

2023-2024 Competitive Moot Descriptions

Adam. F. Fanaki Competition Law Moot (4 mooters)

Thanks to the generous support of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, 2022-2023 will be the inaugural year in which law students from the University of Calgary will participate in this competition. This is an appellate level moot in which students will be exposed to complex issues such as economics, economic growth, consumer protection, privacy, innovation, and intellectual property.

Alberta Court Of Appeal Moot (6 mooters; 2L students only)

This competition between the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta was established over 35 years ago. It provides students with the opportunity to practice appellate advocacy skills in civil, criminal and constitutional law.

Bennett Jones Health Law Moot (4 mooters)

This moot is sponsored and organized by Bennett Jones LLP. Students who participate in this competition between the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta are given the opportunity to practice appellate advocacy skills in

Davies Corporate Securities Law Moot (4 mooters, 1 researcher)

The Davies Corporate/Securities Law Moot is organized by Toronto-based law firm Davies Ward Phillips and Vineberg LLP. This competition provides students with the opportunity to debate current legal issues in corporate and securities law.

Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot (4 mooters, 1 researcher)

This moot competition is the first moot on taxation in Canada, and it is named after the former Chief Justice of the Tax Court of Canada, the Honourable Donald G. H. Bowman. This competition exposes students to current issues in taxation while also providing them the opportunity to hone their written and oral advocacy skills.

Julius Alexander Isaac Moot (4 mooters, preference given to Black students)

This moot competition is named after the late Chief Justice of the Federal Court, Julius Alexander Isaac, who was also the first Black judge to sit on the Federal Court of Canada. This moot focuses on an area of law in which issues of equity and diversity arise. The Black Law Student Association of Canada administers this competition.

Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Circle (4 participants, preference given to Indigenous students)

This is a consensus-based, non-adversarial competition in conflict resolution. This experience incorporates Indigenous legal traditions with federal, provincial and international law. Students participate in roundtable negotiations on a particular topic in Indigenous law.

Laskin Moot (4 mooters, 1 mooter must be fluent in French)

Originally created in 1986, the Laskin moot is a national bilingual moot competition that takes place annually and focuses on Canadian administrative and constitutional law.

Morrison LLP Family Law Moot (4 mooters)

Created in 2023, this moot directs students to develop problem solving skills and gain exposure to family law issues.

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (4 mooters, 1 researcher)

This moot competition fosters the study of international commercial law and arbitration. It is named after William C Vis, who served as executive secretary of the Vienna Diplomatic Conference that created the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

Western Canada Family Law Negotiation (4 mooters, preference given to 3Ls)

Established in 2020, this competition exposes law students to the skills needed for current-day family lawyers. It simulates legal negotiations in which participants negotiate a series of family law issues.

Willms and Shier Environmental Moot (2 mooters)

This moot competition focuses on environmental issues in the form of an appeal before a Canadian court of last resort to explore cutting edge environmental issues.