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Good evening and a warm welcome to the fifth David F Jackson Dinner, generously sponsored by North Quarter Lane Chambers. This annual tradition provides us with the opportunity to meet in celebration of the significant advocacy achievements of our students over this past year and to recognise the tremendous support of our coaches and sponsors.

Through mooting our students have the opportunity to go toe to toe with other elite law schools from around the world. In 2016 the Law School entered more competitions than ever before, which allowed a record number of students to take part. The year started out in a bit of an unorthodox manner, with our 'Phoenix' Philip C Jessup International Law Moot team rising from the ashes of the national rounds in Canberra to compete in Washington, DC. And from there our teams were off to great heights, travelling to Jakarta, Vienna, London, and Auckland, as well as many domestic destinations.



GENEVIÈVE MURRAY
Director of Mooting
TC Beirne School of Law

Our teams broke through to the final rounds so frequently this year that it *almost* became hard not to take their achievements for granted. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot team swept the prizes in their competition, and we had a win in the Paper Presentation at ALSA. We also featured in the grand finals of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition 'NOOT', the Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot Competition, and the Castan Centre Human Rights Law Moot.

While these fabulous achievements – as well as those documented throughout this evening's program – are certainly a source of pride, what I have most enjoyed about my first year as the Director of Mooting is getting to know this superb cohort of students. I continue to be inspired by the high degree of professionalism with which they represent the Law School and by their commitment to the mooting community, many of them giving back as mentors and volunteering to judge in practice moots.

On behalf of the Law School I offer congratulations to all students who have, so ably, represented the University of Queensland on the national and international stage.

This dinner also enables us to offer our appreciation to the coaches and supporters who enrich the Law School's mooting program through their contributions to the development of our students' advocacy skills. A special thanks to our moot team sponsors, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia and the International Aerospace Law & Policy Group, without whom the School could not afford to offer such a vibrant mooting program.

I would also like to recognize the University of Queensland Law Society executive for the incredible amount of effort they put into organizing the legal skills and mooting competitions within the Law School, and who also contribute financially to several of our moot teams.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Sarah Derrington for her support of the mooting program and to all the moot coaches and mentors, both from within the Law School and those drawn from legal practice, who have kindly given their time, energy and expertise to support our students' development throughout the year.

Enjoy the evening!



WITH SPECIAL THANKS



SUE BROWN QC
Guest speaker

Sue holds a first class honours degree in law from the University of Queensland and a Masters of Law (Hons) from the University of Cambridge.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Sue was a senior associate at Minter Ellison in Commercial Dispute Resolution. Her time as a solicitor included spending two years in London working as a senior lawyer in the Lloyd's names litigation acting on behalf of one of the large accounting firms.

Sue was appointed as a silk in 2011 and practices in commercial litigation and public law and is a member of North Quarter Lane Chambers.

She has been an active member of the Bar being an elected member of the Bar Council for a number of years and now serves as Vice President. She has also been a member of the Bar Practice Management Committee for a number of years and takes an active role in the teaching of the course.



DAVID F JACKSON AM QC

The annual mooring dinner is named in honour of our esteemed alumnus David F Jackson AM QC.

Mr Jackson graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Arts (1963) and Bachelor of Laws in 1964, during which time he worked as Associate to The Hon. Sir Harry Gibbs, then a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland who later became Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He was awarded the University's Ross Anderson Prize in Constitutional Law in 1963, and the Virgil Power, Henderson and Wilkinson Prizes in 1964. He was called to the Bar in 1964, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1976 and was in private practice in Brisbane until 1985 when he was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia in Sydney. He left the Court in 1987 and since then has practised at the Bar from Sydney.

Mr Jackson is regarded as one of the nation's most distinguished barristers. His principal areas of practice are: appellate; constitutional law; arbitration; and mediation. He was Head of Chambers at Seven Wentworth (one of Australia's most respected barristers' chambers) from 2002-2014, and the first Head of New Chambers from October 2014 to May 2016.

Mr Jackson has conducted a number of inquiries for national and state governments.

Mr Jackson has appeared in hundreds of matters in the High Court of Australia, in both its original and appellate jurisdiction, and in numerous matters in the federal and state intermediate appeal courts.

He has published frequently and delivered many papers.



**DAVID F JACKSON
AM QC FCIArb FACICA**

UQ LAW MOOTING PROGRAM

The development of strong professional relationships is central to the mission of the TC Beirne School of Law. These relationships make it possible for us to work with both law and non-law partners to develop educational experiences that provide students with practical skills that are valued by employers in any profession.

