

# THE DAVID F JACKSON MOOTING DINNER

**MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2014** 



Welcome to the third David F Jackson Dinner, sponsored by MinterEllison, an occasion on which we recognise the development of our students' advocacy skills, celebrate their significant advocacy achievements and express our thanks to their coaches and supporters.

In 2014 the Law School entered eleven moot competitions and six legal skills competitions drawing in, and upon, more law students than ever. Our entries included the inaugural Australian and New Zealand Air Law Moot Competition, the Castan Centre Human Rights Moot Competition, the inaugural Voiceless Australian-New Zealand Moot on Animal Law, and the first Australian "NOOT" – Negotiating Outcomes On Time competition - organised by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). In 2015 the mooting program will continue to grow with the Law School competing in the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna after a twelve year hiatus, and for the first time competing in the Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot in Beijing.

In recent years our students have set the bar very high in terms of endeavour, team-work and professionalism: 2014 was no different, indeed the bar has been raised higher. Four mooting team titles were secured: Australian Champions and World Champions in the



Director of Mooting TC Beirne School of Law

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; Administrative Appeal Tribunal 'NOOT' Champions; and, the AAT National Mooting Competition Champions.

Other notable successes in 2014 include; Emily Chalk winning Best Speaker in both the Australian and World Championship Finals of the Philip C Jessup Competition, the Jessup team's Award for Best Overall Applicant in the Philip C Jessup Competition, Washington D.C., and Nathan Lindsay winning Best Speaker in the Grand Final of the National AAT Mooting Competition. Further success stories are documented throughout this program.

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. I offer our appreciation to the Chancellor, Mr John Story, Norton Rose Fulbright and Herbert Smith Freehills, our moot sponsors, without whom the School could not afford to offer such a vibrant mooting program. Also, thanks to the University of Queensland Law Society which organises several legal skills and mooting competitions within the Law School, and who offer financial support to several of our moot teams competing nationally.

Finally, I acknowledge the considerable support I have received this year from Professor Sarah Derrington and Associate Professor Anthony Cassimatis, and all those academic colleagues, practitioners, judges and students who have kindly given their time, energy and expertise to support our students' development throughout the year.

Enjoy the evening, you all deserve it.



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M 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

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#### WITH SPECIAL THANKS



KATHRYN MCMILLAN QC Guest speaker

Ms Kathryn McMillan QC is a UQ graduate (BA/LLB with Honours) and a barrister at Quay 11 Chambers in Brisbane. Since her admission to the Bar in 1987, Kathryn has practised primarily in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, human rights/discrimination law, family law and child protection. Kathryn also maintains a practice in Coronial Inquests and undertakes work on behalf of medical and other statutory boards in QCAT. Kathyrn was Counsel in two Commissions of Inquiry: the Public Hospitals Inquiry of 2005 for the Medical Board; and as Senior Counsel Assisting the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry in 2013. Kathryn has a particular interest in bio-ethical issues having completed a Master of Laws in BioEthics in 2003. Kathryn took silk in 2006.



MR JOHN STORY Chancellor

Appointed Chancellor of the University of Queensland in 2009, **Mr John Story** has faithfully served the University of Queensland and the broader community for decades. Following the award of his LLB from the TC Beirne School of Law, Mr Story became one of Queensland's leading corporate lawyers, also serving on the Boards of some of Queensland's largest publicly listed companies. Despite having a busy corporate and commercial practice, Mr Story acted as legal advisor to the University for many years and served multiple terms as a member of the University's Senate. In his service to the University, he follows in the illustrious footsteps of his grandfather, who was Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1938 to 1960.

Mr Story has always taken an active role in supporting advocacy within the Law School. In the 1990s, as the managing partner of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, he was the driving force behind that law firm providing many

thousands of dollars over \$100 000 to allow students to compete in international and national mooting competitions. This support has continued, with Mr Story, for example, personally providing \$25 000 to allow the 2014 UQ Jessup moot team to compete so successfully in Washington DC. Mr Story has again generously agreed to provide a similar sum to support the 2015 UQ Jessup moot team.

#### DAVID F JACKSON AM QC

# The annual mooting 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 called to the Bar in 1964, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1976 and worked in private practice in Brisbane until 1985 when he was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

Mr Jackson is regarded as one of the nation's most distinguished barristers who is an accomplished mediator and arbitrator. 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



DAVID F JACKSON AM QC FCIArb FACICA

respected barristers' chambers) from 2002-2014, and he now leads New Chambers which was launched on 1 October 2014.

