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Florida Bar High School Appellate Brief Writing & Moot Court Competition 2026-27

Empowering Future Legal Minds: The Florida Bar invites all high school students in Florida to embark on a thrilling legal adventure by participating in the annual High School Appellate Brief Writing & Moot Court Competition. This prestigious event offers an opportunity for students to delve into the appellate process, sharpen their analytical and advocacy skills, and gain self-confidence and invaluable insights into the legal world.

Why Participate?

Educational Enrichment:
Gain an in-depth understanding of legal processes, enhancing critical thinking, research, and public speaking skills.

Career Preparation:
Interact with legal professionals, learn about the legal system, and prepare for higher education.

Recognition:
Be celebrated for your achievements, laying the groundwork to make a mark at the National Moot Court Competition.

What to Expect

Appellate Arguments:
Engage in realistic court scenarios, testing your understanding of cutting-edge legal questions.

Exploration of Legal Issues:
Strengthen reasoning skills and increase understanding of the Constitution and the judicial system.

Competition Highlights

Brief Writing:
Craft compelling arguments in a fictitious legal case, acting as either the petitioner or respondent.

Oral Arguments:
Present your case before appellate judges in each of Florida's six District Courts of Appeal.

Statewide Finals:
Showcase your skills before the Supreme Court Justices at the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee.

Awards:
Win accolades for Best Brief, Best Oralist, and overall excellence.

Competition Timeline

Registration Opens: September 2026

Virtual Practice Sessions: Late Jan./Early Feb. 2027

Virtual Preliminary Rounds: Late February 2027, District Courts of Appeal

State Finals: April 2027, Florida Supreme Court

How to Sign Up: Visit *floridabar.org/flmootcourt* to access the Competition Sign Up page
Deadline to Submit the Appellate Brief: January 15, 2027

Join us in shaping the future of law and advocacy.
The Florida Bar High School Appellate Brief Writing & Moot Court Competition awaits your brilliance!