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Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 Competitions Guide

It is with great pleasure as your Competitions Directors for 2023 we launch the Competitions Guide. We would first like to thank our predecessors, Marisa Gillam, Jackson Cacciatori and Esther Chai for their demonstrated commitment to the competitions program in 2022. We are excited for the 2023 program and to continue to encourage students to become involved in competitions and other advocacy skill initiatives.

Oral advocacy is such an important part of law school. We have each been able to experience the great joys and challenges that come with participating in a mooting competition. In 2022, Ava first competed in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot and narrowly missed out on a grand final spot. Mia participated in the Championship Moot at the Australian Law Students Association Conference and her team progressed through to the quarterfinals. Rebecca was able to assist counsel as a solicitor in the Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot.

We can all confidently say these experiences have enriched our law school experience. Mooting competitions are an invaluable opportunity for students to develop their oral and written advocacy skills, build friendships, connect with other legal professionals and interact with students from other universities.

We would also like to acknowledge the Palawa people, the Traditional Custodians of lutruwita (Tasmania), and pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise with deep respect the laws and customs of First Peoples which have existed for thousands of years and continue to recognise this throughout our work in and beyond the law school. We also cherish the diversity of our law faculty and commit ourselves to delivering an inclusive program which is welcoming and supportive of all students.

Your Competitions Directors for 2023

From left to right,

**Mia Grant,
Rebecca von Samorzewski
and Ava Drew**



2023 Program Overview

Skills Development

This year we will be offering a range of opportunities for students to learn and develop both their written and oral advocacy skills. As Dr David Plater (Associate Professor and LAW328 Advocacy Coordinator) observes, *'Good advocates are made and not born.'* We recognise the importance of helping students to grow and giving them the appropriate resources and mentorship to do so.

Ava will deliver a range of mooting workshops which will each focus on one particular aspect of mooting. These workshops are easily accessible for first-time mooters and provide students with an informal opportunity to have a go. The first workshop will be delivered on Thursday the 2nd March from 5 to 6pm in the Moot Court.

The Skills Workshop Night will be held on Thursday the 16th of March. This will allow students to extend their training beyond a legal problem question. Students will be guided by members of the local legal profession to understand witness examination, client interview and negotiation. Participating in the Skills Night will be a prerequisite if you wish to compete in witness examination, client interview or negotiation in the internal competitions.

Internal Competitions

The Preliminary rounds for the TULS internal competitions will be held on Saturday the 25th March. The Grand Finals will be held on Saturday the 15th April at the Supreme Court following the mid semester break. The competitions will include a Junior Moot, a Senior Moot, client interview, witness examination and negotiation. These competitions are open to all year levels; however, we recommend that you attend the first two mooting workshops and the Skills Night if you wish to compete.

Intervarsity Competitions and ALSA

The Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) Conference will again invite students from across the country to compete in a range of competitions. These competitions reflect the structure of our internal competitions with two moots, client interview, witness examination and negotiation. The ALSA Conference is a strong tradition for law schools, and we look forward to hosting the event in 2024.

A range of intervarsity competitions will be held throughout the year. Semester 1 will invite students to compete in the UNSW Private Law Moot and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot. Semester 2 will host a vast range of competitions where students will be able to travel interstate and enjoy meeting valued members of the Australian Judiciary.

Here's to a rewarding 2023 Competition Season
Ava, Rebecca and Mia

Dean's Welcome



The University of Tasmania Law School has a long and illustrious history when it comes to student competitions, taking on the biggest and best resourced Law Schools in the country. Our successes at both national and international levels demonstrate the dedication and commitment of UTAS students.

2022 witnessed the continuation of UTAS Law's strong participation and success in the moot competition environment. Three teams competed in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot Competition. Each team worked conscientiously over three preliminary rounds, and two got to the elimination stages. One team (well done Ava, Emily and Jessica) made it all the way to the semi-finals, narrowly missing a spot in the final in what was a split decision!

Our participants in the Michael Kirby Contract Moot, held in Melbourne, likewise reached the semi-finals and, in what we can be equally proud of, took home the 'Spirit of the Moot Award' for their enthusiasm throughout the competition (excellent result Amber, Ben, Lucy and Harry!). Not to be outdone, the UTAS team competing in the Baker McKenzie National Women's Law Moot in Sydney also reached the semi-finals (we are most proud Amie, Bec and Natalie), while during the same visit gate-crashing a wedding (I am reliably informed)!

Back in Melbourne, Esther, Meg and Tenille competed strongly in the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law moot, reaching the quarter-finals. Another great result! And we should not overlook the excellent performance of Natalie, Zack, Isabella and Maddie in the UNSW Private Law Moot in Semester 1.

