

The Paralegal Cup 2015

ABOUT THE PARALEGAL CUP



As the Student Director, Fallon Burns (*centre*) teamed up with her Humber College Paralegal Degree classmates, Karen Fair (*right*) and Doug Taylor (*left*) in 2013, to create a skills competition for paralegals. In 2015, three Humber Paralegal degree students, Sara Liden, Tara Lisowski and Madeline Williams, joined efforts with the initial steering committee to execute the 2015 Paralegal Cup.

The Paralegal Cup competition, referred to as a “mooting competition,” allows paralegal students to network with senior paralegals and to develop their oral and written advocacy skills. The Paralegal Cup is the only extra-curricular academic event in Ontario that provides paralegal students with the opportunity to compete in the art of oral advocacy.

This year, the competition is open to all students enrolled in a Paralegal Diploma or Certificate program, recognized by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

The mooted competition asks student teams to identify and address the legal issues for both the appellant and the respondent in a selected contemporary Canadian case. The competition requires students to draw on their advocacy, legal research, and legal writing skills as they present ten-minute oral submissions before a panel of judges. Teams prepare and submit a written component using a prescribed format all vying to become the ‘Mooting’ Champion.