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The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association (UQLA) congratulates all students who participated in mooting competitions in 2024.

It's with great pleasure that we also acknowledge the contribution of the many UQ Law School alumni who generously share their time and expertise to prepare UQ mooting teams for competitions. In doing so, they also play an influential role in preparing UQ law students for their professional careers.

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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 passing 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, Mr Jackson and his family moved from Ipswich to Brisbane after the untimely death of his father. 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 Mr Jackson, 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 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 was his court craft. He was considered one of Australia's finest constitutional and High Court barristers, appearing in numerous cases across various legal areas.

"In truth a generalist," Chief Justice Bell once described Mr Jackson as. "His speciality was advocacy, the art of persuasion. His skills 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. "The barrister the rest of us measure ourselves by," Peter Dunning KC described Mr Jackson as. "He was a legend in his own lifetime."

# Welcome

## Good evening and welcome!

Tonight, as we do at the end of every academic year, we come together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our student competitors and to express our gratitude to the coaches, judges, mentors, alumni, and dedicated members of the legal profession who go above and beyond to support the UQ mooting program and enhance the learning journey of our students.

In honour of the late David F Jackson AM KC and his legacy of esteemed advocacy and immense contribution to the legal profession, this year marks the 13<sup>th</sup> annual dinner. I have had the great privilege of personally attending the past four dinners, and each year these dinners provide a chance to reflect and appreciate that the excellence of the mooting program is only possible because of the unmatched strength of the mooting community. The traditions of generosity, giving back, empowering others, and striving for excellence evidently continue to pass on from one cohort to the next. Thank you to all of you here tonight who contribute to this and embody this commendable ethos.

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate the inspiring achievements of our mooter in 2024.



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**Mr Dony Rodriguez**

Director of Mooting

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# Message from the Dean

Welcome, one and all, to the 2024 David F Jackson Memorial Mooting Dinner. As with previous years, this year has not disappointed in terms of the success of UQ Law teams and individual students in domestic and international mootings and other advocacy competitions — success that has only come about through the unerring dedication and hard work of team members, alumni coaches, voluntary judges, donors, and other supporters in their pursuit of excellence. We gather here tonight to celebrate that success, as well as to acknowledge and thank all those who have supported our teams and individuals along the way.

A highlight of which I am particularly proud this year is a UQ Law team winning the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) for the second year in a row, and for the 11th time overall. That is, frankly, an impressive achievement on the world stage of mootings! Other successes have included a victory for a UQ Law team in the Grand Final of the inaugural Queensland Environmental Law Association (QELA) Moot held at the Brisbane District Court in August, as well as the consolidation and growth in stature of our very own UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot, facilitated by the UQLS and judged (in the Grand Final) by Justices Sarah Derrington AM and Roger Derrington, and Professor Kit Barker, at the Federal Court of Australia in Brisbane.

We are particularly delighted to see already the increased participation of law schools, including international teams, in such a new competition.

As always, I personally congratulate all those whose success we have gathered to acknowledge and celebrate tonight. Enjoy your evening!



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## Professor Rick Bigwood

Sir Gerard Brennan Chair in Law and Head of School

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## Guest speaker

### **Mr Peter Dunning KC is an esteemed graduate of the UQ Law School**

Peter is a barrister in private practice, appearing and advising predominantly in commercial, constitutional and appellate matters throughout Australia.

Peter has been the President of the Australian Bar Association since 2022.

Peter was the Solicitor-General for Queensland between 2014 and 2019.

Peter took silk in 2005. He was admitted as a barrister in 1992, and for 18 months prior to that worked at the Brisbane law firm Morris Fletcher & Cross (now Minter Ellison).

