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In Memory of The Honourable David F Jackson AM KC



The Honourable David Francis Jackson AM KC, a prominent figure in the Australian legal community, passed away on 15 May 2023. His death was met with public announcements and commemorations from various legal associations, emphasising the significant impact he had on the legal profession. A memorial mass was held in his honour at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, with the eulogy delivered by Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC of the High Court of Australia, creating an atmosphere akin to a state funeral.

Born on 8 May 1941 in Ipswich, Mr Jackson's family moved to Brisbane after the untimely death of his father when he was still a child. He attended Marist College Ashgrove, where he excelled academically. Mr Jackson graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts in 1963 and Bachelor of Laws in 1964, earning recognition for his achievements, including the Ross Anderson Memorial Prize for constitutional law.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Mr Jackson served in the Reserves of the Australian Intelligence Corps between 1959 and 1971 and retired with the rank of Major. His military career was hindered by eyesight issues, which led him to embark on a legal path. On 29 May 1970, he married Monica Letheren.

In 1963, Mr Jackson worked as an Associate to The Honourable Sir Harry Gibbs, then a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, who later became the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. These years working with Justice Gibbs left a lasting impression on him, not only

because of his role in the National Hotel Inquiry, but also because of the influence Sir Gibbs had on his life.

In 1964, Mr Jackson started his legal practice at the bar in Brisbane. During his early career, he often appeared alongside other legal luminaries, including Charlie Sheahan QC, in constitutional litigation cases during the Whitlam government.



He was appointed as a silk at the Brisbane Bar from 1976 to 1985 and served in various roles within the Bar Association of Queensland.

In 1985, Mr Jackson was appointed as a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, based in Sydney. He held this position until 1987 when he returned to practising as a barrister in Sydney. During this time, he developed an exceptional appellate practice. He led the Seventh Floor of Wentworth Chambers from 2002 to 2014 and

co-founded and led New Chambers from 2014 to 2016, where he remained until his passing.

In recognition of his contributions, Mr Jackson was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2007 for his service to the legal profession. However, his true legacy his court craft. He was considered one of Australia's finest constitutional and High Court barristers, appearing in numerous cases across various legal areas.

Chief Justice Bell once described him as, "In truth a generalist. His speciality was advocacy, the art of persuasion. His skill as an appellate advocate was universally admired and to work with him was an education to any junior counsel in the importance of meticulous preparation, the logical and coherent structuring of submissions and anticipating questions from the Bench. His standards were exacting, his courtesy exemplary and his personality warm and generous."

Mr Jackson's impact on the legal community in Queensland was substantial, nurturing multiple generations of legal leaders. Beyond his legal career, he was known for his generosity and commitment to pro bono work; maintaining his dedication to the Order of Malta and demonstrating a true sense of giving without seeking recognition.

Mr Jackson's legacy is one of excellence, integrity and generosity. He has left an indelible mark on the Australian legal landscape, serving as a role model and mentor to generations of lawyers. Peter Dunning KC described Mr Jackson as, "The barrister the rest of us measure ourselves by. He was a legend in his own lifetime."

Welcome

Good evening and welcome!

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the accomplishments of our student competitors and to recognise the unwavering support of our coaches, judges, mentors, alumni, and countless members of the legal profession who contribute to the UQ mooting program year to year.

We also gather to recognise, remember and pay our deepest respects to the late David F Jackson AM KC, who sadly passed away earlier this year. His immense contribution and impact will always remain a permanent feature of the Australian legal landscape. As the advocate par excellence, there was no question about who this mooting dinner should be named after when it commenced 12 years ago, and in future it will continue as the David F Jackson Memorial Mooting Dinner.

Our law students are fortunate to thrive in an environment as expansive and generous as the UQ mooting community. It comes as no surprise that, once again, each of our teams excelled this year; receiving numerous awards and honourable mentions, and gaining significant milestones and progress in competitions, both on the global and local stages. Notably, UQ was fortunate to secure two significant grand championships — the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot for the 10th time, and the Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot for the 2nd time.

