MOOTING – ORAL ARGUMENTS

Appearance:
- Successful oral mooting relies on 40% law and 60% appearance
- Keep eye contact, smile and be polite – do not be aggressive or annoyed
- Make sure to handle your materials

Argument:
- Structure your arguments
  I. Introduction
  II. Overview
  III. Substance
  IV. Summary
- Know your law and know your facts
- **When the law is on your side argue the law – When the facts are on your side argue the facts**
- Control the questions (e.g. by anticipating them by knowing your counter-arguments)

Legal nerd alert! The US Supreme Court puts all its oral pleadings online!!
  - Listen to e.g. Sackett v. EPA to get a feel..

Speech:
- **Stay simple** in argumentation
- Speak loud and clear
- **Converse with the bench** – intonate like in normal speech
- Address the bench correctly
- Let the judge finish his question

Time management:
- Manage your time wisely
- Do not try to hurry in more arguments
- When two minutes are remaining, slowly find an end and head towards the prayer for relief
- If you see the stop sign, indicate this to the bench and ask to finish sentence, argument, sum up arguments...