In addition to developing advocacy skills, competitive mooting enables students to build their self confidence and sharpen their research, legal writing and presentation skills.

With the help of our alumni and members of the legal profession, including many former mooting competitors, our students have achieved tremendous success in national and international moot competitions.

The annual David F Jackson Mooting Dinner is an opportunity for the School to acknowledge and celebrate both team and individual mooting performances, and to formally thank our students, coaches and supporters for participating in the UQ mooting program.

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Congratulations to all teams and individuals
for taking part in the 2016 TC Beirne School
of Law Mooting Program.



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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

6:00pm Drinks served in the Freda Bage Common Room

6:20pm Guests move into the Harriet Marks dining hall

6:30pm Welcome by Professor Sarah Derrington

6:35pm Entrée is served

6:45pm Ms Geneviève Murray introduces the 2016 moot teams:

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot Competition

International Air Law Moot Court Competition

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition

Paper Presentation (ALSA)

Client Interviewing (ALSA)

Negotiation Competition (ALSA)

Witness Examination (ALSA)

Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (ALSA)

King & Wood Mallesons Championship Moot (ALSA)

QUT Torts Moot Competition

Castan Centre Human Rights Law Moot

Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot Competition

7:05pm Main course is served

7:25pm Ms Geneviève Murray introduces the 2016 teams:

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot

Hon. Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Australia/New Zealand Intervarsity Moot on Animal Law

Baker & McKenzie National Women's Moot

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition



7:50pm Professor Sarah Derrington introduces Ms Sue Brown QC

7:55pm **After dinner address by Ms Sue Brown QC**

8:10pm Dessert is served

8:30pm Advocacy awards:

The Bar Association of Queensland,

‘Best Oralist in a Moot Competition’

– presented by Mr Christopher Hughes QC, President BAQ

The Queensland Law Society,

‘Best Moot Team Award’

– presented by Ms Amelia Hodge, CEO QLS

The David Jackson Trophy for **‘Outstanding Advocacy’**

– presented by Mr David F Jackson AM QC

8:50pm Vote of thanks - Mr Jaamae Hafeez-Baig

8:55pm Conclusion of formalities

9:30pm Function concludes



ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS 2016

Team Awards

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot
Overall Winners
Best Written Submissions

Australian and New Zealand Air Law Moot
Best Appellant Submission

International Air Law Moot Court Competition
Best Respondent Orals

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
Honourable Mentions
- Best Team Orals
- Best Memorandum for Claimant
- Best Memorandum for Respondent

Individual Awards

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot
Best Oralist in General Rounds - Mollie O'Connor

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition
Best communicator - Jocelyn Bosse
Highly commended - Jocelyn Bosse, Kate Cincotta

ALSA Paper Presentation
Winning Paper Presentation - Jessica Downing-Ide

Australian and New Zealand Air Law Moot
Runner-up Best Oralist - Nicole Brazier

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot
Best Oralist in General Rounds - Keilin Anderson and Dominic Fawcett



Finalists

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition

Grand-finalists (Team 1)

Semi-finalists (Team 2)

ALSA Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law

Quarter-finalists

Australia/New Zealand Intervarsity Moot in Animal Law

Semi-finalists

Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot

Grand-finalists

Castan Centre Human Rights Law Moot

Grand-finalists

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Semi-finalists

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot

Semi-finalists (Team 1)

Quarter-finalists (Team 2)

Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Quarter-finalists

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Quarter-finalists (Australia)

QUT Torts Moot Competition

Semi-finalists

PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Team members:

Lauren Browne
Angus Fraser
Milan Gandhi
Erin Gourlay
Molly Thomas

Coaches:

Professor Anthony Cassimatis
Mr Hugo Clark-Ryan
Ms Catherine Drummond

Results:

Quarter-finalists (Australia)

The 2016 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition problem was a thrilling saga between two countries involving espionage, the leaking of top secret government files, the detention of terrorist suspects, and cyberattacks. The UQ team, along with 550 other law schools from 80 countries around the world, dedicated their summer break to researching this problem and preparing two 10,000+ word written memorials. Following the submission of memorials in January, the UQ team, comprising Lauren Browne, Angus Fraser, Milan Gandhi, Erin Gourlay and Molly Thomas, travelled to Canberra in February to compete in the Australian rounds of the competition. The team won all four of its preliminary round moots, and broke to the advanced rounds in 2nd place. In the quarterfinals UQ mooted against the University of Tasmania and following the round, it was announced that Tasmania had won the moot. The team, believing their Jessup campaign to be over, spent the afternoon in a local pub. However, unbeknownst to the team, this was only the beginning.



