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LAW STUDENTS TO PRESENT ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MOOT CASE BEFORE THE CCJ

Law students from throughout the Caribbean region will have the opportunity to present a case in the Original Jurisdiction of the CCJ before CCJ Judges in the first annual CCJ International Law Moot, on Wednesday 18th March 2009.

Six teams of students from the regional law schools and faculties of law will compete against each other in moot court proceedings. Each team will comprise three students and a team advisor.

The institutions to be represented are:
• the Law Faculty of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname
• the Law Faculty of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados
• the Law Faculty of the University of Guyana
• Eugene Dupuch Law School in the Bahamas
• Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad
• Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica

As this is a new area of law and practice for Caribbean attorneys, the moot presents an opportunity for law students to gain experience in the legal issues that will arise in relation to the Caricom Single Market and Economy (CSME) and the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. It will also assist in developing the advocacy and presentation skills of the potential attorneys before international courts.

At stake is the CCJ Challenge Shield for International Mooting.

While participation in this first competition is being offered only to law students of the region, it is contemplated that participation may eventually be opened to students from other countries.

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