



R210 000 DONATION HELPS UFS LAW STUDENTS GAIN VITAL SKILLS

Students in the Faculty of Law at the University of the Free State (UFS) are set to benefit from the establishment of a new moot court, following a donation of R210 000 by PPS, the specialist financial services provider to graduate professionals.

Gerhard Joubert, Head of Group Marketing and Stakeholder Relations at PPS, said the company was very happy to make such a worthwhile donation. “We are proud of our long-standing relationship with the University of the Free State, particularly the Law Faculty, and we are confident that the facility PPS has sponsored will contribute to the culture of learning, for the benefit of both this and future groups of graduate professionals.”

“This facility will also be used to help prepare some of the top legal professionals in the country for the career ahead of them as well as enabling students to showcase their legal skills on an international platform,” says Joubert.

According to Prof Elizabeth Snyman-Van Deventer, Programme Director at UFS Law School, the donation by PPS covered the full cost of refurbishing a moot court room in which students can take part in simulated court proceedings to enable them to develop their legal expertise and skills,

She says creating the moot court was essential for the continued development of the law faculty. “Moot competitions are very important in helping the students to hone and develop their legal skills. The students often work through the night and this new moot room provides the students with a safe, well equipped and friendly environment where they can work as a team.”

“The faculty will be able to use this new facility in a variety of ways ensuring this donation benefits as many students as possible. Thus, the moot court will also be used for the oral practices for the moots as well as for LLM lectures when it is not in use,” says Prof Snyman-Van Deventer.