A week later, following the release of the score sheets, it became apparent that one of the judges in UQ's quarterfinals had incorrectly transcribed his scores for the moot, altering the outcome of the round. Consequently, the UQ team, now dubbed the "Phoenix Jessup Mooters", were invited to compete in the International Rounds in Washington, DC. UQ broke into the advanced rounds, but was eventually defeated by a team from Indonesia. Molly Thomas, Erin Gourlay and Angus Fraser ranked 1st, 3rd and 6th best Australian advocates respectively. The whole team worked incredibly hard to make the most of the opportunity

they had been given, recognising that Jessup teams are rarely given second chances.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS' MOOT

Team members:

Zachary Frazer
Mollie O'Connor

Coaches:

Mr Jack Siebert
Ms Elizabeth Stanley

Results:

Overall Winners
Best Written Submissions
Best Oralist in General Rounds - Mollie O'Connor

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot is a mooting competition for Queensland Indigenous Law Students and took place for the second time in May 2016 at the Supreme Court in Brisbane. This year, UQ was represented by Mollie O'Connor and Zachary Frazer, for both students this was their first ever mooting experience.

Teams had to prepare to argue both sides of a problem that included issues of contracts and negligent misstatement. The UQ team progressed through their preliminary round before going up against a well-prepared Bond team in the final. The final against Bond took place in the Banco Court before a tough bench consisting of The Hon. Justice Margaret McMurdo, The Hon. Justice Boddice and Damien O'Brien QC. After a close competition The University of Queensland were crowned the winners. The UQ team also won 'Best Written Submissions' and Mollie was recognised as the Best Oralist in General Rounds for her outstanding advocacy.

Both Mollie and Zachary found participating in the moot an invaluable experience. The



team would like to thank all those from the legal profession involved, including members of the judiciary for hosting and judging the moots in the Supreme Court, barristers from North Quarter Lane Chambers for facilitating legal writing and oral advocacy workshops as well as sponsors Allens, Ashurst and the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland. The team would like to extend the most gratitude to TCB Law School Alumni and accredited mooters Jack Siebert and Liz Stanley for their outstanding commitment to coaching and

providing instrumental help to the team.

INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Team members:

Emma Hartley
Nicholas Lindsay
Shane Montgomery

Coach:

Ms Georgina Morgan

Results:

Best Respondent Oralists

In April of this year, the team represented the Law School in the 7th International Air Law Moot in Jakarta, Indonesia. This competition featured teams from around the world, and we came up against teams from Canada, the United States, Romania and Nigeria. The question featured factual circumstances analogous to the MH17 disaster. The standard of competition was high, and despite being unsuccessful in progressing through to the Final, the team won the prize for best Respondent oralists and came within the top ten in each other prize category. The team was coached to an exceptional standard by Georgina Morgan (a previous competitor) and received the support of academic staff and practitioners in their practice moots, which allowed them to develop their skills. Overall, the moot was a rewarding experience, and the team made further connections in the aviation industry and learnt a great deal.





CONGRATULATIONS

North Quarter Lane Chambers congratulates this evening's award winners and all the students who participated in mooting competitions during 2016.

We hope this experience helps you prepare for your professional career and that it will inspire interest in pursuing a career at the Bar.

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North Quarter Lane Chambers is one of the largest and leading sets of commercial chambers in Queensland, at the heart of the Court Precinct in Brisbane. With nine Queen's Counsel and 17 Junior Counsel, including several Readers, its members (each in individual practice) advise in relation to all sectors of the law, and appear in the complete range of civil litigation matters.

WILLEM C VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

Team members:

Sangeetha Badya
Samuel Bullen
Matthew Paterson
Madeline Rodgers
Benjamin Teng

Coach:

Emeritus Professor Gabriël Moens

Results:

Honourable Mentions
- Best Team Orals
- Best Memorandum for Claimant
- Best Memorandum for Respondent

In March, the 2016 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team, comprising of Sangeetha Badya, Samuel Bullen, Matthew Paterson, Madeline Rodgers and Benjamin Teng, and coached by Emeritus Professor Gabriël Moens, represented The University of Queensland in Vienna. The Moot was attended by 311 law schools and over 1000 academics and practitioners, who acted as arbitrators, from around the world. This year, the problem concerned the discovery of documents, the breach of an arbitration agreement, and the recovery of litigation costs under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. At the conclusion of the general rounds, the team was ranked 37th, and so broke into the final rounds as part of the top 64 teams. There, the team was defeated by the University of Belgrade in a closely contested moot. The team also won two written awards: an Honourable Mention for Best Memorandum for the Claimant and an Honourable Mention for Best Memorandum for the Respondent, meaning that each of the team's memoranda placed in the top 10 percent of all memoranda submitted.



