

First Year Moot

The Auckland Law School and the Mooting Society are bringing you the inaugural First Year Moot in 2015. There will be a total of \$2,500 prize money for the four finalists.

A moot involves participants taking part in simulated court proceedings, which usually consists of the submission of written briefs and oral arguments. Mooting is an invaluable skill that aids your legal research, presentation and communication abilities. It gives you an opportunity to truly engage and interact with the law.

Students currently enrolled in LAW 131 will be eligible to enter the First Year Moot. This is the ideal opportunity to gain some practical experience as well as applying the content that you have learned in class.

There are compulsory moots at law school, but doing extracurricular moots is a great way to learn more about the law and impress future employers. The best way to get better at mooting is to practice, so start early and you will be set for success later on in law school.

Do not worry if you have not mooted before, there will be a workshop run by experienced students covering everything that you need to know.

Here are the key dates:

- 3 August: Link for sign ups sent out
- 5 August: Sign ups open
- 10 August: Problem released
- 17 August: Preliminary rounds in the evening at Law School
- 20 August: Semi-finals in the evening at Law School
- 24 August: Grand Final (location TBC)

The problem will cover legal problems that form part of the 131 casebooks. It will consist of a Court of Appeal judgment, and leave being granted for two issues to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

- The Moot [Supreme Court Hearing] will consist of written submissions (two pages per team) and then oral arguments (20 minutes per team).
- Students should ideally sign up in teams of two but if anyone is unable to find a partner, sign up as an individual and we will pair you up.

Join the Mooting Society now at www.uoamooting.com to stay up to date with all of the developments. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact the Presidents at president.uoamooting@gmail.com.