Like most years, each team worked extremely hard to master their moot problem and craft intelligent arguments to present through exceptional advocacy skills on competition day. However, unlike in recent years, most of our teams were finally lucky enough to have travelled this year for their respective competitions in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Washington DC, London, Swansea, Vienna and The Hague.

Thank you to all for joining us this evening to pay a special tribute to the legacy of The Honourable David Jackson AM KC and to celebrate the impressive achievements of our mooting teams in 2023.



Mr Dony Rodriguez
Director of Mooting

Guest speaker

The Honourable Glen Norman Williams AO is a graduate of the UQ Law School and has had a remarkable career as a leading Queensland barrister, judge and law reformer, while also contributing to the life and work of the Law School for over 60 years.

Mr Williams was born in Brisbane in 1938. He was educated at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace (1952–55), and won a Commonwealth Scholarship to The University of Queensland. In 1959, he graduated from with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with First Class Honours. His thesis was on special tribunals. A few years later in 1962, he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws, achieving First Class Honours, and won the Henderson Prize in Law.

In 1962, Mr Williams served as an Associate to The Honourable Sir Harry Gibbs, then a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, who later became Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. On 8 April 1962, Mr Williams was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court and, after completing his Associateship, commenced practice at the Queensland Bar. He also commenced a long period of service as a part-time lecturer at the Law School in Family Law (1964–67) and Civil Procedure (1971–78). While at the Bar, Mr Williams was a committee member of the Bar Association of Queensland (1964–66) and commenced a long period of service as a member of the Queensland Law Reform Commission (1976–89). Mr Williams was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1978.

On 7 April 1982, Mr Williams was appointed an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. A permanent appointment to the Court followed on 3 December 1982. He also served as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of the Solomon Islands (from 1993) and President of the Industrial Court of Queensland (1998–99). On 14 December 2000, he was appointed a Judge of the Queensland Court of Appeal.

Mr Williams was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 and appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2006. He served as Chair of the Queensland Law Reform Commission (1993–96), as a member of the Council (1985–88), and later as Chair of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (1988–90), Vice Chair (1996–2000), and Chairperson (2000–04) of the International Bar Association Judges Forum. He also served as Chairperson of the Supreme Court rules committee (1999–2007), President of The University of Queensland Law Graduates Association (from 1999), and director of the Expert Witness Institute of Australia (2000–07).

Mr Williams was awarded a Doctor of Laws honoris causa by The University of Queensland in 2003.. He retired from the Court, at the age of 70, on 24 January 2008. He was then appointed an Adjunct Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law at The University of Queensland (2008).



**The Honourable
Glen Williams AO**

Message from the Dean

It is with more than a tinge of sadness that I prepare my message for this year's Dinner, as 2023 now marks the passing, in May, of the great man in whose honour this annual event was established in 2012: The Honourable David F Jackson AM KC himself. And so, in addition to what we normally gather to celebrate at The David F Jackson Mooting Dinner — the participation and success of our students in mooting and other advocacy programs and competitions over the preceding year, as well as the selfless involvement and support of our donors and the volunteer judges, coaches and organisers — we also come together to remember David and reflect on his legacy as an esteemed barrister and valued UQ Law alum. His multiple other achievements apart, David appeared as an advocate in the High Court of Australia more than any other barrister. He was revered within the profession for the quality and impact of his advocacy, and generally for his most excellent qualities as a fine human being.

We were honoured by David's presence at last year's Dinner, where he was also guest speaker. Little did we know then that it would be the last time he could be with us physically. Still, his spirit and memory will endure through the multiple contributions that he made to the legal system and the achievement of formal justice for those whose interests he represented. His name will also endure through this annual dinner event.

We are fortunate to have The Honourable Glen Williams AO — a close, life-long friend of David — here tonight to serve as our guest speaker and pay tribute to his friend and fellow traveller in the law. Members of David's family are also in attendance to present the David F Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy.

I look forward to celebrating the success of all those for whom The David F Jackson Mooting Dinner was established. I sense that this year's event will be extra special.