I am thrilled to see the number and diversity of students who devote their time to competitions, across multiple year groups and in many and varied subject matters. All have proven excellent ambassadors for the Law School and its values. And it would be remiss not to acknowledge and thank our stellar instructor for the 2022 Competition Moot unit, Anja Hilkemeijer, who whether in that capacity or in her own time, repeatedly stepped beyond the call of duty (and thanks also to other academic staff and postgrads who assisted mooted teams).

In 2023, I encourage you to engage in the competitions environment – it provides students with excellent opportunities to develop written and oral advocacy skills, as well as potentially travel and meet budding new lawyers from other Law Schools across the country – and thereby continue the long legacy of the UTAS Law School in this space. The skill development, enjoyment and camaraderie gained from these competitions will make you glad to have participated.

Best wishes,

Professor Gino Dal Pont
Dean | Faculty of Law

President's Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the TULS 2023 Competitions Guide. I would like to acknowledge and thank Rebecca, Ava and Mia for their hard work within the Competitions portfolio and on this publication.



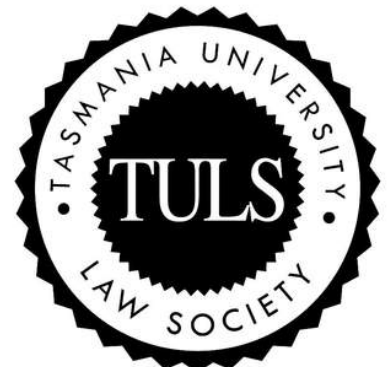
Competitions are an excellent opportunity to practice your legal advocacy skills. Our internal competitions allow you to practice these skills among your peers in a low stakes environment. Our competitions directors will never throw you in the deep end and will ensure that you are well equipped to tackle any competition that is thrown your way.

On the intervarsity scale, we send participants away to the ALSA Competitions not only mooting but also to the Negotiations, Client Interview and Witness Examination Competitions. ALSA runs an array of competitions and if you're interested in these, get in touch with our Competition Directors for more details. Even if public speaking isn't for you mooting and other advocacy type competitions can assist you with your legal knowledge and ongoing advocacy skills.

In 2022, UTAS were semi-finalists in the Baker McKenzie's National Women's Moot, the Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot. We also broke into the quarterfinals of The Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot. The mooting culture within our little law school is rich and supportive. Many of our faculty staff get behind our mooters and are happy to answer questions relating to mooting topics. We also have an array of volunteers who help judge our internal competitions and coach our intervarsity teams. It is due to this close-knit supportive environment that we can score so highly at intervarsity competitions. UTAS often wins the 'Spirit of the Moot award' (most recently in the 2022 contract moot) due to our can-do attitude towards mooting.

As a mooter myself, I cannot recommend signing up for competitions enough. My experience through our internal competitions, the ANIMAL moot and the Contract Law moot allowed me to meet new people, learn new and deepen my understanding of a variety of legal topics as well as, hone in on both oral and written advocacy skills. If you do one thing while your in Law School, I recommend it be a moot!

Lucy Milne
President | Tasmania University Law Society



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out about when tryouts and competitions are on?

Check out the TULS year group Facebook pages and your university email for our most recent updates. The Competitions Directors will inform students in a timely manner before any tryouts or skills sessions.

Can I do more than one competition?

You can try out for as many competitions as you like, but it is important that you do not over-commit yourself. Competitions can be time consuming. It is recommended that you arrange your study load and other commitments so to allow sufficient time for competition preparation.

Do I have to be an oralist to participate in competitions?

Students are able to compete without having to moot! Competitions involve crucial research and writing elements, and students who have a strength in this area are encouraged to participate as a solicitor. Participants wishing to participate in a solicitor role will be selected on the basis of their academic results and demonstrated teamwork skills.

How do I sign up for competitions?

Students are asked to send in expressions of interest for upcoming competitions, as well as an academic transcript, to the Competitions Directors at competitions@tuls.com.au. Depending on numbers, students will be shortlisted and then invited to participate in a tryout. The Competitions Directors will advertise for expression of interests for each competition.

How much staff support will I receive?

Faculty members are not permitted to aid in research or written aspects of competitions. However, faculty and prior competitors are able to provide general guidance and assist teams in structuring their arguments.

How are the participants selected?

Selection generally involves a demonstration of oral advocacy, consideration of academic marks and any prior competition experience (including participation in the internal competitions). Please refer to the relevant sections in this guide for specific detail. This includes the selection process for the ALSA Competitions.