The Vis Moot was an invaluable and highly rewarding experience. The team would like to thank the Law School and Emeritus Professor Gabriël Moens for the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers from all across the world, while developing oral and written advocacy skills before some of the leading experts in international commercial arbitration.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION MOOT

Team members:

Keilin Anderson
Dominic Fawcett
Jaamae Hafeez-Baig
Amina Karcic

Coach:

Professor Sarah Derrington

Results:

Semi-finalists
Highest Ranked Team (General Rounds)
Best Oralist in General Rounds
(Keilin Anderson and Dominic Fawcett (Joint))

In July this year, a team of four represented the Law School in the 17th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM), which was held in Exeter and London. 25 teams competed in IMLAM this year, representing a range of universities worldwide. Teams submitted written memoranda in April before competing against one another in oral hearings, which simulated commercial arbitral proceedings. This year's problem concerned a dispute over a voyage charterparty following the chartered vessel's detention at the loading port for nearly a year.



Each member of the team (Keilin, Dominic, Jaamae and Amina) spoke in the four general rounds en route to the elimination rounds. After defeating NALSAR University of Law in the quarterfinals, the team competed against the University of Sydney in the semifinals. In a 2:1 decision, the judges narrowly awarded the moot to the University of Sydney, who were the eventual winners of this year's IMLAM. Although the result in the semifinal was unfortunate, the team had a strong overall performance, ranking 1st in the general rounds.

The Team greatly appreciates the sponsors who made it possible for them to participate in the competition. They also thank the practitioners,

academics of the Law School and the members of the judiciary who sacrificed their time to judge practice moots in the lead up to the competition. Finally, the team is grateful for Professor Derrington's guidance as their coach.

Overall, it was a great experience and the team was extremely happy with their performance. Every year since UQ entered this competition, the team has progressed further into the competition. Following this trend, hopefully UQ will be able to win it next year.

AUSTRALIAN LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ALSA) CONFERENCE

The Annual Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Conference is attended by over 500 delegates from across Australasia and is the host of the national finals of the King & Wood Mallesons National Championship Moot, Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot, Client Interviewing, Negotiation, Paper Presentation and Witness Examination competitions.



Paper Presentation

Jessica Downing-Ide (pictured left) was the winner of the ALSA Paper Presentation Competition, with a paper entitled 'An Economic Evaluation of Pure Economic Loss in the High Court.' The paper argued for the explicit consideration of insurance in determining a plaintiff's vulnerability for cases of pure economic loss, in order to enhance certainty for litigants and create economically more efficient outcomes.

Client Interviewing

Benjamin Gibbons and Claire Robertson

Negotiation

Hayden Fabe and Nigel Turay

Witness Examination

Jocelyn Bosse

ALSA AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Team members:

Joshua Keenan
Molly Thomas

Results:

Quarter-finalists (broke first)

As part of its ALSA delegation, the UQLS sent a team to compete in the Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot. This year's problem concerned the impediment of relief supplies and the proportionality of drone strikes mistakenly made against civilian targets. The UQ team consisted of Molly Thomas and Joshua Keenan who advocated for both the Prosecution and the Defence during the competition. The team won its three preliminary round moots and broke first to progress to the quarter-finals. The team was then defeated in the quarter-finals by Bond, who went on to win the championship.

The team had a rewarding experience researching a completely new area of law and developing their advocacy skills. The competition was a great opportunity to be able to moot in front of many skilled judges, many of whom had real life experience with international humanitarian law.