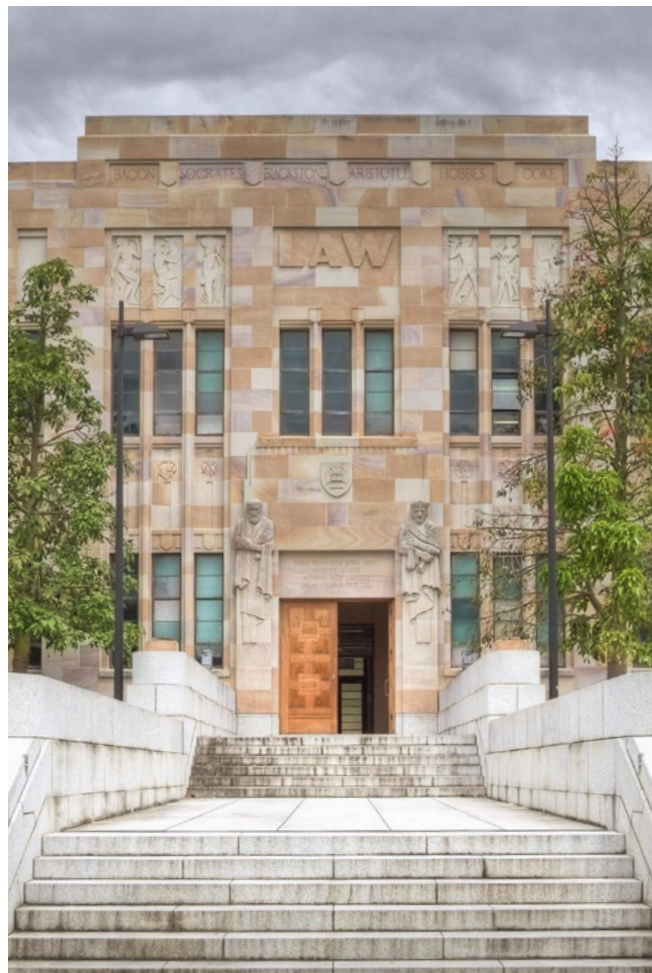


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### **Mr Peter Dunning KC**

President of the Australian Bar Association

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# Order of proceedings

- 6:30pm** Welcome drinks served
- 7:00pm** Welcome by **Professor Rick Bigwood, Sir Gerard Brennan Chair in Law and Head of School**
- 7:05pm** Main course is served
- 7:45pm** Student address by **Regan Brown**
- 8:00pm** After-dinner address by **Mr Peter Dunning KC**
- 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 **Alexandra Nash**
- 9:30pm** Function concludes

# Advocacy achievements 2024



## Team awards

### **Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

Winner, Best Respondent Submission (Team 1)

Highly Commended, Claimant Submission (Team 1)

Highly Commended, Respondent Submission (Team 2)

### **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot**

Best & Fairest Award, Australian Rounds

### **QELA Environmental Law Moot**

Grand Champions

### **The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot**

Grand Champions

David Martin Clark Award for the Highest Ranked Team –  
General Rounds

### **UNSW Private Law Moot**

2nd Best Appellant Submissions

3rd Best Overall Submissions

### **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

Honourable Mention, Pieter Sanders Award for Best  
Claimant Memorandum



## Individual awards

### **Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

Katelyn Dyer — Highly Commended Oralist, Preliminary  
Rounds

Grace Terec — Highly Commended Oralist, Preliminary  
Rounds

### **The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot**

Simaima Gordon — Ron Salter Award for Best Speaker,  
General Rounds

Elijah Larsen — Highly Commended Speaker,  
General Rounds

Elijah Larsen — Runner up Best Speaker, Final Rounds



## Finalists

### **Australian Law Students' Association Competitions**

Quarter Finalists – International Humanitarian Law Moot

### **Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

Quarter Finalists (Team 2)

### **Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot**

Quarter Finalists

### **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot**

Quarter Finalists – National Rounds

### **Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot**

Quarter Finalists

### **UNSW Private Law Moot**

Semi Finalists



# Mooting teams 2024

## Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot

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### Team

**Regan Brown, Alexandra Nash, Shayma Nejari, Viktoria Palka, William Simons**

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### Coach

**Professor Anthony Cassimatis AM**

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### Results

**Quarter Finalists – National Rounds**  
**Best and Fairest Award – National Rounds**

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The 2024 Compromis allowed the team to engage with fascinating issues relating to standing before the International Court of Justice, statelessness, consular assistance, and the rights of United Nations officials. While not progressing to the international rounds, the opportunities that participating in the competition afforded the team were unparalleled and the members are immensely grateful for the experience.

