| October 29, 2010 | Teams are notified regarding competition status. Distribution of Problem and Rules to all registered teams. |
| January 19, 2011 | Briefs due (A PDF version of the brief must be emailed to mootcourt@fac.org by 5:30 p.m. (CST) January 19. Paper copies of the briefs must be postmarked January 19 and sent to the moot court board.). |
| January 20, 2011 | Competitors' Briefs will be posted on the competition web site (www.firstamendmentcenter.org/mootcourt) |
| January 24, 2011 | Last day to receive special rate at the Embassy Suites Vanderbilt (host hotel of the competition). |
| February 1, 2011 | Travel forms due to moot court board. |
| February 17-18, 2011 | Twenty first Annual National First Amendment Moot Court Competition. |