ALSA KING & WOOD MALLESONS CHAMPIONSHIP MOOT

Team members:

Davina Khoo
Julius Moller

Results:

Participated in the general rounds

As part of the 2016 ALSA delegation, the UQLS entered a team, comprising Davina Khoo and Julius Moller, into the Championship Moot. Thirty-four teams from all across Australia, New Zealand and even Singapore competed in the moot, which concerned an appeal of an administrative immigration decision, and involved the identification of jurisdictional errors in the Minister's decision. Of particular interest was the fact that the appeal was of an actual judicial review that had been recently decided before the Federal Court of Australia. The team was grateful to have received support from coach Sangeetha Badya, as well as numerous students who willingly judged practice moots before the team's departure to Hobart. Acting as counsel for both sides during the preliminary rounds, the team found it to be a rewarding experience, developing and finessing their knowledge of administrative law and advocacy in the face of tough competition. Although the team was unsuccessful in progressing to the quarter-finals, the Championship Moot provided a unique opportunity to meet and compete against top advocates from a variety of universities across the Asia-Pacific region.



QUT TORTS MOOT COMPETITION

Team members:

Suvradip Maitra
Priam Rangiah
Rubaina Sehgal
Hannah Whitton

Coach:

Professor John Devereux

Mentor:

Mr Michael Chen

Results:

Semi-finalists

The 2016 QUT Torts Moot saw competitors from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific in its 14th year. The University of Queensland was represented by Hannah Whitton, Suvradip Maitra, Priam Rangiah and Rubaina Sehgal and having faced some fierce competition, they nevertheless progressed to the semi finals. Unfortunately the UQ team was knocked out in the semi-finals by the team that went on to win the competition, however the experience was nonetheless rewarding and provided a valuable opportunity to develop and refine oral advocacy skills.



CASTAN CENTRE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW MOOT

Team members:

Hannah Anderson
Christopher Clur
Anna (Sruthy) John

Coaches:

Associate Professor Tamara Walsh
Mr Robert Mullins

Results:

Grand-finalists

The Moot, held by Monash University in Melbourne, consisted of 14 teams representing universities across Australia. The problem centred on the Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic), also known as the Victorian Charter on Human Rights. This posed a challenge to the team going into the moot, especially against Victorian universities. With only a short turnaround time between the release of the problem and the start of the three-day competition, the team got stuck into the intricacies of Victorian human rights law.



The problem itself concerned two Swedish girls who, in frustration at the teaching methods of their teacher and principal after he banned the use of the native language in their public school, started a protest group and staged a sit-in. Their message, “stand up to teacher oppression”, was not well received by the principal, who expelled the girls and banned the group. The question for the teams was whether the principal, acting as a public authority, had unreasonably restricted the girls’ rights under the Charter.

The UQ team went into the first two rounds confidently, with one win and one loss. Progressing into the quarterfinals, the team overcame Monash University. The semi-finals saw UQ come up against University of Melbourne for a second time and, in a moment the team was proud of, beat them by a slim margin. The grand final was held in the Red Court of the Court of Appeal, presided over by His Honour Justice Croucher and Her Honour Justice Dixon of the Supreme Court, and Victorian Equal

Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner Kristen Hilton. Unfortunately, the team could not best an excellent University of New South Wales team, who advocated brilliantly on behalf of the Respondent.

Overall, it was a great experience and the team was extremely happy with their performance. Every year since UQ entered this competition, the team has progressed further into the competition. Following this trend, hopefully UQ will be able to win it next year.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

In recognition of the central role of advocacy in any barrister's practice the Bar Association of Queensland is proud to sponsor UQ's 2016 '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.

The Bar Association of Queensland was established in 1903 as the professional body representing the interests of members of the Bar practising in Queensland. Whilst the Association's scope and functions have since broadened, its primary goals of promoting the rule of law and maintaining the high ethical standards of the Bar remain in place.

Since July 2004, the Association has assumed important regulatory responsibilities under the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Qld) and issues practising certificates for local legal practitioners who wish to practise as a barrister. Membership is open to all barristers practising in Queensland in addition to interstate barristers and others associated with the legal profession.

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“ Mooting provides students with the opportunity to utilise their theoretical knowledge of the law and legal argumentation developed as part of their law degree in a practical environment unlike a classroom or examination room. Through asking students to develop legal arguments in an area of law they might, or might not have studied, it enables students to engage with new and sometimes abstract factual scenarios and broader issues of policy. Furthermore, the experience of presenting submissions teaches students to become effective advocates able to transfer their knowledge from the pages of cases and textbooks to the court room.