The team would like to give its thanks to the large community of former Jessupers, UQ alumni and staff members who generously volunteered their time to assist the team with its preparation. The team would also like to extend its sincere gratitude to the tireless dedication of their coach, Professor Anthony Cassimatis AM. His wisdom, kindness and passion for Jessup made the experience incredibly rewarding and one that the team will never forget.



## The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

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### Team

**Grace Dowdle, Sam Goodwin, Sarah Hartsuyker, Lauren Ward**

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### Coaches

**Liam Inglis, Jenny Wang**

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### Results

**Honourable Mention, Pieter Sanders Award for Best Claimant Memorandum**

**3rd Place, Permanent Court of Arbitration Vis Pre-Moot (The Hague)**

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This year's Vis Moot problem concerned the sale of allegedly defective sensors, the question of whether a duty to warn of cyberattacks exists in international law, and the addition or consolidation of a new claim in an arbitral proceeding. From October to March, the team worked tirelessly 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 was proud to have placed third in this competition. The six months of preparation culminated in a week of pleadings in Vienna. The team is grateful for the incredible teams they met along the way and the new friends they made.





## The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

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### Team

**Simaima Gordon, Elijah Larsen, Asha Varghese, Heidi Willis**

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### Coaches

**Laura Heit, Joshua Mc Kersey**

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### Results

#### **Grand Champions**

**David Martin Clark Trophy for Highest Ranked Team – General Rounds**

**Ron Salter Award for Best Speaker, General Rounds (Simaima Gordon)**

**Runner Up, Best Speaker – Final Rounds (Elijah Larsen)**

**Highly Commended Speaker, General Rounds (Elijah Larsen)**

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The 24th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot concerned the delayed discharge of palm oil to an insolvent financier, raising complex issues of jurisdiction, contract interpretation and causation. The competition was hosted by Swansea University, with the Grand Final taking place at the offices of Holman Fenwick Willan in London.

After six moots against teams from India, Wales, Australia, France, Indonesia and Denmark, the team was privileged to appear before an esteemed Grand Final bench chaired by The Honourable Mr Justice Picken of the English Commercial Court. Paired against a strong team from Hong Kong, the team was honoured to come away as the Grand Champions.



The team is indebted to the many practice moot judges who gave up their time. Special thanks go to The Honourable Justice Roger Derrington, The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington AM, and Emeritus Professor Nicholas Gaskell for hosting and judging the team's show moot at the Federal Court of Australia, and to The Honourable Steven Rares KC for judging the team's final practice moot before the competition.

The team is also very grateful to Professor Craig Forrest, who allowed the team to attend several of his LLM classes, and took the time to fly out to the UK to judge several rounds of the competition and support the team in the Grand Final. This success would not have been possible without the tireless work of the team's coaches, Laura Heit and Joshua Mc Kersey. The team is eternally grateful to both for their guidance, knowledge and support.

## Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

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### Team 1

**Katelyn Dyer, Daniel Lynn, Emitis Morsali**

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### Coaches

**Emma Cooney, Timothy Rainbird**

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### Results

**Winner – Best Respondent Submission**

**Highly Commended – Claimant Submission**

**Highly Commended Oralist – Preliminary Rounds (Katelyn Dyer)**

**8th Place out of 43 teams, Preliminary Rounds**

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The Alfred Deakin Moot was a great opportunity for the team to learn a new area of law, and become better advocates in the process. With relatively minimal experience in the area, getting up to speed on international commercial arbitration (particularly while most of the team were overseas) was challenging.