Mr Jackson has conducted a number of inquiries for the national and state governments, most recently in 2011 he was appointed by the New South Wales government as Chairman of the Recall Elections Panel of Experts.

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. Some recent matters in the High Court of Australia are: ADCO Constructions Pty Ltd v. Goudappel (2014) 88 ALJR 624; Apotex Pty Ltd v. Sanofi-Aventis Australia Pty Ltd (2014) 88 ALJR 261; Clark v. Macourt (2014) 88 ALJR 190; and Williams v. The Commonwealth (No 2) (2014) 88 ALJR 701.

He has published frequently and delivered countless papers, most recently; "Role of Counsel in Commissions and Inquiries". A commentary on a paper by Peter Dunning QC at the Supreme Court of Queensland, on 22 May 2013; and, "Statutory Interpretation in the First Quarter of the 21st Century, with Caspar Conde. A paper delivered to the Family Court of Australia Judges Conference, Melbourne, on 7 November 2013.

# THE TC BEIRNE SCHOOL OF LAW MOOTING PROGRAM

The development of strong professional relationships is central to the mission of the UQ Law School. 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 law 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE UQLGA

The University of Queensland Law Graduates Association congratulates all the students who participated in mooting competitions during 2014.

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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#### LAW TEACHING EXCELLENCE CELBRATED

Outstanding university teachers were recognised at The University of Queensland's 2014 Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Learning ceremony on Monday 3rd November at Customs House.

The TC Beirne School of Law's Associate Professor Anthony Cassimatis received one of only four 2014 UQ Awards for Teaching Excellence.

**Associate Professor Anthony Cassimatis** has made an outstanding contribution to student learning in the fields of international law and legal advocacy. This contribution has included his role in supervising UQ student participation in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. This is the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious international legal advocacy competition; more than 550 teams from more than 85 countries competed in 2014. Five law students are selected annually to represent the University in this global legal advocacy competition, initially in the national qualifying rounds in Canberra and the top two Australian teams compete in the international finals in Washington DC.

Associate Professor Cassimatis has guided 15 teams in the competition, which has significant legal research and legal advocacy dimensions. Under his guidance, UQ teams have won four Australian research prizes (2001, 2004, 2005 and 2014), two global research prizes (2004 and 2014), three Australian oral legal advocacy championships (2005, 2012 and 2014), and two oral legal advocacy world championships (2005 and 2014). His contribution to teaching excellence has also included his role in the undergraduate course, Public International Law, where he has been course coordinator, and the sole lecturer, since 2000. This is an elective course averaging an annual enrolment of about 100 law students. Associate Professor Cassimatis has received multiple UQ Law School teaching awards for his teaching in this course. He has also taught innovative classes on international legal advocacy in a newly developed undergraduate course, Advocacy, which was offered for the first time in 2013.



Associate Professor Anthony Cassimatis pictured top left



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#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

6:30pm Drinks served in the Freda Bage Common Room

7:00pm Guests move into the Harriet Marks dining hall

7:10pm Welcome by Professor Sarah Derrington

7:15pm Entrée is served

7:30pm Dr Peter Billings introduces the 2014 moot teams:

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negiotiation Competition

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot
Australian and New Zealand Air Law Moot

Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition

ALSA moot teams:

King & Wood Mallesons Championship Moot

Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot

8:00pm Main course is served

8:20pm Dr Peter Billings introduces the 2014 teams:

ALSA teams continued:

Negotiation Competition

Client Interviewing
Witness Examination
Paper Presentation

Shine Lawyers Torts Moot

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot Castan Centre Human Rights Moot Hon. Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Australia/NZ Intervarsity Moot on Animal Law

8:50pm	Dessert is served
9:10pm	Professor Sarah Derrington introduces Kathryn McMillan QC
9:15pm	After dinner address by Kathryn McMillan QC
9:40pm	Vote of thanks - Rebekah Oldfield
9:45pm	Advocacy awards:
	The Queensland Law Society, 'Best Moot Team Award'  - presented by Mr Ian Brown, President QLS
	The Bar Association of Queensland, Award for 'Best Oralist in a Moot Competition' –
	The David Jackson Trophy for 'Outstanding Advocacy'- presented by David F Jackson AM QC and Joshua McGeechan
10:00pm	Conclusion of formalities
10:30pm	Function concludes

#### ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS 2014

#### **Team Awards**

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

**Australian Champions** 

Winners of the Best Written Submission for the Applicant

White and Case Jessup World Championship Round

**World Champions** 

Winners of Best Overall Applicant

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition/White and Case Jessup World Championship Round

Richard R. Baxter Award for Best Applicant Memorial

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition

Winners

Administrative Appeals Tribunal National Mooting Competition

**Australian Champions** 

#### **Individual Awards**

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Best Speaker in the Final, Emily Chalk

White and Case Jessup World Championship Round

Best Speaker in the Final, Emily Chalk

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition

Best Communicator in the Final, Rebekah Oldfield

Administrative Appeals Tribunal National Mooting Competition

Best Oralist in the Final, Nathan Lindsay

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Ron Salter Award for Best Speaker in the Finals, Samuel Walpole

Australia and NZ Air Law Moot

Best Speaker in the competition, Georgina Morgan

#### **Finalists**

King and Wood Mallesons Championship Moot (ALSA)

Runners-up

Paper Presentation (ALSA)

Finalist, Sophie Underwood

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Semi-finalists

Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition

Semi-finalists

#### JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT TEAM: WORLD CHAMPIONS













#### PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT

**Team members:** Hugo Clark-Ryan

Camille Boileau Abigael Mawby Lisa Lee Emily Chalk

**Coaches:** A/Prof. Anthony Cassimatis and Catherine Drummond

**Sponsor:** Chancellor, Mr John Story

**Results:** World Champions

Australian Champions

Canberra February 2014 - Australian National Champions, defeating University of Western Australia in the Final in the High Court (presided over by the Honourable Justice Patrick Keane of the High Court of Australia); Emily Chalk, Best Advocate in the Final; Award for Best Applicant Memorial in the Australian competition.

Washington DC April 2014 – World Champions, defeating Singapore Management University in the Final; Emily Chalk, awarded the Stephen M Schwebel Award for Best Oralist in the International Final; Award for Best Overall Applicant Team in the Washington competition; Awarded the Richard R Baxter Award for Best Applicant Memorial in the worldwide competition (557 law schools from over 85 countries competed in 2014).



# ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION: NOOT

**Team members:** Briony Driscoll and Rebekah Oldfield

Natalia Kamusinski and Wendy Pei

Coach: Dr Peter Billings

**Results:** Grand Final Winners

Best Communicator, Rebekah Oldfield

Rebekah Oldfield and Briony Driscoll won the inaugural negotiating outcomes on time - 'NOOT' -competition out-performing seven Queensland university teams in the competition held in Brisbane at the AAT registry. The final negotiation was adjudicated by the AAT President, The Hon Justice Duncan Kerr, and Senior AAT member Ms Geri Ettinger. Over the three rounds of the competition the NOOT teams took part in mock conciliation sessions spanning a range of administrative law areas; social security law, workers' compensation, and civil aviation law.



- If Taking part in the competition gave me the opportunity to talk to ADR specialists and mediators to find out more about the different areas in which ADR is used and the career opportunities there are in this area of law.
- Rebekah Oldfield, 2014 NOOT team

# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION MOOT

**Team members:** Martin Rustam

Ashley Chandler Sam Walpole Christine Yassa

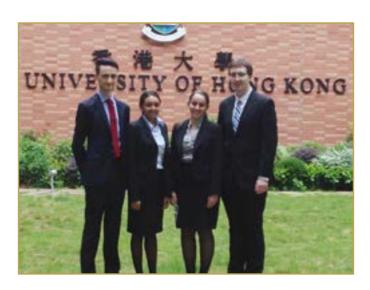
Coach: Prof. Sarah Derrington

**Sponsor:** Norton Rose Fulbright

Results: Semi-finalists

Sam Walpole, Best Oralist in the Finals

In July 2014 a team comprised of Christine Yassa, Samuel Walpole, Martin Rustam, and Ashley Chandler represented UQ at the 15th annual International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition (IMLAM). The competition was hosted by Hong Kong University and was contested by students from over twenty different universities from around the world. IMLAM is based around a commercial arbitration usually involving a shipowner and another party, in this case, the charterer of the ship. This year's problem involved a charterparty dispute over the ship missing its laycan. The team faced fierce competition in the preliminary rounds from Universitas Indonesia, National Singapore University, Hong Kong University, and Dalian Maritime. As a result of strong performances in each of these moots, the team managed to progress through to the quater-finals. UQ overcame the hosts, Hong Kong University, and sailed on through to the semi-final. Despite a hard fought semi-final, the arbitrators unfortunately decided against UQ, awarding the moot to Universitas Indonesia, who went on to win the competition. As well as being semi-finalists, UQ was also awarded the prize for second runner-up in written memorials, and Sam was awarded Best Speaker in the Finals.





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#### AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AIR LAW MOOT

**Team members:** Georgina Morgan

Jessica Duncan

Ella Rooney

Coach: Prof. Kit Barker

**Sponsor:** TC Beirne School of Law

Results: Semi-finalists

Georgina Morgan, Best Speaker

In July 2014, UQ competed against three other Universities in the inaugural Australian and New Zealand Air Law Moot, hosted by Victoria University in Melbourne. The team scored highly in each of the three preliminary round moots, but narrowly missed out on progressing to the Grand Final. Georgina Morgan was awarded Best Speaker.





- 61 Mooting has allowed me to hone my capacity as an advocate whilst only a student. I have had the privilege at UQ of being coached in these skills by leading legal practitioners. One of the major experiential benefits for me has been developing the capacity to think strategically about legal arguments, and select the most compelling case in the particular context. More broadly, I consider the experience in research, writing and public speaking that I have gained from mooting as invaluable in any scenario that requires me to inquire into an issue and come to a view.
- Samuel Walpole, 2014 Martime Law Moot team

# THE 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.

#### **Client Interviewing:**

Elizabeth Troeger and Jonathon Black

#### **Paper Presentation:**

Sophie Underwood (Finalist)



#### Witness Examination:

Alexander Forrester

#### King & Wood Mallesons National Championship Moot:

Elizabeth Stanley, Lachlan Campbell and Michael Maynard (Grand Finalists)



#### Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot:

Alexander O'Hara and Myrella Jane-Byron

#### **Negotiation:**

Joshua White and Jared Peut

# BROWN MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION

**Team members:** Bianca Kabel and James Johnston

Result: Semi-finalists



Following success in the UQ and ALSA competitions in 2012 and 2013, James Johnston and Bianca Kabel attended the 2014 Brown and Mosten International Client Consultation Competition in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The competition requires teams to interview and advise a 'client', who presents seeking advice on a particular legal issue. The teams are given very little in the way of information about the client's issue prior to the interview, and are

expected to quickly ascertain the client's concerns and provide appropriate advice. The 2014 international competition involved a variety of disputes arising out of commercial contracts. After two general rounds, Bianca and James successfully qualified for the semi-finals of the competition on a ranking system although were narrowly beaten in an extremely close semi-final by the competition's overall winners, the team from the Republic of Ireland.

#### SHINE LAWYERS TORTS MOOT

**Team members:** Gabriel Perry, Nicole Brazier, Kate Cincotta, Jillian Lorenzo

**Coach:** Prof. John Devereux

**Result:** Participated in the General Rounds

This year, the Shine Lawyers Torts Moot problem involved a collision during take off of a light aircraft (specifically, a Cessna 152) with a ferris wheel. The pilot was a woman being given a training lesson by her boyfriend, with the collision occurring, tragically, on Valentine's Day. Drawing on detailed knowledge of the Civil Liability Act 2003 (Qld) defence of 'obvious risk of a dangerous recreational activity', as well as negligence law more generally, the UQ Team of Gabriel Perry, Jillian Lorenzo, Nicole Brazier and Kate Cincotta competed in the preliminary rounds of the competition with enthusiasm and determination. The team participated in four rounds, in each facing closely matched competition.

The team achieved success in one round, with very close losses in the other three. Despite not progressing through to the finals of the competition, the relatively inexperienced team gained valuable exposure to high-calibre competition and the feedback of both practice-moot and competition judges. The team would like to sincerely thank all those who aided in preparation for the competition. In particular, thanks go to Dr Peter Billings, Mr Russell Hinchy, and the Honourable Dr Margaret White AO (recently retired justice of the Queensland Court of Appeal) for their assistance in judging practice moots and providing feedback on the team's advocacy. All members of the team improved their mooting skills markedly as a result. Thanks are also especially due to Professor John Devereux for all the invaluable guidance in the lead-up to the competition, and attending all the team's competition moots.

# ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NATIONAL MOOT

Team 1 members: Eloise Gluer

Erin Gourlay Nathan Lindsay

**Team 2 members:** Balawyn Jones

Holly Woodcroft Rebekah Oldfield

Coach: Dr Peter Billings

Mentors: Liz Stanley and Georgia Williams

Results: Grand Final winners

Best Oralist, Nathan Lindsay

Two UQ teams represented the Law School in the 2014 national AAT moot competition which comprises five knock-out rounds with a different moot problem at each stage. Both UQ teams defeated local rivals from other Queensland universities and progressed to the quarter final stage where they met in an evenly contested moot. Nathan, Eloise and Erin progressed, comprehensively defeating Monash University en route to the Grand Final where they overcame the University of Western Australia before a panel comprising The Hon Justice Duncan Kerr, Deputy President Ian Molloy and Senior Member Bernard McCabe. This was the Law School's fourth win in this competition since 2008. This success was all the more noteworthy due to the team's lack of mooting experience prior to the competition.



#### CASTAN CENTRE HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT

**Team members:** Cameron Griffiths, Katie Wheatley and Lucinda Bourke

Coach: Associate Professor Tamara Walsh

Result: Participated in the General Rounds

In September of this year, the UQLS sent its first ever delegation to compete in the 8th Castan Centre Human Rights Moot in Melbourne. The moot, which is organised by Monash University, centres around an unsettled area of human rights law and is based largely on the Victorian human rights charter, as well as international case law on the matter. Lucinda Bourke, Cameron Griffiths and Katie Wheatley formed the team and were required to gain an understanding of a developing area of law in which none of them had much experience. This year's question concerned prisoners' rights, with key issues arising around segregation of convicted and non-convicted prisoners, solitary confinement and the humane treatment of prisoners during transportation. Given the nature of detention, the most difficult issues involved the extent to which prisoners should expect to be treated humanely, as the deprivation of certain rights is a consequence and purpose of imprisonment. As the team discovered in their research, this is a highly litigious area in international human rights law, with a large amount of legislation devoted to the humane treatment of prisoners.

The standard of the other competitors was very high, and the team faced the challenge of understanding a novel area of law in a limited amount of time. Regardless, the team performed well in the competition and managed to present capably. Despite being unsuccessful in progressing through to the semi-finals, the experience was rewarding and it was a great opportunity for the team to study a different area of law from another jurisdiction. Furthermore, the team was provided with the support of professors and practitioners in their practice moots, which gave them even more opportunities to develop their advocacy skills. Overall, it was a successful and rewarding first year for the UQ delegation to the Castan Centre moot, and an exciting introduction to Victorian human rights law.



#### HON. MICHAEL KIRBY CONTRACT LAW MOOT

Team members: Travis Gooding, Elizabeth Talbot, Keilin Anderson and

Madeline Condon

Coach: Prof. Nick Gaskell

**Sponsor:** Herbert Smith Freehills

**Result:** Progressed from General Rounds to Elimination Round

UQ competed in the Hon. Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot held at Victoria University, Melbourne in late September 2014. It took the form of a series of arbitrations on a dispute about defective services. UQ progressed through the general rounds to the elimination round where they were defeated by the University of Western Australia (who were the eventual winners of the competition). Honourable mentions were received by Travis Gooding for the second highest scored oralist in the general rounds, and by the whole team for second best submission for the Claimant.



#### 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 2014 '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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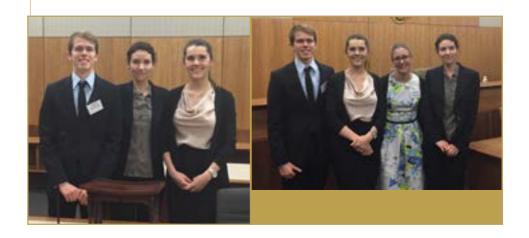
# AUSTRALIA/NZ INTERVARSITY ANIMAL LAW MOOT

**Team members:** Isabella Newell, Tobias Gregg and Sarah Minty

Coach: Dr Justine Bell
Result: Quarter-finalists

UQ competed in the inaugural Voiceless Animal Law moot at Bond University over the weekend of 18-19 October. The problem involved an application for judicial review of a licence granted for live animal export. The grantee of the licence had a patchy history in relation to animal welfare, and an animal welfare organisation sought review of the Minister's decision. The UQ team were victorious in all preliminary rounds, and progressed to the quarter-finals. The competition in the quarter-finals was fierce, and unfortunately Melbourne University gained a slight edge over UQ.

