

TIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM STUDENTS

Mooting

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As someone interested in litigation, I have taken advantage of the opportunity to moot during law school and hope to moot more in my final year. I have included some of my tips for mooting for anyone who may be interested

Find your own style, you don't have to moot how other people moot.

Finding what works for you will allow your mooting to be more confident and less stressful.

Prepare your moot day materials in a way that is easy to read and refer to in the moment. When the judges are asking questions, you want to be able to quickly check your materials for an answer and then be able to continue with your submissions.

Learn how to have a conversation with the judges. A lot of people including myself struggle with sticking to their script, but it is important to learn how to flow between the questions being asked and your pre prepared submissions.

If you have a right of response, make sure to listen carefully to your opponent's arguments and try and write down points that you want to address. This will be more impressive to the judges than having a prepared response.

Don't be afraid to pause when asked a question, take a sip of your water, and gather your thoughts before responding so you don't get tripped up on what you want to say.

Don't be afraid to concede the weaker sides of your argument, this shows the judges that you understand your position very well and your opponent will lose the ability to go after that point. Instead focus on your stronger arguments and constantly remind the judges of those points and try to pull questions back into your strong arguments.



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