Dear Colleague,

THE INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COMPETITION
1 – 7 September 2008

The Murdoch University School of Law is pleased to invite your law school to compete in the International Virtual Moot. In 2007 the competition was run by an organising committee comprising representatives from Murdoch University School of Law, University of Canberra, Queensland University of Technology, Melbourne University and the College of William and Mary. The competition was successfully conducted via video conference. From 2008 ownership of the competition has passed to Murdoch University School of Law with the ongoing support of an Advisory Committee from the founding universities.

In 2007 six teams from two nations competed in the event. The competitors were:

Murdoch University
Queensland University of Technology
Melbourne University
University of Canberra
Bond University
College of William and Mary, USA

The competition was won by College of William and Mary.

The written component of the competition requires the teams to prepare a six page memorandum in support of the claimant and a six page memorandum in support of the respondent. This aspect of the competition is judged by a panel of intellectual property lawyers and arbitrators.
The oral component of the competition requires each team to argue twice in the general rounds, once for the claimant and once for the respondent. Distinguished members of the legal profession, judiciary and academia participate as arbitrators.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- *Best memorandum for the Claimant*
- *Best memorandum for the Respondent*
- *Runner up Team - Orals*
- *Winning Team - Orals*

The moot is a competition open to any law students (either undergraduate or postgraduate) who have not been admitted to practice. The moot problem, which is released on 3 June 2008, will involve a dispute relating to intellectual property law in the online virtual world and the controversy will be determined before an arbitral tribunal pursuant to the Australian Centre for Commercial Arbitration rules or other recognised terms.

Enquiries should be forwarded to Miriam Everall: M.Everall@murdoch.edu.au

I hope your Law School will be able to participate and I look forward to welcoming your team for the 2008 competition.

**Tony Brennan**  
Moot Director