Mooting Workshops

This year TULS are offering a series of mooting workshops, designed to help students develop their oral and written advocacy skills. These workshops are available to all students, regardless of their level of experience. The workshops will progress in difficulty throughout the year as students develop new skills and build on previous workshops.

The first Mooting Workshop will be held in Week 2 on Thursday the 2nd of March from 5pm - 6pm in the Moot Court. Each of the subsequent Workshops will be held at 5pm on Thursdays (See Calendar for a full list of dates).

Students who attend *at least 6 of the first 9* mooting workshops will receive a Mooting Workshop Participation Certificate which looks amazing on your CV.



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Skills Workshop Night

The 2023 Skills Workshop Night will be held on Thursday the 16th of March. The Skills Workshop is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop skills in Client Interview, Negotiations and Witness Examination, with members of the legal profession coming in to host sessions.

This event is a **prerequisite** for students who wish to compete in Witness Examination, Client Interview or Negotiations in the internal competitions.



Sign Up for the Skills Workshop Night

Scan the QR Code to register to attend the Skills Workshop Night on
Thursday the 16th March

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TULS MOOTING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Semester 1

2/03 Introduction to Mooting

9/03 Basics to Oral submissions

16/03 Skills Workshop Night

20/04 How to make an Argument

4/05 Social Moot

18/05 Intersvarsity Workshop

Semester 2

20/07 Written Submissions

3/08 Question Time

17/08 Reply Speeches

7/09 Formal Moot

21/09 Review/Celebrations

Come along with your peers from 5
-6pm in the Moot Court



Junior Moot



Deputy Chief Magistrate Daly and Associate Audrey Clarkson

Internal Competitions

TULS' Internal Competitions consist of Witness Examination, Client Interview, and Negotiations as well as a Junior and Senior Moot. The 2023 Internal Competitions will be held across two Saturdays, with Preliminary Rounds taking place in the Faculty of Law on the **25th March**, and Finals taking place on the **15th of April** in the Supreme Court of Tasmania. Entries are now open for this years Internal Competitions, and numbers are limited due to venue capacities, so be sure to register. Follow the QR Code on the next page.

Internal Competitions are open to students in any year level. The Junior Moot is traditionally open to inexperienced mooters, while the Senior Moot is open to students in the later years of their degree. *For each of the moots, written submissions are provided so that the focus is solely on oral advocacy.* The subject matter of the Junior Moot is accessible and is not designed to put students off guard. We particularly encourage first and second years to sign up for the Junior Moot as their first step into the world of competitions. If you have completed Constitutional Law (LAW250) you are only eligible to sign up for the Senior Moot.

All year groups are also welcome to sign up for the Client Interview, Witness Examination, and Negotiations competitions, but we do require you to have participated in the Skills Workshop on Thursday the 16th of March.



Witness Examination



Client Interview



NEGOTIATION

Negotiation can be defined in many ways but ultimately it is a process involving a dialogue of back and forth communication between parties to reach an agreement that each will accept to resolve an issue in dispute.

Negotiation is an art. You cannot rely on a pre-prepared script or format. You must be creative, flexible and willing to think outside the box in order to persuade.

Negotiation is an important skill in a lawyer's toolkit and can take several forms. It might be by way of direct settlement talks between solicitors, or it can involve an independent facilitator who assists the parties with the negotiation such as conciliation or mediation. Formal negotiation such as this is now widely adopted, and most civil and other jurisdictions have rules and preliminary processes which require parties to mediate prior to a Court or Tribunal listing the matter for hearing.

Negotiating settlement and agreements forms part of the core competency standards for Practical Legal Training (PLT) courses across Australia. To satisfactorily complete a PLT course trainees must demonstrate capacity in this area. Negotiation skills can be broken down into a series of subskills including listening, verbal and written communication, problem solving, analytical skills and empathy. The development of these skills is critical in law and are skills that are transferrable to other professional roles.

At the Tasmanian Legal Practice Course (UTAS GDLP) the development of strong negotiation techniques is emphasised. You will have unparalleled access to the legal profession allowing trainees to develop and put into practice negotiation skills across several jurisdictions.

In the Civil Litigation Unit trainees run a Supreme Court personal injuries file which culminates in a mediation. Accredited mediators facilitate the mediations at the Supreme Court and trainees prepare and advocate for their client in the dispute where both liability and quantum are in issue. In the Family Law Unit trainees are involved in preparing documentation and participating in or observing a Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) process facilitated by an accredited practitioner in a parenting dispute. Trainees also directly negotiate with their colleagues in commercial and property law matters.