However, it was rewarding to see the team's arguments come together in memos and oral submissions, and to moot against teams from countries like India, Nigeria and Singapore. All of the team members grew as advocates throughout the period of the competition under the guidance of their amazing coaches, Emma and Tim. Emma and Tim's support, and the support of all of the practice moot judges, allowed the team to achieve the best results they could in the competition. They are all excited to use the skills they have learned in future competitions and work.



## Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

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### Team 2

**Emily Johns, Hannah Retief, Grace Terec**

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### Coaches

**Madelize Breet, Simaima Gordon**

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### Results

#### **Quarter Finalists**

**Highly Commended – Respondent Submission**

**Highly Commended Oralist – Preliminary Rounds (Grace Terec)**

**Placed 4th out of 43 teams, Preliminary Rounds**

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The moot provided the team with an accelerated introduction to international commercial arbitration, presenting a range of complex and unfamiliar legal issues to address. Over a demanding two-month period, the team conducted an in-depth exploration of this nuanced area of practice, and their dedication proved to be fruitful, as they achieved an impressive 4th place out of 43 teams in the Preliminary Rounds, reaching the Quarter Finals and receiving additional high commendations.

Although transitioning from the familiar terrain of Australian common law presented a steep learning curve, the team greatly appreciated the expert guidance of their coaches, Madelize and Simaima, which guidance proved invaluable throughout the process.



## Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

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### Team

**Benjamin Allison, Ollie Forsman, Saxon Gomeri, Jackson Hanigan**

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### Coaches

**Jenny Wang, Lauren Ward**

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### Results

**Quarter Finalists**

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The 2024 Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot was held in Melbourne with 28 teams participating in the competition, including two international teams. The problem concerned a lease contract for a 10,000-acre Netherfield mansion, and the failure to provide a “famous large ballroom” within the property for the claimant, Mr Bingley, rendering his planned event for the locals “un-hostable”... or so he thought. It concerned various elements of contract law, including interpretation, construction, frustration, breach, termination, and damages.

The team, composed of second- to fourth-years, competed well in the four general rounds, eliminating QUT in the first final round then finally placing in the quarter final amongst the top 8 of 28 teams, making this UQ's best performance in the Moot. A special thanks should be given to the two spectacular coaches, Lauren Ward and Jenny Wang, as well as the numerous judges who donated their time to help in the practice moots.



# QELA Environmental Law Moot

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## Team

**Zoe Fraser, Anna Harisson, Ella Woods**

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## Coach

**Associate Professor Justine Bell-James**

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## Results

**Grand Champions**

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The QELA Environmental Law Moot provided a fantastic opportunity for the team to engage with Planning and Environment Law and to refine their advocacy skills. This moot was distinctive, as the unique relationship between the Court of Appeal and the Planning and Environment Court demanded arguments based solely on errors of law, with no evaluation of the application of the law to facts. The scrutiny and detail required given the specialised area of law was both challenging and deeply rewarding.

The Moot also offered an opportunity for private mentorship from barrister Susan Hedges and Senior Associate Karl Friman, in addition to being judged by Judges McDonnell and Rackemann and a number of professionals in the field. The team was grateful to emerge as overall winners of the Moot and are looking forward to attending the Annual QELA Conference in 2025.



# Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

## Team

Angharad Beach, Imogen Ryan-Kerr, William Simons

## Coach

Associate Professor Rebecca Ananian-Welsh

## Results

Quarter Finalists

The 2024 Sir Harry Gibbs Moot Competition involved two questions. First, the operation and limits of section 90 of the *Constitution* following the divisive decision in *Vanderstock v Victoria* in 2023. Second, the proper limits of exclusively Commonwealth judicial power when exercised by an executive agency. Interestingly, an argument ran by the team concerning the application and breadth of the *Lim* principle, while quibbled over by the judges (on occasion to our detriment), has been very recently upheld by the High Court in *YBFZ*.