The UQLS is very proud to work with the Law School to ensure as many students as possible can participate in the program in order to enrich their university experience. 2016 has been a stellar year for mooting at UQ, and we can't wait to see what you achieve in 2017. ”



Emily McClelland, Vice President (Competitions) and Kate Cincotta, President of UQLS

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AIR LAW MOOT

Team members:

Nicole Brazier
Matthew Tsai

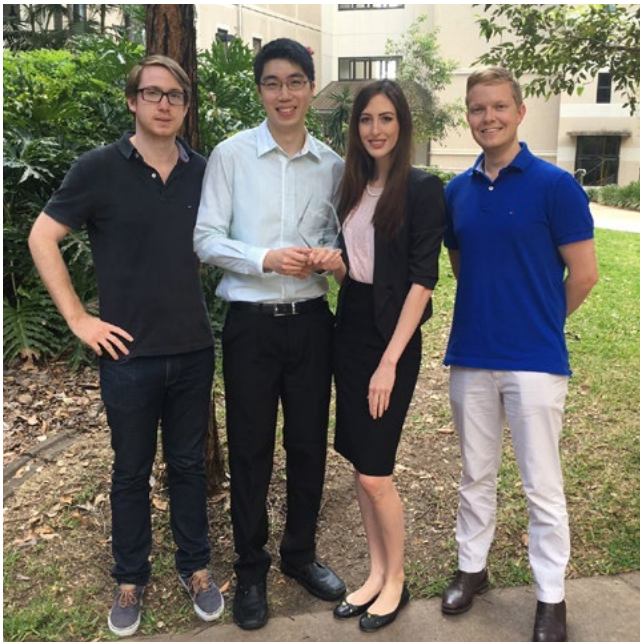
Coaches:

Mr Nicholas Lindsay
Mr Shane Montgomery

Results:

Grand-finalists
Best Appellant Submission

In early September, UQ participated in the 3rd Annual Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot at the University of Auckland. This year's problem involved the legality of an Air Defence Identification Zone in international airspace, and the subsequent interception and destruction of a remotely piloted civilian aircraft on an international flight that had allegedly breached the zone. This was a challenging, but exciting problem that required looking beyond public international law into topical aviation rules and guidance material. With the assistance of our coaches, Shane Montgomery and Nicholas Lindsay, we were able to have quite a number of practice moots leading up to the competition.



The team performed admirably in the three preliminary moots to progress to the grand final. This was held at the High Court of New Zealand in Auckland. The presiding judges were the Rt Hon. Sir Edmund Thomas (former Judge of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand and the Supreme Court of New Zealand), Mr John Blair (General Counsel of Air New Zealand) and Associate Professor Treasa Dunworth from the University of Auckland. It was a nail-biting grand final. Although we did not win, we had a fantastic time meeting like-minded students and forging

new friendships. We also won best applicant memorial.

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL MOOT

Team one members: Gillian Gehrke, Bethany King and Edward Watson

Results: Semi-finalists

Team two members: Gemma Galloway, Jane Hall and Sophie Ryan

Results: Quarter-finalists

Coach: Associate Professor Peter Billings

Assistant Coaches: Ms Eloise Gluer and Ms Erin Gourlay



The UQ Law School fielded two teams to the 2016 National AAT Mooting Competition, taking on other universities in five knock-out rounds. Each round consisted of a new problem, making the competition both challenging and extremely rewarding as a learning experience.

The two UQ teams were highly successful, defeating local rivals Griffith University and Bond University (twice), as well as University of Western Australia, in

the first two rounds. This brought the teams head-to-head in a hotly contested quarter final round, which centred around a Commonwealth worker's compensation problem closely modelled off ABC presenter, Maryanne Demasi's claim. Bethany, Gillian and Edward progressed, but were unfortunately defeated in the semi final round by University of Tasmania.

An immense thanks is due to Professor Billings, Erin Gourlay and Eloise Gluer who gave us invaluable support and advice during the competition.



HON. MICHAEL KIRBY CONTRACT LAW MOOT

Team members:

Reid Barry
Antonia Bellas
Hannah Krieger
Claire Viney

Coach:

Professor Nick Gaskell

Mentor:

Mr Benjamin Teng

Results:

Top 16 Elimination Round

Held in the heart of Melbourne at Victoria University, this year's moot highlighted the growing popularity of this national competition with 106 participants from 31 teams taking part. In an attempt to make the problem relevant to modern dispute processes, it saw the teams tackle an arbitration concerning an alleged breach and termination of contract between two Australian businesses. Thus, while academic style responses were well received, it was the more practical responses that would score best.



