

To the Model Illinois Government Executive Committee,

Greetings, Governor McFarland has asked me to write a few words concerning my vision for the Model Illinois Government Moot Court Competition. The Governor has also informed me that a delegation from John Marshall Law School will be in attendance. The Governor has also explained the responsibilities involved with the position of Chief Justice and I believe I could do a good job in fulfilling those responsibilities.

If appointed to the position of Chief Justice, I would like to carry on the good work done by Eron McCormick. I would like to continue the participation with the legal community that he had started in getting practicing attorneys to act as Justices in the competition. The only changes I would institute would be in the reporting of scores to participants. In addition to their team scores I would like to give the participants their individual scores and more information concerning their performances so they may better learn from the simulation.

Concerning the participation of the John Marshall Law School as competitors in the moot court competition, I am against that. To allow law school students to compete with undergraduates in a *legal argument competition* would be grossly unfair. That being said, the law school students participating would be ideal candidates to bolster the ranks of justices.

Thank You,

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