Progressing through to the Quarter-Finals, the team competed at a high standard and had the opportunity to engage in nuanced and creative arguments. The experience provided an excellent opportunity to grow and developed both written and oral advocacy, which the team seized wholeheartedly. The team is immensely thankful to all of its peers, former Gibbs members,



UQ alumni, staff, and the Federal Court for their time, effort, and dedication in preparing the team to the best degree possible. Special and particular mention must go to Associate Professor Rebecca Ananian-Welsh and Alexandra Nash for their unparalleled support and commitment to the team. The team cannot thank you enough. Their dedication provided the framework for the team to grow, and made the experience overwhelmingly positive.

# UNSW Private Law Moot

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## Team

**Emily Johns, Jake Matsushita, Emitis Morsali, Rachel Pavlovski**

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## Coach

**Regan Brown**

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## Results

**Semi Finalists**

**2nd Best Appellant Submissions**

**3rd Best Overall Submissions**

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The competition took place at the UNSW Kingston campus in Sydney in May. This was the first year since 2019 in which the competition was held in-person. The team was grateful to be the first UQ team to participate in the competition in Sydney. The team performed excellently in their four preliminary rounds, against Singapore Management University, National University of Singapore, Bond University, and the University of Hong Kong. Each side (Appellant and Respondent) mooted twice. Following their outstanding performance in the preliminary rounds, the team broke to the Quarter Finals and faced the University of Tasmania as Respondent. The team was privileged to present before a very esteemed bench, which included the Honourable Tom Bathurst AC KC, former Chief Justice of New South Wales. Without a doubt, this was the team's best moot, and it was a great moment of pride to see them emerge victorious.

The team then faced ANU in the Semi Final, again as Respondent. Unfortunately, the team was not successful and did not progress



to the Grand Final. However, it should be noted that ANU were a very strong team. That very team had won the 2023 Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot and were experienced mooters. Further, ANU went on to win the Grand Final, beating the University of Sydney in what was a fantastic moot to watch.

The team should therefore be proud of their efforts and understand that they were ultimately defeated by a very strong team, who ended up winning the competition. As relatively inexperienced mooters coming up against more experienced competition, their results are a testament to the team's hard work and dedication. Despite the very short timeframe within which this competition takes place, in addition to team members' existing university subject commitments, the team was always fully committed to the task and one another.

## UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot

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Team

**Lucas Sherington, Alexander Thakur, Aniese Uppal**

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Coaches

**Sam Goodwin, Sarah Hartsuyker**

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The UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot, now in its second iteration, attracted renowned law schools from all over Australia and the Asia Pacific.

The Moot concerned the existence of a doctrine of lawful act duress and its application to a fact pattern mirroring the case of *Pakistan International Airlines Corp v Times Travel (UK) Ltd* [2021] UKSC 40. The Grand Final was judged by Justices Sarah Derrington AM and Roger Derrington, and Professor Kit Barker.

It was a privilege to represent UQ at its very own mooting competition, and the team is grateful to its coaches and the extensive UQ alumni profession for their contribution and involvement in all stages of the competition.



# UQLS competitions

2024 was another excellent year for external competitions at UQ. It was a privilege to watch all competitors learn, grow and succeed throughout the year. Our teams grappled with complex legal questions, pored over lengthy written submissions, and excelled before tough benches. The University of Queensland Law Society is proud to play its part in the success of the competitions program at UQ. My time as Vice-President of External Competitions has been immensely rewarding, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn so much from the competitions community over the past year.

I must extend my thanks to the many people who enabled the competitions program to thrive in 2024. Thank you to Dony Rodriguez, who provides endless support to competitors in his role as Director of Mooting and Co-Curricular Program Coordinator, and to the UQLS External Competitions Officer, Regan Brown, for all of his assistance this year. Thank you also to the volunteer coaches, practice judges and problem writers who generously gave their time to enable our competitors to flourish. Finally, thank you to all of our competitors. As the backbone of the competitions community, they should all be incredibly proud of their accomplishments. I look forward to seeing the wonderful things all competitors will no doubt achieve in the future.