The UQ team smashed the competition in the general rounds, advancing into the first elimination round to come against the Melbourne University Law School. The tough battle that would ensue however saw Melbourne University edge out UQ in a contest almost too close to call. The grand final saw a distinguished panel comprising the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, Simon Marks QC, Ian Martindale QC and Michael Wyles QC, with QUT taking out the overall honours over Griffith University in an exhilarating final moot. The team could not have performed so amazingly without the assistance of their coach and mentor, Prof. Nick Gaskell and Mr. Ben Teng. Their passion and knowledge has helped to produce four exceptional legal advocates.

The team wishes the future Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot team the best of luck for 2017.

SIR HARRY GIBBS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT

Team members:

Penelope Bristow
Allister Harrison
Mia Williams

Coach:

Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh

Mentor:

Ms Peta Stephenson

Results:

Quarter-finalists

In September, Mia Williams, Penelope Bristow and Allister Harrison represented UQ at the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot, held annually at the University of Melbourne. This year's problem, written by the Hon. Justice Gageler, tackled a highly topical factual scenario involving detention and terrorism, which raised challenging issues relating to judicial and executive power. In the month before the competition, the team prepared written memoranda, then launched into an intensive week of practice moots. The team is very grateful for the generous assistance, energy and expertise of all our practice moot judges.

In the preliminary rounds in Melbourne, mooting before distinguished constitutional law practitioners and academics, the UQ team lost narrowly to ANU (who went on to win the competition), but won their other three preliminary moots, to break through to the quarter finals. The team came up against the University of Melbourne in the quarterfinals, and in a hard fought moot before a very interventionist judge, UQ narrowly lost. Throughout the competition, the team's efforts were recognised with high scores: Mia Williams was one of two mooters to receive a 39/40, the highest score in the competition.

The overall standard of competition was remarkably high, and the team enjoyed watching Melbourne and ANU battle it out in an exciting grand final, presided over by the Hon. Justices Gummow, Crennan and Callinan. In particular, the team would like to thank Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh and Peta Stephenson for their ceaseless enthusiasm, and invaluable insight and assistance throughout the whole competition.



AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND INTERVARSITY MOOT ON ANIMAL LAW

Team members:

Julius Moller
Matthew Paterson
Claire van der List

Coach:

Dr Justine Bell-James

Results:

Semi-finalists

In September, Julius Moller, Matthew Paterson and Claire van der List represented UQ in the Australia/New Zealand Intervarsity Moot on Animal Law in Adelaide. The moot, hosted by Flinders University and organised by The Animal Law Institute, is the only animal law moot for Australian and New Zealand law students, and provided an enlightening experience in addressing issues of law in light of animal rights. This year's problem concerned complex issues in relation to copyright and defamation, in the context of a pig-dogging incident that occurred in Queensland. The team was required to both refresh their knowledge of defamation and the application of the statutory defences under the Defamation Act 2005 (Qld), as well as gain an understanding of copyright law, an area in which no one had much experience.

The standard of competition was very high, but despite this, the limited time-frame for preparation and the intense preliminary rounds, the team successfully made it to the semi-finals of the moot. In reaching this stage of the competition, the team was grateful for the assistance provided by coach Dr Justine Bell-James, and professors and practitioners in their practice moots, which allowed them to hone their written and oral submissions. Overall, the experience was fulfilling, allowing all members to gain a greater insight into the laws that exist in relation to animals and their treatment, as well as being able to further develop advocacy skills.



“ Observations about methods of advocacy are most commonly made in connection with advocacy in courts or tribunals but such observations are applicable also to other circumstances involving persuasion. They are applicable because of the nature of advocacy. At its heart it is an endeavour to persuade. An endeavour to persuade the person, or persons, to whom it is addressed to decide a particular matter in favour of the client on whose behalf one is acting. ”

— David F Jackson AM QC



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE **UQLGA**

The University of Queensland Law Graduates Association congratulates all the students who participated in mooting competitions during 2016.

It is with great pleasure that we also acknowledge the contribution of the many UQ Law alumni who generously share their time and expertise to prepare UQ mooting teams for competitions, and in doing also play an influential role in preparing them for their professional careers.