Negotiation is an essential component of the successful resolution of disputes and commercial transactions and building your skills in negotiation will benefit you in your future practice in the law.

To learn the art of negotiation today, consider enrolling in the Tasmanian Legal Practice Course for completion of your Practical Legal Training. For more information see <https://www.utas.edu.au/law/study/tasmanian-legal-practice-course>.

Registration for the Internal Competitions

Please scan the QR Code below to register for the 2023 Tasmania University Law Society Internal Competitions

The Junior Moot, Senior Moot, Negotiations and Client Interview competitions will comprise **teams of two**. The Witness Examination competition is done individually. All competitions are marked individually. Students are able to nominate a partner when they sign up, but are also welcome to sign up by themselves and be allocated a partner before the competition.

We invite all students wishing to participate in the TULS Internal Competitions to register now. Simply hold your iPhone or Android camera on the QR Code which will send you to the Google Sign Up Sheet.

Students wishing to sign up for Witness Examination, Client Interview or Negotiations are reminded that they **must attend** the **Skills Workshop Night** on Thursday the 16th of March from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the law school.



ALSA Conference

The Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Conference is a highlight for many law students around the country. In 2023 the Conference will be held in early July in Sydney.

What is ALSA?

The conference consists of five different competitions: Witness Examination, Negotiations, Client Interview, the Championship Moot and the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot. Preparation for the conference generally begins in May. The competition aims to attract all law students from all year groups, and has a broader appeal than just mooting. Please visit <https://alsa.asn.au/what-is-alsa> for more information.

Selection Process

Student delegates for the Witness Examination, Negotiations and Client Interview competitions will be selected from the winners of the TULS Internal Competitions.

Expressions of interest for the ALSA Championship Moot and the ALSA Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot will open in early April. Tryouts will be held in *Week 9 or 10* of Semester 1. We will notify students of the specific tryout date when we send out expressions of interest.

Previous Success

In 2022, student representatives travelled to Brisbane in July. This was the first time students had represented UTAS in person for competitions since 2019. UTAS students excelled at the Brisbane conference. The Championship Moot team reached the Quarterfinals and the Negotiations team reached the Semi Finals. We congratulate all student delegates who represented UTAS proudly.

Negotiations: Marcus Tong and Nitesh Pillay

Client Interview: Ailis Fraser and Paul Bobenhausen

Championship Moot: Mia Grant, Scott Currie and Amie Myhowycz

Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot: Miles Kahles, William Heddle and Sydney Lee



ALSA Conference

Student Testimonials

Mia Grant

I was lucky enough to be selected for the **ALSA Championship Moot team** with Amie Myhowycz and Scott Currie. The timeline for preparation was fairly spaced out, although written submissions were due during midyear exams. Most of the preparation for the moot itself, however, we did in the mid-year break, before going to Brisbane to compete at the beginning of July.



Despite Amie, Scott and I all being in different years of our degree and with varied mooting experience, we were able to work well together and appreciate each other's strengths. I felt as if the team was able to support each other well when we needed help and came together to solve any issues we came across.

The moot problem itself was focused on intellectual property law, which is an area none of us had studied. Despite this, we all found the problem interesting, and it allowed us to gain an in depth understanding of that area of law which we would not have developed had we not entered the competition. In fact, following my experience with intellectual property in this moot, I choose to enrol in the elective unit this year.

The trip to Brisbane for the ALSA competition was the highlight of my studies so far. Not only did I get to compete against students from universities across Australia, it was great way to make connections with other UTAS students who were also competing in the various other competitions. I couldn't recommend this competition enough to students in all year groups!

Miles Kahles

The **ALSA International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot** was a fantastic experience for me and my team-mates Will Heddle and Sydney Lee last year.



The problem question focussed on a situation of authoritarian unrest within the fictional state of Brooking, and whether international crimes had been committed within that context. The two areas of concern were outrages against personal dignity and intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population, both crimes under the Rome Statute. We also had to look at determining jurisdictional issues such as whether a non-international armed conflict was occurring at the time and modes of responsibility.

We really enjoyed getting into the finer details of the legal issues and arguing our case before judges with great expertise in IHL. It was also amazing to explore the sights around Brisbane and hang out with fellow law students. I'd recommend the experience to anyone with even the slightest interest in IHL and/ or mooting!