The team did an exceptional job of representing UQ, and benefited enormously from several practice moots prior to the competition. A number of internal and external practice moot judges gave up their time to provide insightful questions and constructive feedback, and the team is extremely grateful to them.





# Queensland Law Society is proud to sponsor the 2014 'Best Mooting Team' award.

QLS would like to congratulate all teams and individuals who have taken part in the 2014 TC Beirne School of Law Mooting Program.





#### WHERE COULD MOOTING TAKE YOU?



#### Dominique Mayo, UQ Alumni

"In 2008, I was in UQ's first winning team in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) National Mooting Competition. During the course of the competition, on two occasions, I mooted before Deputy President P E Hack SC, as well as other Members of the Tribunal including the then Acting President of the Tribunal, Justice A Bennett of the Federal Court. The AAT Mooting Competition afforded me the opportunity to grow and develop as an Advocate and certainly bolstered my pre-existing research and drafting skills. In 2010 I became the Associate to Deputy President Hack, following graduation from Law School. This was a tremendous experience and one which led to my appointment

as the Mooting Coordinator of the very Mooting competition which had triggered my interest in the Tribunal!

Subsequent to my role at the AAT, I was the Associate to the Honourable Justice J S Douglas of the Supreme Court.

I am currently working as a Commercial Litigator at Sparke Helmore Lawyers where the sum total of my university education, particularly my Mooting experiences, together with my employment history to-date, arms me with the knowledge and skill set necessary to obtain the best outcome for my client. Ultimately, my involvement in the AAT National Mooting Competition, as well as my involvement in other internal mooting and negotiation competitions, was influential in my career choices and is something I would recommend to all students."



#### Bianca Kabel, UQ Alumni

"I benefited enormously from participation in mooting at UQ. There are few activities in law school which can terrify and exhilarate in the way that mooting does: standing before a Judge, arguing a case and liable to interruption at any moment by someone who inevitably understands the legal problem with the benefit of greater experience, knowledge and skill. My first external moot, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot in 2009, was the turning point in my university career. Through it, I developed skills in research, legal analysis and oral presentation that carried me through the rest of my degree. Inspired by the experience, I went on to compete in the Family Moot, the inaugural Gadens

Women's Moot and, finally (and victoriously), in the International Maritime Arbitration Moot 2012.

Mooting challenged me both personally and intellectually, requiring me to thoroughly analyse the subject matter, form an opinion and vigorously defend it. Now, as an Associate in the Supreme Court of Queensland, I am heartened to find that the advocacy skills I learned in mooting at UQ are equally applicable in legal practice. Every day, I watch barristers employ the strategies which I, as a young mooter, was advised to take up. I am confident that the skills I learned in university moots will stand me in good stead for the remainder of my legal career."

#### 2013 DAVID F JACKSON DINNER

(front row)
UQ Chancellor Mr John Story,
Mr David F. Jackson AM QC,
QLS President Ms Annette Bradfield,
(back row)
Mr John McKenna QC,
The Hon. Justice Glenn Martin AM,
The Hon. Justice Patrick Keane,
Professor Sarah Derrington,
Councillor Genevieve Dee





(front row)
Deputy President Philip Hack SC,
The Hon. Justice John Logan RFD,
Elizabeth Stanley, Lachlan Campbell,
(back row)
Jessica Apel, Georgia Williams,
Dr Peter Billings, Victoria Apted,
Tricia-Ann Lee



#### 2013 DAVID F JACKSON DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Annette Bradfield, Queensland Law Society President, presented the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot team, Henry Meehan, Kate Thorogood and Martin Rustam, with the 2013 Best Moot Team Award



John McKenna SC, Queensland Bar Association, presented Emily Chalk with the 2013 Best Oralist in a Moot Competition Trophy



David F Jackson AM QC, presented Joshua McGeechan with the 2013 Outstanding Advocacy Trophy



### **UQ Law Mooting sponsorship**

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