Professor Rick Bigwood

Dean of Law and Head of School

Order of proceedings

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| 6:30pm | Welcome drinks served |
| 7:00pm | Welcome by Professor Rick Bigwood, Dean of Law and Head of School |
| 7:05pm | Main course is served |
| 7:45pm | Student address by Angharad Beach |
| 8:00pm | After dinner address by The Honourable Glen Williams AO |
| 8:15pm | Dessert is served |
| 8:25pm | Presentation of awards
The Bar Association of Queensland 'Best Oralist in a Moot Competition'
The Queensland Law Society 'Best International Moot Team'
The University of Queensland Law Alumni 'Best Domestic Moot Team'
The David F Jackson Trophy for 'Outstanding Advocacy' |
| 8:55pm | Vote of thanks by William Garske |
| 9:30pm | Function concludes |

Advocacy achievements 2023



Team awards

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

2nd Place, Best Overall Memorial – International Humanitarian Law Moot

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Grand Champions (Team 1)
Honourable Mention, Best Respondent Memorandum (Team 2)

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Top 48 – International Rounds

The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Grand Champions
Highest Ranked Team – General Rounds

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Highest Performing Australian Team
Honourable Mention, Eric E. Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals



Individual awards

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Rory Brown – Australian Champion, Paper Presentation
Rory Brown – Spirit of the Competition Award, Paper Presentation

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Lauren Ward – Best Oralist, Grand Final

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot

Nick Buntain and Caitlyn Marks – Top 10 Oralists, Preliminary Rounds

The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

William Garske – Ron Salter Award for Best Speaker, General Rounds
Lauren Gunther – Highly Commended Speaker, General Rounds
Lauren Gunther – Best Speaker, Grand Final
William Garske – Runner up, Best Speaker, Grand Final

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Simaima Gordon – Honourable Mention, Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist



Finalists

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Semi Finalists – Championship Moot
Semi Finalists – International Humanitarian Law Moot
Semi Finalist – Witness Examination

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Quarter Finalists (Team 2)

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Semi Finalists

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot

Semi Finalists – National Rounds (ranked 3rd overall)

UNSW Private Law Moot

Semi Finalists

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Quarter Finalists



Mooting teams 2023

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot

Team

Angharad Beach, Rory Brown, Nick Buntain, Caitlyn Donohoe, Caitlyn Marks

Coaches

Professor Anthony Cassimatis AM, Joshua Halikos

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Results

Semi Finalists – National Rounds (ranked 3rd overall)

Top 10 Oralists – National Rounds (Nick Buntain and Caitlyn Marks)

Top 48 – International Rounds (eliminated by Universidade de São Paulo, who went on to win Best Overall Respondent)

53rd Best oralist – International Rounds (Nick Buntain)

91st Best oralist – International Rounds (Angharad Beach)

15th Best Respondent Memorials – International Rounds



The 2023 Statement of Agreed Facts covered a wide range of topics, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello, treaty interpretation, the legality of sanctions, and international environmental laws. The salience of this problem in light of contemporaneous international developments has been clear. This year was the first time since the pandemic that the event has been held in person, and the team was extremely lucky to travel to Canberra and Washington DC and meet their fellow competitors.

The team benefited enormously from the guidance of our coaches, Professor Anthony Cassimatis AM and Joshua Halikos, and from the generosity of many former Jessupers, alumni and staff, and The Honourable Justice Bond, The Honourable Justice Brown, and The Honourable Justice Kelly.

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team

Emma Cooney, Simaima Gordon, Michael Kibsgaard, Leidi Peng, Timothy Rainbird

Coaches

Paivi Adeniyi, Johnson Choi, Elliot Perkins

Results

Quarter Finalists (5th out of 378 teams)

Highest performing Australian team

Honourable Mention, Eric E. Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals

Honourable Mention, Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist (Simaima Gordon)

15th Place out of 21, The Hague Pre-Vis Moot



This year's Vis Moot team were fortunate to be the first team to return to an in-person competition in Vienna since the pandemic. The promise of a Europe trip inspired the team to work tirelessly from October to March to prepare written memoranda and complete over 40 practice moots.