Intervarsity Competitions

Intervarsity Competitions provide students with the opportunity to compete against other law students from other Australian Universities. The competitions on offer in 2023 include the UNSW Private Law Moot and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot in Semester 1. Semester 2 will see representatives selected for the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot, the ANU Gender and Sexuality Moot, the Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot and the Kirby Contract Law Moot. Finally, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition will run in the summer of 2024. The competitions offer a diverse range of legal issues and vary in difficulty in order to appeal to a wide range of students.

Selection Process

In order to participate in an intervarsity competition, students will be required to attend tryouts for team selection. Tryouts will consist of a 5 minute moot or a short interview if you wish to only be considered for a solicitor role. UNSW tryouts will be held in early April (Week 7a), and AAT tryouts will be held in Week 13 of Semester 1. One tryout is scheduled for the 19th of July (Week 2 Semester 2) for all of the competitions available in second semester. This allows students to try out for more than one competition in second semester.

Expectations

Participants should be aware that intervarsity competitions require serious commitment. Participants are required to have excellent time management skills to manage normal unit content with the demands of the competition.



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UNSW Private Law Moot

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The UNSW Private Law Moot is a prestigious moot competition, focused on topics from private law, including tort, equity, contract and corporations law. As such, this moot allows participants to demonstrate or develop their interest in areas of commercial law.

Often the grand final is judged by senior private law scholars and members of the NSW judiciary. This moot is recommended for third, fourth and fifth year students. Preference will be given to students who have completed LAW251 Contract Law and/or LAW353 Equity & Trusts.

The UNSW Private Law Moot attracts teams from universities across the Asia-Pacific region. Last year the competition was held online and took place over four days. This included two days of preliminary round moots.

Teams usually consist of three to four students. Each team must have at least one female or non-cis male member. Last year UTAS selected 2 solicitors and 2 speakers.

Tryouts: Wednesday 5 April 3 - 5pm

Problem released: Late April

Competition period: Late May



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Natalie Size, Speaker, 2022.



The UNSW Private Law Moot was my first mooting experience as a speaker and I recommend it to anyone with an interest in private law, particularly equity.

Our problem had three main issues, which concerned the equitable doctrines of fiduciary duties, undue influence and constructive trusts, as well as the appropriate remedies for each cause of action. I spent countless hours with my teammates – Isabella Waters, Zack Stephenson, and Maddie Webster – researching, writing, and, of course, talking to Gino, while we prepared our submissions. While it was hard work, the experience was extremely rewarding and a lot of fun!

I'm extremely grateful for the skills I learnt during this moot, which go beyond mooting to extend to other areas of study, work, and life. These skills include problem-solving, public speaking, time-management, teamwork, and a general confidence in myself and my own abilities. Mooting has without a doubt been the best thing I've done at law school, and I recommend everyone should experience it at least once!



Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot

This moot is run by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and provides competitors with the chance to engage with the various issues which come before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

The AAT conducts independent merits review of administrative decisions made by ministers, Government departments, Government agencies and in some cases non-governmental agencies.

The AAT Moot is an excellent beginner moot, providing valuable opportunity to gain exposure to an area of law not covered in internal competitions, or other intervarsity competitions.

Teams face new problems each fortnight of the competition. There are five rounds of the competition and thus the time commitment is variable. Each round is adjudicated by a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

UTAS has experienced great success in the AAT moot, becoming National Champions in 2015, 2016 and 2020. We congratulate Ava, Emily and Jess on reaching the Semi Finals. We are also proud of Tenzin, Yathartha and Alexander for reaching the Quarterfinals.



2022 Team: Ava Drew, Emily Bernal (Solicitor) and Jess Pursell

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Jessica Pursell, Speaker, 2022.

As someone without prior mooting experience, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Mooting Competition was a challenging but worthwhile introduction.



The Competition is unique in both its format and content, with multiple rounds conducted over four months each with a different administrative law focus. My team, comprised of two oralists who alternated Senior and Junior Counsel roles and a solicitor, progressed to the semi-final round, participating in mock cases spanning topics from child support to a tax agent's fitness to practise.

This broad scope challenged me to engage with an array of legal topics, mock evidential documents, legislation, and case law. Accordingly, and with the guidance of a team coach and supervising lecturer, the Competition's multiple rounds provide ample opportunity to all team members to develop and improve skills in problem-solving, time management, legal research, and creation and communication of compelling, complex arguments. It also requires that teams work closely and collaboratively, promoting an environment apt for cultivating improved team-work skills and strong connections between similarly interested law students. I encourage all students, especially those new to mooting, to try out for this competition.

Tryouts: Wednesday 24 May 3 - 5 pm
Competition Period: July - August

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot

2022 Team: Tenzin Phuntsok (Solicitor), Yathartha Saraswat and Alexander Scarcia



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Yathartha Saraswat, Speaker, 2022.



The Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot (AAT Moot) is one of the best competitions for young mooters because it is the perfect opportunity to build your research and advocacy skills. I competed in the AAT last year and it was truly one of the best experiences I have had throughout my degree. The problem questions were confusing but that is what makes them fun to work on as your team gets to spend hours brainstorming different ways and angles to battle the question. You get to learn so much about the law in a way you simply cannot learn from the classroom.



Our team competed in three rounds making its way to the quarter finals which helped us in developing a deep understanding on child care assessments and fit and proper person tests. In addition, working with a team taught me how to work in a group setting and more importantly how to come up with arguments that have the best interest of the team and contains the best of all the ideas from the team. It also taught me how to present my ideas in front of my peers and implement their feedback.

The AAT moot will forge lifelong friendships and memories between you and your team mates, from all-nighters to early morning practices, it will become one of the most rewarding ventures in your degree.



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Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

The Annual Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition is hosted by Victoria Law School at Victoria University.

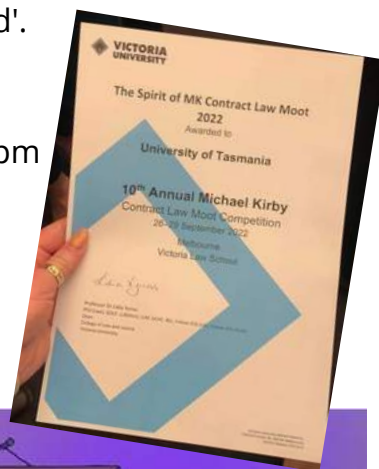
It is one of the largest moot court competitions in Australia and it is Australia's only Contract Law Moot. Winners of this competition win prize money and usually go on to compete in international mooting competitions.

Last year the competition was held in person and UTAS delegates got to travel to Melbourne. The team consisted of 4 participants who each rotated as speaker.

Senior Counsel: Lucy Milne and Amber Doney.
Junior Counsel: Harry Nichols and Ben McTaggart.

We congratulate the 2022 team who reached the Semi Finals and also were awarded the 'Spirit of the Moot Award'.

Tryouts:
Wednesday 19 July 3 - 5pm
Competition Period:
September



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Harry Nichols, Speaker, 2022.

I took part in the Annual Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition in September 2022 as part of a 4 person team.



The competition took place over two months with a four day period in Melbourne for oral submissions at Victoria University. The problem question concerned a contract for the purchase of hand sanitiser which had been badly breached by one party. It considered the legal issues of implying terms and when to include extrinsic evidence made in negotiations.

I learnt new legal research skills and the basics of how to form concise and persuasive submissions. It was an incredible experience to get to know new people and work together as a team. Another benefit of the competition was the opportunity to socialise and network with other competitors in Melbourne from universities all around Australia. It felt a bit like the Triwizard Tournament from Harry Potter but in a less deadly and more collegial environment.

This mooting experience was the kind of thing I envisioned I'd be doing at university when studying law. I highly recommend it for students who enjoyed contract law, are interested in commercial practice and are willing to step out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves.



ANU Gender and Sexuality Moot



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The ANU Gender and Sexuality Moot is focused on legal issues faced by LGBTQIA+ people in Australia and beyond. This is an important and evolving area of law. All are welcome to participate, not just members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Novice mooters are particularly encouraged to participate in this 'supportive and untraditional' competition.

The final rounds are traditionally judged by senior members of the Australian judiciary. The Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG (HonLLD'14) judged the grand final in 2021. Winners of the competition receive prize money to make a donation to a charity working to improve conditions for LGBTQIA+ people anywhere in the world. Teams nominate their chosen charity upon registration for the competition.

Tryouts: The 2023 team has already been selected due to postponement of the 2022 competition.

Competition Period: September



2020 Team:

Jessica Harrison (Solicitor), Kimberly Brockman and Gabby Gee.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Zack Stephenson, Speaker, 2021.



In 2021 I competed in the Australian National University's second ever Gender Identity and Sexuality Law Moot, and I would highly recommend it to anyone considering a beginner's moot with a focus on human rights and anti-discrimination law.

The central issue in our moot was whether New Zealand could hold Australia accountable for breaches of human rights regarding their legalisation of surgery on intersex children. This theme drew in multiple aspects, including specific articles under the ICCPR and the CROC, their relation to the medical practices as therapeutic versus cosmetic procedures, and whether Australia could be held accountable under international human rights law in the ICJ. The 2020 version of this moot considered legalised forms of gender and sexuality-based discrimination.

