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Aid to success in Moot-Court Competitions

- 1) Understand the problem.
 - 2) Have the facts on your finger tips.
 - 3) Sometimes, its okay to not know.
 - 4) You are the expert – embrace the questioning.
 - 5) Be firm, but adhere to court mannerisms.
 - 6) Give your argument politely.
 - 7) Be the team assist and organize.
- ❖ Mooting is a skill, and like any other acquired skill, no one is born knowing anything about it.
 - ❖ With increasing experience and exposure, law students improve their efficiency of this legal extra curricular activity.
 - ❖ Mooting is getting compulsory in more and more law universities and colleges, keeping in mind the enormous advantages it has for law students.

Understand Problem:

- ❖ As self-evident as it may sound, the first crucial step to approaching any moot court competition is to clearly understand all issues and different aspects of law involved in the problem.

Have the facts on your finger tips :

- ❖ Problem depends on facts, and no matter what television courtroom dramas have taught, the room to manipulate these facts in a moot court is virtually nil. There will be relevant facts and there will be irrelevant facts, but it serves best to by heart all of them.

Sometimes, It's okay to not know:

- ❖ When it comes to finally delivering argument's, first and foremost- practice. Practice saying tricky words aloud. Practice saying the citations, practice the delivery of main points, practice opening and closing statements and say them out aloud to someone who's never heard them before or has no clue about your moot, and time yourself. This will help in speaking clear, coherently, and in comprehensive language. Use precise English, but do away with fancy jargon. Delivering a whole statement in Latin doesn't impress anyone anymore.

You are the expert-embrace the questioning –

- ❖ In moot court expert and questions are only meant for understanding more. As a lawyer you're trying to make an argument needs to be coherent. When the bench follows up with you through questions, they are only actually trying to understand what you are trying to convey, or questioning you to understand what you are saying yourself. Questions are only a clever way of judging your preparation and taking them as a dialogue, rather than an interrogation, is the effective way to deal with them.

Be firm, but adhere to court mannerisms-

- ❖ Mooters are in a simulate courtroom, but it runs like a real courtroom nevertheless. Right from taking the podium, to start arguments and responding to questions from the bench, court norms and mannerisms must strictly be adhered to. Being gentle and respectful during an argument depict character and it goes a long way in establishing trust with the bench.
- ❖ Even body language, gesticulation, hand movements and diction can add or take value from moot presentation.

Give your argument politely :

- ❖ In moot court mooters must use politeness when they argue and maintain patience in moot court debate. Mooters must listen the argument which given by the opposite party.

Be “The team assist and organize:

- ❖ Another important and obvious thing to immensely capitalize on is your team work. The reason you're working as a team is because mooting is a mammoth task, comprising of small baby mammoth tasks. Remember, you are a team and not just a collection of individuals, and using the strength of your team is imperative in deciding how your moot proceeds.
- ❖ Mooting has immense networking potential and also hones your advocacy skill more than any other activity. Moreover, high prize money is awarded at most moots which makes the competition extremely tough. Prepare bit ahead in time, and rise ahead of the competition.

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