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**Ms Alexandra Nash**

VP External Competitions

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## UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot

After an incredibly successful inaugural year, the UQ Unjust Enrichment Moot returned again in 2024. We saw many teams that attended last year returning to compete again, as well as the addition of new universities. Thank you to Professor Kit Barker, assisted by Mr William Garske, for writing a stimulating problem concerning the doctrine of lawful act duress. Congratulations to the University of New South Wales, who prevailed over Singapore Management University in a hotly contested Grand Final at the Federal Court of Australia.

We were fortunate to have the Honourable Justice Roger Derrington, the Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington and Professor Barker judging the Grand Final this year. Many thanks should also go to the Honourable Justice Ian Jackman for selecting the winning written memorials, and to Mr Garske and Mr Charlie Ward for their assistance in marking the submissions.

The competition also owes its success, in no small part, to Dony Rodriguez, Regan Brown, and the Unjust Enrichment Moot Subcommittee, which comprised Simaima Gordon, Viktoria Palka, Eliza Shoebridge and Tayiah Zabala.

## Australian Law Students' Association Conference Competitions (ALSA)

### Witness Examination

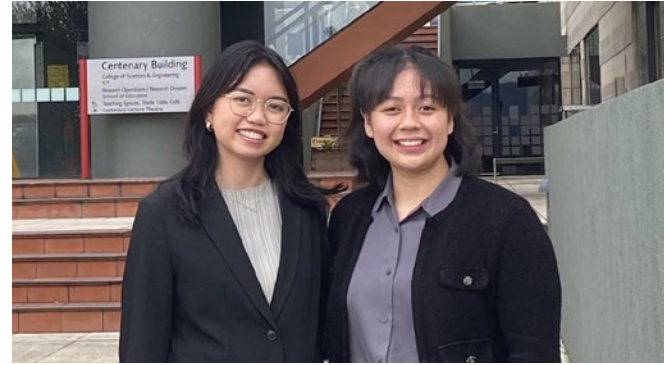
Amber Sheridan was delighted to have the opportunity to travel to Hobart to take part in her first external competition. Despite the steep learning curve, Amber was grateful for the chance to take on this new challenge and engage with interesting and new areas of law. Dealing with complex questions of evidence on such short notice was an exciting and enjoyable experience. Amber would recommend this competition to anyone who wishes to extend their ability to work under time pressure, and their oral advocacy and legal reasoning skills



### International Humanitarian Law Moot

Diksha Arora, Ariana Liao and Nina Sang spent their mid-year break engaged in a problem on an international armed conflict between government forces and a rebellion group, including a disinformation campaign. The issues involved the commission of a war crime, targeting obligations and individual criminal responsibility. Upon arriving in Hobart, the moot produced what was an experience that taught many lessons.

The team was thrilled to break into the Quarter Finals, and were very fortunate to have mooted against teams from all across Australia. The team is incredibly grateful to their coach Will Simons, who went above and beyond in every respect — a brilliant coach, but even more so an exceptional person.



### Negotiation

Sophia Ogabang and Jerica Nieva were fortunate to compete in the ALSA Negotiation competition in 2024. Being long-standing teammates, they were excited to have the opportunity to compete once again and travel to Hobart to take part in the Competitions Conference this year.

The team thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities afforded to them to meet competitors from a wide range of universities from across Australia. The competition problems were engaging and the team members learnt a lot from their experience.





### **Moot of Origin**

The annual Moot of Origin between the UQLS and the Sydney University Law Society (SULS) took place in 2024 for the sixth consecutive year. With the competition returning to Brisbane, it was a successful night of competition at the QEII Courts of Law. Elena Del Villar, Leah Duncan and Marc Hagan made their coach, Grace Dowdle, proud with their performance on the night. Ultimately, the trophy returned to Sydney after an incredibly high-quality moot. Thank you to SULS for their assistance with the competition, and Professor Barbara McDonald of the University of Sydney Law School for writing a fascinating problem.