I would highly recommend this moot to any beginner, as the issues are almost entirely questions of morals and ethics and hinge on how the situation between the parties is characterised. As a result, future participants can emphasise their distinctly legal arguments to easily set themselves apart from their competitors.



Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot

The Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot Competition is organised by the Sydney University Law Society and is sponsored by the international law firm, Baker McKenzie.

The moot is only open to female participants. The competition is aimed at encouraging more women to begin their journey to the bar.

This is an excellent moot for women looking for a supportive environment to try their hand at mooting.

Themes for problem questions over the years have varied. 2021 involved a Constitutional Law problem question. 2022 involved a novel topic which delved into intellectual property and decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs).

UTAS has had previous great success in this competition. In 2017 UTAS were crowned National Champions! In 2018 UTAS progressed to the Semi Finals. We congratulate the 2022 team on reaching the Semi Finals.

Tryouts: Wednesday 19 July 3 - 5pm
Competition Period: September- October



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Amie Myhowycz, Speaker, 2022.



The Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot is a fantastic opportunity for female law students - regardless of mooting experience.

In 2022, the problem question was an adaptation of an actual case the Full Federal Court decided in 2022, and now seeking an appeal to the High Court on whether artificial intelligence systems can be an inventor under the Patents Act 1990 (Cth). To make the question more complex, the appellant seeking the patent was a Decentralised Autonomous Organization (DAO), which is currently not recognised as a corporation nor a legal person in Australia.

I was so grateful to work with Nat and Bec, with whom I could bounce ideas off and construct my arguments - especially after we received the other team's submissions. I found Bec - our team's solicitor, super helpful as she was able to assist my research and provided feedback during the competition rounds. I'm so proud of us for getting into the semi-final round - all our hard work paid off!

The competition weekend was well-organised and overall a great experience. I received valuable feedback and encouragement from Barristers who judged the competition, which I will carry on to future competitions. The judges also discussed their personal experiences in the legal profession, which was inspiring. I also valued being able to watch competitors from other universities, as their style of mooting was so polished and gave me ideas of what I should be implementing in future competitions.



Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

The Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot is hosted by Melbourne University in conjunction with Melbourne University Law Students' Society ('MULSS').

The moot is ideal for students who enjoy Constitutional Law. This is a challenging but rewarding moot, with the final often being judged by a current or former member of the High Court.

In 2020, the UTAS team consisting of Sylvia Lawrence, Chun Yu and Nick Bartlett reached the Grand Final!

Teams usually consist of three students, and the subject and nature of the moot means that this is a competition best suited to law students in their penultimate and final years of study.

We congratulate the 2022 team consisting of Tennille Burden (Solicitor), Megwyn Mosenthal and Esther Chai on reaching the Quarterfinals.

Tryouts: Wednesday 19 July 3 - 5pm

Competition Period: September - October



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Megwyn Mosenthal, Speaker, 2022.



Competing in the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot was the absolute highlight of my University experience. I originally tried out for Gibbs as an opportunity to develop my oral advocacy skills and enhance my knowledge of constitutional law. And whilst being on the team certainly did both of those things, **the true depth of the competition experience wasn't something that I had initially anticipated.** The problem question had a number of independent elements for us each to research and formulate arguments on. The element on which I was working was based upon the freedom of political communication. A topic which I had a limited knowledge of prior to the competition, became, over the course of a few months of research, my favourite area of constitutional law. In writing the written submissions, we were challenged by the process of converting the research we had collected into our own arguments. Then, we transferred our arguments from paper into the moot court. **With the support and mentorship of a whole team of faculty members,** we practiced mooted our arguments over the course of a few weeks - building confidence and becoming comfortable answering (almost) all questions thrown our way. By the time we boarded the plane to Melbourne for the competition, **we had become close friends,** were mini experts on particular constitutional law topics, and were ready to present the arguments that we had become really proud of. The competition was an enriching learning experience, but was also very social. Through drinks and a gala dinner, we had the **opportunity to network with members of the other teams and the legal professionals** who were judging the competition rounds. We made it to quarter finals, and then had the opportunity to watch the grand final, judged by the Hon Justice Steward of the High Court. The competition was an opportunity for me to learn the law through something other than a lecture or a textbook, and challenged me to become more confident in my legal research, writing, and advocacy skills. **Give it a go! It may just be the best thing you ever do over your time at UTAS!**



JESSUP COMPETITION



The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the most prestigious and oldest International Law Moot in the world. The moot simulates a dispute between countries brought before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

This moot is ideal for students who have a passion for international law and human rights. This is the most competitive and time intensive moot offered available. Jessup participants work over the summer break from 9am – 5pm preparing submissions for national rounds in February.