The team had the opportunity to compete in the Permanent Court of Arbitration Pre-Moot, held at the Peace Palace in The Hague. This involved four rounds of oral pleadings against some of the best universities. The team used this experience to polish their arguments and advocacy skills.

The 6 months of preparation culminated in a week of pleadings in Vienna, including four preliminary rounds and four elimination rounds. The team was proud to reach the quarter-finals of the competition and grateful for the incredible teams they met along the way.

The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Team
Joshua Fukushige, William Garske, Zoe Goss, Lauren Gunther, Rupert Hoare, Katherine Richards
Coach
Jonathan Hohl
Results
Grand Champions
Highest Ranked Team – General Rounds
Ron Salter Award for Best Speaker – General Rounds (William Garske)
Highly Commended Speaker – General Rounds (Lauren Gunther)
Best Speaker – Grand Final (Lauren Gunther)
Runner Up, Best Speaker – Grand Final (William Garske)



The 23rd International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot concerned a misdelivery of fuel oil, raising complex issues of jurisdiction, causation and prescription. This year's competition was hosted at Swansea University, with the grand final taking place at Trinity House in London.

In the grand final, the team was fortunate to appear before Mr Justice Andrew Baker of the English Commercial Court, Simon Rainey KC of the London Bar, and Paul Dean of Holman Fenwick Wilan. After 7 moots paired against teams from the United Kingdom, Netherlands, India, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia, the team was honoured to come away as the overall winners.

The team's success would not have been possible without the support of many practice moot judges. Special thanks go to The Honourable Justice Roger Derrington for judging and hosting the team's show moot at the Federal Court of Australia, to Emeritus Professor Nicholas Gaskell for providing copies of the original bills of lading in The Starsin and The Hector, and to Laura Heit for judging the team at the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The team is also indebted to Mr Jonathan Hohl, who gave up a great deal of his time in his role as coach. The team's results reflect Jonathan's exceptional intellect and unwavering collegiality.

Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Competitions



Championship Moot

Team	Aileen Alviso, Vanessa Boitchenko
Coach	Angharad Beach
Results	Semi Finalists

The ALSA Championship Moot provided Aileen and Vanessa with an incredibly memorable and fulfilling experience. The preparation for the moot took place over the mid-year break, and they were blessed to have Angharad Beach as their coach, who loved to arrive with snacks and was extremely supportive of the team. Aileen and Vanessa spent many hours participating in practice moots with skilled judges, and researching fiduciary duties and the highly ambiguous and underdeveloped area of death law.

The team arrived at the University of Technology Sydney at the end of August, where they had the opportunity to meet other law schools from around Australia, New Zealand, and India. The competition posed a fun yet challenging experience, in which the two were able to make it all the way to the semi-finals. From the opening gala on a yacht in the Sydney Harbour, to the incredible time they had meeting other law students, and a trip to the Blue Mountains with their fellow UQ competitors, the team had a wonderful experience at ALSA.



Client Interview

Team	Lauren Curtin, Diane Nguyen
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The 2023 ALSA Client Interviewing Competition represented a fantastic opportunity for the team to develop their everyday advocacy skills, particularly in building rapport with a client and managing their goals and expectations. The questioning component of the interview encouraged the competitors to practice their active listening skills and respond flexibly and proactively to the client's story in order to gain a greater understanding of their interests. In giving preliminary legal advice, the team were able to practically apply various areas of law they had researched, which ranged from workers' compensation and motor vehicle accident claims to defamation. The team especially found insightful the feedback and diverse perspectives they received from the judges, which included an older law student, a barrister and an academic.

Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Competitions



Negotiation

Team	Meghaj Babu, Elloise Campbell
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Meghaj and Elloise were thrilled to have competed in the ALSA Senior Negotiation competition for 2023. Both avid competitors, the team were excited by the prospect of taking their skills interstate and enjoying the beautiful scenery of Sydney. In fact, one of their favourite activities during ALSA was boarding a super maxi yacht on the Sydney Harbour for introductory drinks. Meghaj and Elloise also loved meeting students from other universities and enjoyed picking up tips and tricks along the way. The judges gave helpful feedback at the end of each negotiation and, by implementing this, the two went on to win one of their opening negotiations.



