

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is Paralegal Cup?

The Paralegal Cup is the only mooting competition in Ontario that is exclusive to Paralegal students enrolled in a Certificate or Diploma program. The competition strengthens student advocacy and critical thinking skills by focusing on oral and written advocacy, professionalism, and resiliency.

## 2. What is 'Mooting'?

The modern activity differs from a mock trial, as moot court refers to a simulated appellate court or arbitral case, while a mock trial refers to a simulated jury trial or bench trial.

Moot court does not involve actual testimony by witnesses, cross-examination, or the presentation of evidence, but is focused solely on the application of the law to a common set of evidentiary assumptions to which the competitors must be introduced. In most countries, the phrase "a moot court" may be shortened to simply "a moot" and the activity may be called "mooting".

## 3. Why participate?

This skills 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 purpose of the extra-curricular Paralegal Cup intercollegiate mooting competition is to create a unique academic opportunity for paralegal students to practise and refine their research, analytical and reasoning skills. All of these career-based skills are invaluable in the legal profession. The competition provides a safe environment to develop these skills

## 4. How can I register a team?

For the first time, the 2015 Paralegal Cup will offer OPEN registration to a limited number of school teams. To qualify, students must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate Paralegal program recognized by the Law Society of Upper Canada. School 'Teams' consist of two students from the educational institution. Registration will be limited and open in September on a 'first-come first-serve basis'.

## 5. How can I volunteer?

Whether leading in-front or supporting behind the scenes, the Organizing Committee is always seeking volunteers to assist.

We welcome any support, big or small. Not only is volunteering for the Paralegal Cup a great opportunity to meet new people, contributing to the competition's success by volunteering is a source of pride. If you have an interest in joining the volunteer team, please contact us at [paralegalcup@gmail.com](mailto:paralegalcup@gmail.com)



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### 6. How can I judge?

Due to the high demand and to maintain academic excellency, Judges of the Paralegal Cup are by invite only.

There are a number of criteria that the Paralegal Cup volunteer judges must meet, in order to qualify for the competition. For example, Judges must be licensees. In addition, there are several other minimum criteria, including the amount of years practising.

If you are interested in judging and would like to learn more, contact us at [paralegalcup@gmail.com](mailto:paralegalcup@gmail.com)