



### Students Show the Way on Charter



Melbourne University Mooter Devon Whittle addresses the bench of Judge Howard, Justice Maxwell and Dr Szoke during the moot final (Photo reprinted courtesy of Thomas Kane)

Arguments put forward by teams competing in this year's Castan Centre Charter of Rights Mooting Competition were cutting edge, according to judges who participated in the event. With the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act* still in its infancy – it was passed by the Victorian parliament in 2006 but only became fully operational this year – students were required to develop the sort of submissions that will be seen in Victorian courts as more cases come to trial.

The competition, now in its second year, was again a great success, with teams from three universities making the penultimate round, before both Melbourne University teams faced off in the final, held at the Court of Appeal, for the \$4000 in prize money. Sponsor Clayton Utz signalled its intention to continue its sponsorship of the event for the next two years.

A full report on the 2008 competition is at page 10.

#### 2009 Global Interns Announced

Seven outstanding Monash Law students have been selected to undertake internships at leading human rights organisations on four continents. See page 7 for details.

