Dear Legal Studies Teacher

The Hon John Dowd AO QC High School Mooting Competition 2014

We are writing to invite your School to participate in this year’s Southern Cross University’s The Hon John Dowd High School Mooting Competition. The competition is co-hosted by the School of Law and Justice (SLJ) and the Southern Cross University Law Student Society (SCULSS).

The competition will be held from 9am until 4.30pm on Friday 16th of May, 2014 at the SCU Lismore Campus. The final Moot will be in the Law Schools Moot Court and The Hon John Dowd AO QC, Chancellor of Southern Cross University and former Supreme Court Justice of New South Wales, will be participating in the judging on the day. Those students in the role of Barrister in the final Moot will be provided with wigs and gowns. The winning school will receive a prize of $500, and will be acknowledged through a plaque on the competition’s perpetual trophy. The runner-up will receive a prize of $350.

As you may be aware, mooting involves an oral argument between two teams in response to a particular legal problem. It is similar to debating in that it gives students the valuable opportunity to present arguments orally before a Judge, but also enables them to showcase their ability to comprehend and express legal principles.


This event is particularly suited to students who are studying legal studies and teams may have two or three members; in teams with three members, two will present oral argument and one will act as instructing solicitor (to take notes during the moot).

To assist our planning for the event, we would appreciate if you could complete the attached team registration form and return it to us by Friday 18th of April, 2014.

Due to the competition becoming increasingly popular with the local High Schools there will be a quota on the number of teams entering the competition. Schools may register more than one team. A waiting list will be kept and in the event of a team cancellation the next team on the waiting list will be offered a place in the competition. If you have any questions or need more information before then, please email lawmoot@scu.edu.au and we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to receiving your School’s registration.

Yours sincerely

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