### **Queensland Intersarsity Law Competitions (QILC)**

In its seventh year, UQ had an incredibly successful run at the Queensland Intersarsity Law Competitions (QILC). With a record number of competitors, we saw an incredibly high standard of performance from our teams in all competitions. Our Mooting team — Charlie Hoare, Adwaith Anil and Eliza Kingston — grappled with a complex Constitutional Law problem and emerged as champions after a close-fought Grand Final against Bond University. Charlie should be further commended for being awarded Best Speaker in the competition.

Maxwell Eberhardt was also victorious in his Witness Examination competition, demonstrating his expertise on difficult evidential issues. Our Client Interviewing team, comprising Sophia Ogabang and Jerica Nieva, also excelled, reaching the Grand Final.

Finally, congratulations to Hilary Hon, Jeremy Bazley, Sammy Talluri and Gracella Gandhi for their efforts in the Negotiation competition. QUTLS is to be thanked for their hard work in organising and hosting the competitions this year.



### **SULS v UQLS International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

In 2024, the UQLS teamed up with SULS to run the first bilateral International Commercial Arbitration Moot between the two universities. Securing Professor Chester Brown to write the inaugural problem meant that both teams grappled with some difficult procedural and substantive issues. Katelyn Dyer, Isabella Leung-Dias and Lauren Curtin worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the moot, assisted by their coach Tim Rainbird. This hard work paid off when they pulled off a fabulous performance and were crowned winners of the moot



### **UQLS v QUTLS Grudge Moot**

Continuing a long-standing tradition, UQLS and the QUT Law Society faced off again, pitting together the winners of each university's respect junior moots. The first-year students had the opportunity to compete in the Federal Court of Australia in front of the Honourable Justice Downes as presiding judge. Adwaith Anil, Aditya Joshi and Liam Cleary battled complex contractual issues, tort law, and illness but made the UQLS proud with their performance on the evening. While QUT took home the win, the team should be incredibly proud of its outstanding performance

# Become part of a winning team

## UQ Law Mooting sponsorship

UQ School of Law is one of Australia's leading providers of undergraduate legal education. The high demand for Commonwealth-assisted places limits our ability to derive additional tuition fee income.

Supplementary funding enables us to maintain and expand the School's extracurricular programs, in particular, legal clinics through the UQ Pro Bono Centre, and support for students to take part in national and international mooting competitions.

Your contribution will help more students to participate in these transformative learning experiences, and can make a positive difference to the lives of people living in the local community.

To find out more about our sponsorship opportunities, please visit [law.uq.edu.au/giving](https://law.uq.edu.au/giving)





Mooting moments















# David F Jackson award recipients 2023



The Queensland Law Society 2023 *Best International Moot Team Award* was presented to the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Team.



Ms Emma Cooney received The Bar Association of Queensland Award for the '2023 *Best Oralist in a Moot Competition*'. Presented by Mr Dominic O'Sullivan KC to Mr Elliot Perkins who accepted the award on Emma's behalf.



Relatives of the late Honourable David F Jackson AM KC, Mr Tom Frisby and his wife Anne, presented the 2023 *David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy* to Mr Elliot Perkins.



The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association 2023 *Best Domestic Moot Team Award* was presented by Mr John McKenna KC to the Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team.

## David F Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy previous winners

**2013**

Mr Joshua McGeechan

**2014**

Ms Camille Boileau

**2015**

Ms Elizabeth Stanley

**2016**

Ms Erin Gourlay

**2017**

Mr Benjamin Teng

**2018**

Ms Sangeetha Badya

**2019**

Ms Emily McClelland  
Mr Julius Moller

**2020**

Mr Jack Donnelly

**2021**

Mr Liam Inglis

**2022**

Ms Paivi Adeniyi

**2023**

Mr Elliot Perkins



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In recognition of the central role of advocacy in any barrister's practice, the Bar Association of Queensland is proud to sponsor UQ's *'2024 'Best Oralist in a Moot Competition'* award. This prize provides encouragement to students contemplating entry to the Bar to begin developing the skills a good advocate needs.

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