International Humanitarian Law Moot

Team	Gabriel Fenech, Imogen Ryan-Kerr
Coach	Sophie Cunningham
Results	Semi Finalists 2nd Place, Best Overall Written Submissions

Competing in the IHL Moot was an incredibly rewarding experience for Gabriel and Imogen. Over the mid-year break, the two spent most of their time preparing for the competition, which featured a novel topic on the transportation of civilians and destruction to the natural environment during international armed conflict. The team was skilfully coached by Sophie Cunningham, who was an incredible support and mentor throughout the competition.

In August, Gabriel and Imogen travelled to the University of Technology Sydney to compete before a skilled panel of judges featuring esteemed international law academics and lawyers from Australian Red Cross. The team was thrilled to break through to the semi-finals, where they were unfortunately defeated by the University of Adelaide, who went on to win the competition. The team was also awarded second place overall for their written submissions, and are very grateful for such an enriching competition experience.

Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Competitions



Witness Examination

Team	Maxwell Eberhardt
Results	Semi Finalist

Over the mid-year break, Max had the privilege of representing UQ at the Australian Law Students Association Witness Examination Competition. Held in Sydney, the competition consisted of three preliminary rounds, followed by quarter, semi and grand final rounds. Max was fortunate to break into the semi-finals of the competition before eventually being knocked out in a hard-fought round while trying to prosecute a fictional robbery, the facts of which appeared strikingly similar to the Batman origin story.

Overall, Max described the ALSA Witness Examination as an incredibly enjoyable competition to take part in and would highly recommend it to anyone wanting to test their oral advocacy in a short preparation and highly flexible environment.



Paper Presentation

Team	Rory Brown
Results	Grand Champion Spirit of the Competition Award

The Paper Presentation competition is neatly divided into two phases: the writing component, and the presentation component.

Rory's paper was on the incompatibility of Australia's metadata retention scheme with the human right to privacy.

The presentation part was conducted over four rounds. There were the preliminaries, the quarters, the semi-finals, and the grand final. A quirk in the rules of the ALSA competition was that, as the last Australian standing in the competition upon reaching the grand final, Rory was automatically awarded the title of Australian Champion. His New Zealand co-competitor won the final, with an excellent presentation on different approaches to foreign surveillance.

It was fantastic meeting students from different parts of Australia and New Zealand. All had written interesting papers on topics they were passionate about and it was a rewarding experience that he highly recommends to others.

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team 1

Madelize Breet, Grace Dowdle, Lauren Ward

Coach

Lauren Gunther

Results

Grand Champions

Best Speaker in the Final (Lauren Ward)

The Deakin Moot gave the team an introduction to international commercial arbitration. The problem required them to tackle various complex issues, including whether a request to produce a certain text message when receiving medical treatment posed an unreasonable burden, whether the tribunal has jurisdiction, whether the contract was one for sale of goods or agency, as well as whether non-conformity could be established under the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The team spent a busy two months learning about choice of law, competence of arbitral tribunals, and the CISG.

While it was a steep learning curve for the team, and far from the familiar Australian common law, Madelize, Grace and Lauren thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They had the opportunity to compete against teams from all over Africa, India, Brazil and Australia, which made up for the fact that the competition was conducted online. The team was very thankful for the guidance of their coaches, Emma and Tim, who supported them as they navigated the world of international commercial arbitration.



Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team 2

Julia Bejleri, Regan Brown, Nina Sang

Coach

Angharad Beach

Results

Quarter Finalists

Honourable Mention – Best Respondent Memorandum

7th Best Oralist – Preliminary Rounds (Regan Brown)

The Alfred Deakin Moot provided the team with a challenging yet interesting introduction to the world of international commercial arbitration. This year, the problem required the team to consider whether text messages could be used to substantiate a contract between commercial parties. The team spent two months researching and preparing arguments on the choice of law, the tribunal's jurisdiction and the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

Although none of the team members had ever studied international arbitration or trade law before, the team's coach and the practice moots provided an excellent crash course. The competition rounds were also conducted online this year, meaning the team had the incredible opportunity to compete against teams in Melbourne, India, and South Africa. Despite the gruelling two-month preparation and unforeseen challenges along the way, the team thoroughly enjoyed this experience of learning about international commercial arbitration. The team was extremely thankful to their coach, Harry, who supported them to grow as advocates and learn more about the intricacies of international commercial arbitration.



Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Team

Katelyn Dyer, Sam Goodwin, Sarah Hartsuyker, Emily Johns

Coach

Jianing (Jenny) Wang

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National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Team

Nicholas Athanasiou, Karina Brishagen, Rhiannon Kocho

Coach

Professor Peter Billings

Results

Semi Finalists

To reach the semi-finals of the AAT moot, the team had to undergo two preliminary rounds and the quarter-finals, each of which dealt with a different area of administrative law. As every round had a fresh set of facts, the team had to become proficient at researching unfamiliar legislation and case law, ranging from visa matters to NDIS disputes. The team had the privilege of receiving guidance from solicitors at Moray & Agnew.

The team is extremely grateful to academic coach Professor Peter Billings and student coach Rory Brown for their time spent organising practice moots and providing feedback. Without their help, the team would not have progressed to the semi-finals. As this was the team’s first time competing in an external competition, their encouragement was key to improving their advocacy skills.



Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Team

Martin Churchill, Max Eberhardt, Grace Hancock

Coach

Associate Professor Rebecca Ananian-Welsh



The 2023 Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law team had the privilege of travelling to Melbourne and competing against teams from 14 other Australian universities. For an intensive two months, the team prepared written and oral submissions on fictitious proceedings heard in the High Court of Australia. The problem question, written by the Commonwealth Solicitor-General, Stephen Donaghue KC, involved complex legal questions relating to national security, procedural fairness, and criminal detention orders.

The team thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual challenge that the moot presented and were fortunate to have a show moot at the Banco Court before The Honourable Ian Callinan AC KC, The Honourable Justice Susan Brown, and Mr Gim del Villar KC SG.

UNSW Private Law Moot

Team

Julia Bejleri, Regan Brown, Uni Kyeong, Grace Terec

Coach

James Pisko

Results

Semi Finalists

Now in its ninth year, the UNSW Private Law Moot is a prestigious intervarsity mooting competition that brings together some of the highest-quality mooters from around Australia and the world.

In Semester 1, the team selected by UQ began preparing for what would be a highly intensive and rigorous preparation period, followed by moots held in an online format. This year's problem relied heavily on principles and law relating to trusts and equity, requiring mooters to address several multifaceted and complex issues. Although not all team members had studied trusts and equity yet, the intensive preparation required for this competition ensured that the team became deeply knowledgeable on this area of law.

The team thanks their coach, James Pisko, for all his hard work in supporting and preparing them for this challenging competition. Overall, the UNSW Private Law Moot was an incredible opportunity for the team to develop their skills as advocates and learn more about an area of law that affects so many facets of our lives.



UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot

Team 1
Aarthi Parthiban, Rachel Pavlovski, Hannah Retief
Coach
Alexandra Nash
Results
4th place – Preliminary Rounds
3rd place – Best Respondent Memorial
4th place – Best Appellant Memorial

At the start of Semester 2, the team had the privilege of competing in the Unjust Enrichment Moot held by UQ for the first time. The moot proved to be an intellectually stimulating and challenging competition, as it was an area of law that hitherto completely foreign to the team. This meant that they spent countless hours in the law library writing submissions and doing practice moots. Although it was a challenging moot, the experience was a rewarding and enjoyable one, especially as the team had an amazing coach, Alex Nash, helping them every step of the way. The team also faced tough competition from other highly skilled and motivated participants, which made the moot even more enjoyable. Being able to represent UQ and moot on home territory was an amazing experience that greatly improved the team’s oral advocacy skills while allowing them to make many fun memories along the way.