Teams are comprised of two to five members. Tryouts and selection will be held in October 2023. Participants must undertake the Jessup Moot as an elective due to the workload and commitment required by the competition.

Tryouts: October 2023

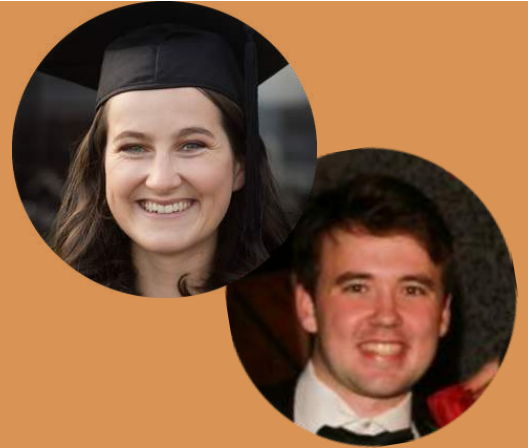
Competition Period: January - February 2024



Jessup Competition

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Hannah Lawrence and Kevin Toman, UTAS delegates, 2021.



Problem question

Our problem in 2021 was inspired by headlines, touching on pandemics, consular asylum and the legality of shooting down planes. The problem was useful in forcing us to consider the international legal ramifications of what, were then, current events - whether that be COVID-19 or Julian Assange's detention in the Ecuadorian embassy. One thing that prospective Jessup participants should remember is to read, reread and then read the facts again as the best advocacy weaves facts into their application of the law to create a shawl of impenetrable arguments.

Time commitment

Jessup is a big commitment but you get out what you put in. You basically 'live' at the law school in Room 225, with your own desk and computer 9-5 everyday, so it's like a full time job. But don't let that discourage you, there is flexibility to allow for other life commitments, i.e., part time work and hobbies. Remember it's a marathon and not a sprint - so it's all about balance!

Benefits

Jessup turned us from shabby researchers who mostly used Google to people who knew how to get the most out of a database. This was really useful when putting together our honours papers. You learn so much about international law and get to spend time becoming an 'expert' in your area. After Jessup, normal subjects seem like (a bit more of) a breeze! You'll learn life lessons about teamwork and the joy of going down international law rabbit holes - which could become a lifelong passion!

You don't need to do the international law unit before Jessup but it does help. Regardless, the first few weeks are a crash course of reading ICJ decisions and getting up to speed on jus cogens, opinio juris, and obligations erga omnes!

Jessup is a chance to make lifelong friends. The shared commitment of the project means that you'll spend long hours debating topics, laughing at jokes and eating various takeout meals with your teammates. If you're a top notch team you'll have a Jessup plant (duly watered with coffee grinds - ours was called 'Filo the III Hero of Segura' - named after a province in the problem), and you'll feel like part of the law school furniture forever!

Bring on Jessup 2023/2024!



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Elective Units

LAW349 Competition Moot

Semester 2 elective pending coordinator availability (to be confirmed)

The Competitions Elective Unit will likely be available for enrolment in second semester. This unit allows students to replace a law elective unit with the Competition Moot Elective, reducing the student's overall workload. The Competition Moot Elective is worth 12.5 Credit Points, just like any other elective. For students competing in an intervarsity competition in Semester 2, we strongly recommend taking up this elective to be able to receive credit for your research, planning and submissions. As well as preparing written and oral submissions it is anticipated students completing this elective will be required to personally reflect on their experiences.



LAW328 Advocacy

1 week intensive summer school unit

February 2023 was the first time the Advocacy Elective Unit had been coordinated since 2017. A whole host of legal professionals, including Barristers, DPP Lawyers and Magistrates were able to engage with students and deliver meaningful lectures for a range of topics. Themes for lectures related to specific court procedures, including examination-in-chief, cross-examination and examination of vulnerable witnesses. Students were briefed about how to conduct an adjournment, a bail application, opening and closing addresses and an appeal against sentence. Students were then able to put their skills to the test and conduct each of these court procedures in their own mock trial.

The teaching staff comprised of Associate Professor David Plater, Magistrate John Wells, Barrister Jemma Holt and Independent Tribunal Barrister Aneita Browning. On behalf of the 2023 Advocacy cohort, TULS Competitions Director, Rebecca von Samorzewski thanks these professionals for travelling to Tasmania and delivering such an informative and inspiring law elective. This elective is likely to run every few years.

Advocacy cohort with Retired Chief Magistrate Michael Hill



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