

# The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

2019 will see the fifth  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Students' Moot competition.

All students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are enrolled in a participating university are invited to register for the Moot. Participating students are encouraged to have completed at least two semesters of a Bachelor of Laws degree. The Moot will play a key role in promoting students' understanding of commercial law and advocacy and provide an opportunity to find out what mooting at university is like.

Students are required to form teams of two advocates. Teams are encouraged to have a third member in the role of researcher/instructing solicitor. The deadline for teams to enter the Moot is Friday, 8 March 2019. The question will be released on Monday, 18 March 2019 and students will be provided with a limited number of cases on which to base their arguments. Teams will be required to prepare both sides of the argument and provide written submissions to the competition organisers on 5 July 2019.

The competition will be held on **24 July 2019** and will consist of a preliminary round held in the morning, with the final to be held that afternoon/evening. Teams in the final will receive the opposing side's written submissions approximately four hours prior to the final.

The preliminary and final moots will be held at the Federal Court.

## Highlights for all participants in the competition include:

- an opportunity to meet members of the legal profession at a networking function hosted by Ashurst in May 2019 where students can meet litigators from both Ashurst and Allens and members of the bar from North Quarter Lane Chambers; and
- attending two workshops hosted by Allens from 3pm to 5pm on 8 May 2019 and 19 June 2019 and run by members of the bar from North Quarter Lane Chambers where students will have the opportunity to improve their advocacy skills.

## Prizes for participants include:

- for the winning team, an opportunity to shadow barristers from the North Quarter Lane Chambers for each member plus a cash prize for the team;
- for the runners up, an opportunity to shadow barristers from the North Quarter Lane Chambers for each member plus a cash prize for the team;
- additional prizes for the individual with the best oral submissions and for the team with the best written submissions; and
- for all participants, a certificate and a commitment prize of a book voucher.

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