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The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association congratulates all the students who participated in mooting competitions during 2018.

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 so doing also play an influential role in preparing them for their professional careers.

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WELCOME

MS GENEVIÈVE MURRAY

DIRECTOR OF MOOTING

Good evening and a warm welcome to the seventh David F Jackson Dinner. It is a pleasure to gather in celebration of the outstanding achievements of UQ law students over this past year. I would like to begin by acknowledging the tremendous contribution of our coaches, sponsors and supporters, who enrich our advocacy program with their time, resources and expertise. The achievements outlined throughout the program would not be possible without their generous support.

We have a great deal to celebrate this evening. The year began with a flurry of midnight emails as Australian supporters crowded around their computer screens to watch our Jessup team in an outstanding final that saw them crowned World Champions.

We also had great success here at home. As hosts of this year's International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot we were buoyed when our team sailed to victory amongst a sea of worthy competitors. Close on the heels of this win, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Moot Team also took first place in their competition.

UQ teams appeared in the Grand Finals of the Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot, the ALSA International Humanitarian Law Moot, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiation Competition, and the Animal Law Moot.

A remarkable number of teams also broke through to the elimination rounds, including teams in the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot, the ALSA Witness Examination, the Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot, the Castan Centre Human Rights Law Moot, and the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot.

I am delighted that the hard work and talent of so many of our teams was rewarded in 2018. However, I am equally impressed by the camaraderie and passion of this cohort of students. Whether filling the Federal Court room in support of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Moot team, logging countless hours as practice judges and coaches, or helping to host the IMLAM competition, our students can be counted on for their professionalism and spirit of volunteerism. I am inspired by your example and hope you will continue to support one another as you move into the profession.

Enjoy the evening!



GUEST SPEAKER

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE SORAYA RYAN

The Hon Justice Soraya Ryan is a graduate of The University of Queensland—Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours). Her Honour was awarded prizes in Criminal Law, Mining Law and Evidence.

Justice Ryan was admitted as a barrister in 1991. From 1992 to 2009 her Honour worked as a prosecutor at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, a lecturer in Evidence at The University of Queensland and as in-house defence counsel at Legal Aid Queensland. In 2010, her Honour commenced practice at the private bar, specialising in criminal law. Justice Ryan was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013.

As a barrister her Honour served as a member of the South Pacific Region Education Committee and the Bar Practice Course Management Committee. Justice Ryan has further served as an Executive Consultant at the Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) and as a part-time Commissioner at the QLRC. Since 1996 her Honour has been an author of Carter's Criminal Law of Queensland.

Justice Ryan was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 9 March 2018.



SPECIAL THANKS

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 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.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN PROFESSOR PATRICK PARKINSON AM

2018 has been a year of unparalleled success for our mooting teams, winning the Jessup, IMLAM and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' moots and performing very well in a range of other mooting competitions.

My warmest congratulations to all of the students who have so ably represented UQ Law on the national and international stage. I hope you have enjoyed the experience and that you will continue to be a part of the advocacy program moving forward.

The annual David F Jackson Mooting Dinner is an opportunity for the Law 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.

I want to pay tribute not only to the individuals and teams who have achieved such success in the various mooting competitions but to all those others who have contributed to the program as volunteer judges, coaches and organisers. We could not achieve such success without you.

Particular thanks to members of the legal profession who have given up their time to support the mooting program. The development of strong professional relationships is central to the mission of the 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.

Let's celebrate our success tonight, and aim to keep improving in 2019.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- 6:00pm Drinks served on the Terrace
- 6:20pm Guests move into the Harriet Marks dining hall
- 6:30pm Welcome by Professor Patrick Parkinson AM, Dean of Law
- 6:35pm Entrée is served
- 6:55pm Main course is served
- 7:30pm Sean Tran, ALSA Competitors
- 7:35pm Tooru Nishido, Domestic Competitors
- 7:40pm Jonathan Hohl, International Competitors
- 7:45pm Geneviève Murray introduces The Honourable Justice Soraya Ryan of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- 7:50pm After dinner address by The Honourable Justice Soraya Ryan

- 8:05pm Dessert is served
- 8:20pm Presentation of Awards
- The Bar Association of Queensland
 ‘Best Oralist in a Moot Competition’
 presented by
 Mr Dominic O’Sullivan QC
- The Queensland Law Society
 ‘Best Moot Team Award’
 presented by
 Mr Stafford Shepherd,
 Director QLS Ethics and Practice Centre
- The David Jackson Trophy for ‘Outstanding Advocacy’
 presented by
 Mr David Jackson AM QC
- 8:40pm Vote of thanks - Naomi McCarthy
- 9:00pm Function concludes

ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

Team Awards

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

Grand Champions

Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot

Best Written Submission

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Grand Champions

Best Claimant Memorandum

Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Best Claimant Memorandum

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

World Champions

Best Overall Memorials – Australian Round

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Winners, Vavrovsky Heine Marth Vis Pre-Moot

Winners, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia Vis Pre-Moot

Individual Awards

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

Martin Doyle - Best Oralist

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiating Outcomes On Time

Lillian Burgess - Best Communicator

Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot

Jonathan Hohl - Best Individual Mooter in the Preliminary Rounds

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Sangeetha Badya - Best Speaker in the General Rounds

Laura Heit - Best Speaker in the Final Round

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Nick Fidler - Honourable Mention, Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist

Nick Fidler - Individual Oralist Award Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia Vis Pre-Moot

Finalists

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Negotiating Outcomes On Time

Grand Finalists

ALSA International Humanitarian Law Moot

Grand Finalists

ALSA Witness Examination

Hilary Baker - Semi Finalist

Animal Law Moot

Grand Finalists

Castan Centre Human Rights Law Moot

Semi Finalists

Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Quarter Finalists

Honourable Mention - Highest Scores in the General Rounds

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot

Quarter Finalists

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Grand Finalists – Australian Round

Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Quarter Finalists

Second, General Rounds

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Honourable Mention - Eric Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals

Honourable Mention - Pieter Sanders Award for Best Claimant Memorandum

Honourable Mention - Werner Melis Award for Best Respondent Memorandum

PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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| Team members: | Samara Cassar Hennie Lui Julius Moller Claire Robertson Edward Watson |
| Coaches: | Ms Keilin Anderson Ms Elizabeth Stanley Ms Camille Boileau |
| Sponsor: | Peter and Emma Rawlings |
| Results: | World Champions Grand Finalists – Australian Round Best Overall Memorials – Australian Round 8th Best Oralist – Australian Round (Edward Watson) |

The 2018 Jessup problem took the team to the Odasarra region, a geopolitical powder keg modelled off the likes of North Korea, China, Japan, South Korea and the United States. The team was introduced to a challenging mix of topical issues, including nuclear disarmament, naval warfare and inter-state arbitration. Over the summer the team became experts in interpreting vaguely-worded security council resolutions, whether an autonomous underwater vehicle is a “ship”

and how many nutritious meals can be cooked on a sandwich press. Having mastered these essential mootting skills the team travelled to Canberra for the Australian qualifying rounds. At the International Rounds, UQ competed in an exhilarating Grand Final against India judged by Judges Abraham, Sebutinde and Gevorgian of the International Court of Justice, taking home the title of “World Champions”.



IAN FLETCHER INTERNATIONAL INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT

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| Team members: | Georgie Bills Tessa Boardman Jonathan Hohl |
| Coach: | Ms Madeline Rodgers |
| Mentor: | Dr Kai Luck |
| Results: | Grand Finalist Best Written Submission Best Individual Mooter in the Preliminary Rounds (Jonathan Hohl) |

In February 2018, UQ took part in the Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot Competition in Vancouver. This was the Moot's second year and UQ's first entry into the competition. The hypothetical problem for 2018 centred on the application of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency to a dispute concerning a large corporation with assets and creditors in multiple States. Despite some initial challenges



building familiarity with this relatively new and niche area of law — there being almost no guiding commentary yet available, and the courts of different countries having unhelpfully tended to assume conflicting positions — the team was ultimately able to achieve a comprehensive and intuitive understanding of the material. After performing well in the written qualifying round, UQ advanced to the oral rounds in Canada and there met with success in the four preliminary moots and in the semi-final. The team was pleased to progress through to the Grand Final before an eminent panel of judges, but unfortunately went down to the hosts, University of British Columbia, in a tight contest.

The Fletcher Moot was nonetheless an excellent learning experience, offering the team the unique opportunity to explore an area of law still in its infancy and to interact closely with the judges, lawyers and academics actually responsible for its creation and development. As cross-border expansion becomes an increasingly popular strategic decision for modern corporations, the concepts considered in the course of the Moot are sure to be of great commercial relevance.

THE WILLEM C VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

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| Team members: | Jack Donnelly Nick Fidler Katelyn Lamont Emily McClelland |
| Coach: | Mr Benjamin Teng |
| Mentor: | Dr Ryan Caterwell |
| Results: | 10th after preliminary rounds (out of 357 teams) Eric Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals, Honourable Mention (top 32) Pieter Sanders Award for Best Memorandum for the Claimant, Honourable Mention (top 10%) Werner Melis Award for Best Memorandum for the Respondent, Honourable Mention (top 10%) Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist, Honourable Mention (Nick Fidler) Winners, Vavrovsky Heine Marth Vis Pre-Moot Winners, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia Vis Pre-Moot – Individual oralist award (Nick Fidler) |