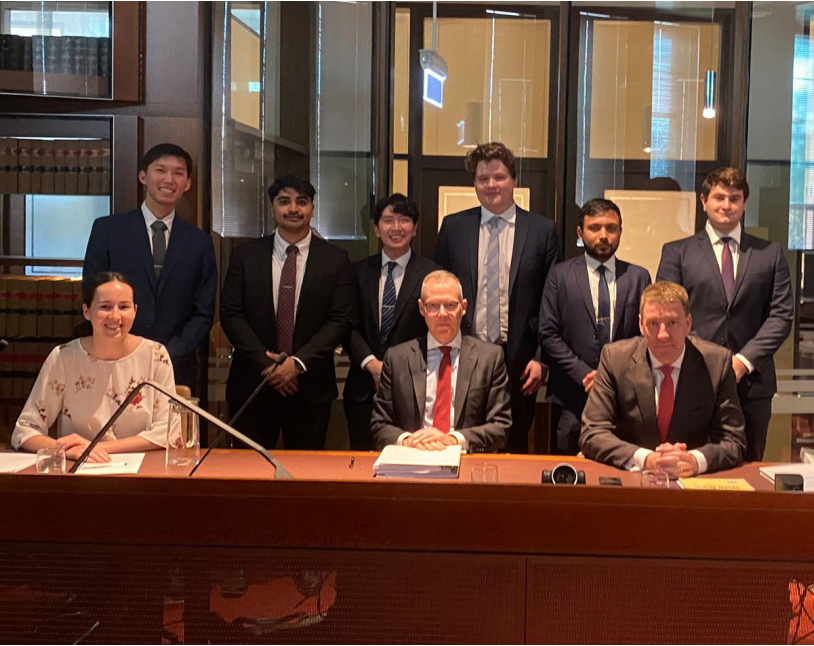
UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot

Team 2
Felipe Florit, Max Punin, Jay Vyas
Coach
Connor Wright

Participating in the inaugural Unjust Enrichment Moot was a truly rewarding experience for the team. As a group of relatively junior law students, they faced the problem question with some initial trepidation. To their delight, the legal issues that needed to be considered were intellectually stimulating, interesting and timely given that the case the problem question was derived from is currently before the High Court.

The team also had a great coach, Connor Wright. In preparation, they were exposed to a completely new area of the law, and introduced to great scholarship of professors and judges writing extra-judicially on the topic of unjust enrichment. The team also enjoyed debating cases among themselves, especially on how particular cases fitted in with each ground of appeal.

Meeting other teams was also a highlight, allowing for a great social aspect in how the competition was organised. The team thoroughly enjoyed advocating their case against a terrific group of fellow competitors before a panel of esteemed practitioners.



UQLS competitions

2023 has been a great year for external competitions at UQ. It's been a privilege to see so many students represent the Law School with distinction, particularly with international travel returning for the first time in four years. Our competitors not only achieved great success but also forged lasting relationships with their fellow competitors. The University of Queensland Law Society is proud to play a small role in facilitating these experiences for our students.

I must express my thanks to Dony Rodriguez for his tireless work as Director of Mooting and Co-Curricular Program Coordinator at the UQ Law School, and to Benjamin Funnell for his many contributions as UQLS External Competitions Officer. On behalf of UQLS, we are grateful for our many volunteer coaches and practice moot judges, who all invest a great deal of time solely for the benefit of our competitors.



Mr William Garske
VP External Competitions



UQLS v QUTLS Grudge Moot

2023 saw the return of the traditional grudge moot format, involving a face-off between the winners of UQ and QUT's respective junior moots. Many thanks to the Federal Court of Australia for hosting this year's moot, and to Mr Peter Dunning KC for serving as presiding judge. QUT put up a fantastic fight, but Brooke Goston, Eliza Kingston and Jake Matsushita mooted superbly to bring the title back home to UQ.



