

Schools invited to join Moot court competition

All secondary schools in South Africa, grade 10 and 11 pupils, are invited to participate in the first National Schools Moot Court Competition 2010/11.

Participants are provided with the facts of an imaginary case involving human rights issues.

Essays

They are asked to write two essays, defending the opposing sides of the case, using the South African Constitution.

These essays are then marked and the best four teams and one of their teachers from each province will be invited to Pretoria and Johannesburg, where the qualifying teams will argue the case against each other before real judges.

The final round will be held in the Constitutional Court.

Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, Professor Christof Heyns, says they are especially keen to see the participation of local pupils in the

competition.

"The competition offers exceptional opportunities and we hope to see our school's pupils making use of them.

"The competition is such that no special knowledge is necessary in order to be able to take part."

The purpose of the Schools Moot Court Competition is to promote the constitution and to encourage talented learners to consider a career in law.

Winners will receive financial support towards their first year to study law at the university of their choice in South Africa.

The language medium of this event will be English, but the participants will be allowed to use any of the official languages in the final round.

The registration form and essays must be submitted by the end of September.

Financial assistance may be made available for the successful teams from the provinces to travel to the finals.

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