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BAKER & MCKENZIE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MOOT

Team members:

Josephine Booth
Amy Clarke
Jasmine Tiong

Mentor:

Ms Geneviève Murray

Results:

Participated in the General Rounds

This year UQ entered a team in the Baker & McKenzie National Women's Moot. The Women's Moot is run by the Sydney University Law Society, and is aimed at addressing the equity issues facing women at the bar. This year's problem concerned company law, and the team was fortunate to benefit from the assistance of Professor Ross Grantham in its preparations. Specifically, the facts involved the validity of a shareholder resolution and allegations of shareholder oppression, which naturally raised issues of gender equality. Amy Clarke, Jasmine Tiong and Josephine Booth travelled to Sydney in September to compete. The team mooted in four preliminary rounds, judged by female Sydney barristers, and placed 6th overall. The grand final was won by the University of Tasmania. As the first external competition for all three team members, it was a very enjoyable experience.



ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

Team one members: Samantha Byrne and Courtney Giacci

Results: Second place

Team two members: Jocelyn Bosse and Katherine Cincotta

Results: Fourth place
Best communicator - Jocelyn Bosse
Highly commended - Jocelyn Bosse, Kate Cincotta

Coach: Associate Professor Peter Billings



In October 2016 two teams from UQ participated in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal NOOT Competition. The competition comprised three rounds, followed by a semi-final and final held in the AAT's rooms at the Sir Harry Gibbs Courts, Brisbane. 11 teams from various Queensland universities took part in the competition.

The competition gave the teams insight into the AAT's conciliation process, with the aim to reach a negotiated outcome without the need to go to a hearing. Teams were required to role-play legal representative and client alternately without resort

to legal language, as the conciliation process requires a less formal, collaborative negotiation with a non-lawyer client.

The teams were given two scenarios covering vocational education and workers' compensation law. Teams were scored cumulatively throughout the rounds, including finals.

Both teams made the finals, with Samantha Byrne and Courtney Giacci taking second place after a tough negotiation by a close margin. Jocelyn Bosse and Kate Cincotta convincingly won their semi-final but missed third place based on the cumulative scoring. Jocelyn and Kate's team was highly commended and Jocelyn took out best communicator of the finalists.

UQ continues its strong performance in the NOOT competition, placing in the finals each of the three years the competition has run. This year, also, was the first year that both UQ teams made the finals.



HOW TO WIN MOOTS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE

Two UQ TC Beirne School of Law academics have published a comprehensive guide to mooting that will inform and influence the School's academic and mooting programs.

The *Thomson Reuters' Guide to Mooting* was written by Professor Anthony Cassimatis and Associate Professor Peter Billings, with contributions from Dean of Law Professor Sarah Derrington, Emeritus Professor Gabriël Moens, and current student Mr Samuel Walpole. The guide contains a foreword by The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.

Professor Billings said the guide – which took two years to research and write – was based on the authors' collective experiences of mooting competitions in Australia and internationally, going as far back as 20 years.

According to the authors, mooting is an effective way to prepare students for the rigours of life in legal practice.

"A moot is one of the most authentic learning experiences that a law student can have at university; it's an academic exercise but it also has a clear vocational dimension," Professor Billings said.

Some of the material from the guide was road tested on students preparing for AAT mooting competitions. It also shaped the professors' teaching materials, particularly in their joint Advocacy course.

Professor Cassimatis said the guide will continue to inform the School's academic program.

"The book will assist students enrolled in courses that use moots as a form of assessment, and also in the elective courses built around student participation in national and international mooting competitions," he said.

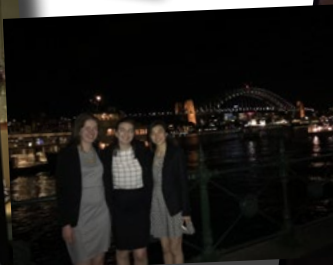
The guide has earned praise from academics in Australia, Europe and North America and is expected to benefit law students and teachers all over the world.

The TC Beirne School of Law has educated generations of students in the art of mooting. In 2016 alone, the School has supported students' participation in 17 local and international moots.

Professor Billings was the School's Director of Mooting from 2011 to 2015, while Professor Cassimatis is heavily involved with the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition – coaching teams that have won the Australian regional rounds and the world championship.



MOOTING AROUND THE WORLD



2015 DAVID F JACKSON DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mr Michael Fitzgerald, Immediate Past president of the Queensland Law Society, presented Ms Amina Karcic and Ms Georgina Morgan with the *2015 Best Moot Team Award* (Ms Ella Rooney absent on the evening)



Mr Henry Meehan was presented with the *2015 Best Oralist in a Moot Competition Trophy* by representatives of the Queensland Bar Association



Ms Elizabeth Stanley was awarded the *David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy*



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UQ Law Mooting sponsorship

The TC Beirne 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.

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