Moot of Origin

The Moot of Origin was introduced in 2019 and is held annually between the UQLS and the Sydney University Law Society (SULS). This year's competition was hosted in Sydney, and I am indebted to SULS for all of their excellent work in organising the moot. The Sydney team mooted superbly and came away as winners on the night, but Sienna Davis, Annabelle Khoo and Viktoria Palka should be congratulated for their great performance. My sincere thanks to the many supporters who joined us in the UQ Moot Court to watch the live stream, and to Emma Cooney for writing an excellent problem involving issues of private nuisance, pure psychiatric harm and loss of opportunity.



Australian Law Students' Association Conference Competitions (ALSA)

The 2023 ALSA Competitions were hosted at the University of Technology, Sydney. UQ entered teams in the Championship Moot, International Humanitarian Law Moot, Client Interview, Negotiation, Witness Examination and Paper Presentation. Special congratulations to Aileen Alviso and Vanessa Boitchenko for reaching the semi-finals of the Championship Moot, Gabriel Fenech and Imogen Ryan-Kerr for reaching the semi-finals of the IHL Moot, and Rory Brown for finishing 2nd in the Paper Presentation.

Queensland Intersarsity Law Competitions (QILC)

The sixth Queensland Intersarsity Law Competition was hosted at QUT. UQ entered teams in the Moot, Witness Examination, Negotiation and Client Interview. Well done to Zoe Fraser, Jude Forrest and Tayiah Zabala who reached the Moot Grand Final, and to Sophia Alexandra Ogabang and Megaj Babu who reached the Negotiation Grand Final.

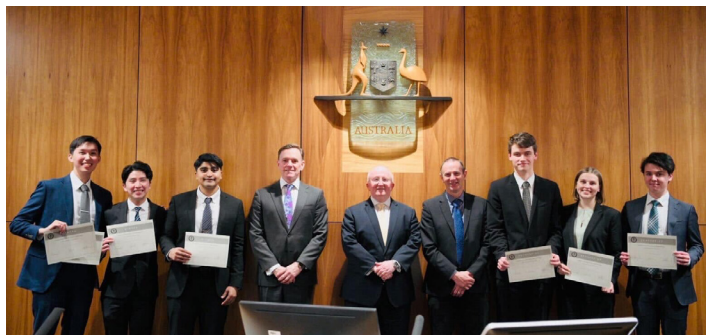
UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot

In 2023, the UQLS founded the UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot. Teams from around Australia and Singapore participated in the competition, which was held in person at the TC Beirne School of Law. Thank you to Professor Kit Barker for writing a very interesting moot problem, which concerned the unlawful imposition of a special charge for an unrequested improvement to land.

We were fortunate to have The Honourable Justice Roger Derrington host our Grand Final at the Federal Court of Australia, which was also judged by The Honourable Justice Bond of the Queensland Court of Appeal and Professor Barker. I express my sincere thanks to all three. Many thanks also to Professor Ross Grantham for judging the written memorials, and to the countless alumni and students who judged the preliminary rounds.

The competition was of exceptional quality, with Singapore Management University ultimately prevailing in a tight Grand Final against the University of Sydney. Congratulations to our two UQ teams, who did us proud both inside and outside of the moot court.

The competition would not have been possible without the immense support of Dony Rodriguez, Benjamin Funnell and the Unjust Enrichment Moot Subcommittee, which comprised Rupert Hoare, Elijah Larsen, Jake Matsushita and Jerica Nieva.



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Mooting moments



David F Jackson award recipients 2022



The Queensland Law Society 2022 *Best International Moot Team Award* was presented to the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team.



The Honourable David Jackson AM KC, along with Mr Liam Inglis (2021 winner), presented Ms Paivi Adeniyi with the 2022 *David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy*.



The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association 2022 *Best Domestic Moot Team Award* was presented by Mr John McKenna KC to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) National Mooting Team.



Ms Sarah Holland presented Mr William Garske with the Bar Association of Queensland award for the 2022 *Best Oralist in a Moot Competition*.

David F Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy Previous winners

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2017
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2018
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2019
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