In March, the 2018 Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team represented The University of Queensland in Vienna. The Moot was attended by 367 law schools and over 1000 academics and practitioners who acted as arbitrators. This year, the problem concerned the modification of rules of arbitral procedure, the challenge of an arbitrator, the incorporation of standard terms, supply chain liability, and the conformity of goods with ethical standards. Before competing in Vienna, the team competed in two 'pre-moots', run by CIArb Australia and the Austrian firm Vavrovsky Heine Marth. They won both. At the conclusion of the general rounds, the team was ranked 10th, and so broke into the final rounds. There, the team was defeated by the Honourable Society of Middle Temple in a closely contested moot. The Moot was an invaluable and highly rewarding experience, as were the two weeks the team spent in Italy afterwards thanks to the Commonwealth Games extending the Easter break.



ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NEGOTIATING OUTCOMES ON TIME (NOOT)

Team One members: Aisling O'Kane

Eline Beijnsens

Aimee Griffin

Team Two members: Lillian Burgess

Corrina Tan

Sean Tran

Coach: Associate Professor Peter Billings

Mentors: Ms Emily McClelland

Ms Jocelyn Bosse

Results: Grand Finalists (Team 2)

Best Communicator (Lillian Burgess)

In first semester, two teams from UQ participated in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) NOOT Competition. The competition involved a mock conciliation that assessed students' knowledge of administrative law and soft legal skills, such as rapport building. The competition comprised three rounds, followed by a semi-final and final held at the AAT. Competitors came from across Queensland and via video link, from South Australia. The standard of the competition was high and the teams benefited from developing their legal analytical and negotiations skills as well as gaining insight into the everyday operation of the AAT.



THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION MOOT (IMLAM)

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| Team members: | Sangeetha Badya Laura Heit Joshua McKersey Priam Rangiah |
| Coach: | Mr Dominic Fawcett |
| Mentor: | Professor Nick Gaskell |
| Results: | Grand Champions Best Claimant Memorandum Best Speaker in the General Rounds (Sangeetha Badya) Best Speaker in the Final Rounds (Laura Heit) |

The 2018 IMLAM was hosted at The University of Queensland. It was a privilege for team members to represent the University on its home ground and welcome guests from 13 different countries. The problem for the competition this year centred around a voyage charter regulating the carriage of coffee beans between two fictional European countries. After months of research and writing, the team compiled two written memoranda ranking third in the competition overall, with the team's Claimant memoranda receiving an award for ranking first. The team completed countless practice moots and received feedback from competition alumni, academics, members of the judiciary and the profession. The team's hard work was rewarded when it successfully broke through all rounds of the competition and won a close grand final against the University of Hong Kong. The IMLAM was a great opportunity to network with students from across the world as well as distinguished maritime lawyers and academics.



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 2018 '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.

The Association's wide range of member benefits and services includes continuing professional development seminars, conferences, mentoring through readership, and on-going professional advice and assistance.

For information visit www.qldbarr.asn.au



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OF QUEENSLAND

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AUSTRALIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ALSA) COMPETITIONS

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT

Team members: Emily Fackender

Isabelle Peart

Results: Grand Finalists

This year's moot problem concerned artillery strikes launched against a civilian population and the war crime of conducting medical experiments. The team represented the prosecution and the defence throughout the competition. After competing in the general and final rounds, Emily and Isabelle progressed to the Grand Final against the University of Tasmania. The final was judged by an esteemed panel comprising of Petra Ball, Professor Dale Stephens and former Federal Court judge, Catherine Branson. After a closely contested moot, the team was announced runner up of the competition.



WITNESS EXAMINATION

Team member: Hilary Baker

Results: Semi Finalist

The Witness Examination competition saw twenty-four teams from Australia and New Zealand compete in a series of mock trials. A key challenge was preparing one's case under time pressure, as competitors received the problem an hour beforehand. Competitors and their witnesses grappled with some interesting scenarios, including a voir dire to exclude evidence obtained from an illegal search and a personal injury claim. Hilary progressed to the semi-finals, where the bench included a retired judge of the ACT Supreme Court. The competition was a fantastic opportunity to develop skills in oral advocacy and receive feedback from current legal practitioners.

NEGOTIATION

Team members: Milana Masterson
Lachlan Peat

The completion of the first three rounds of the negotiation competition at Flinders University, against some of the top negotiators from Australian and New Zealand universities, provided an invaluable opportunity to hone existing negotiation skills. For instance, the ability to ask the right questions to discover the opposing team's confidential facts, so as to achieve the best results for our client was crucial in negotiating a problem regarding compensation for a negligence claim as against a business that was planning a future expansion. Additionally, ALSA was a fantastic way to build professional networks and develop teamwork and time management skills.

PAPER PRESENTATION

Team member: Amy Bergman

CHAMPIONSHIP MOOT

Team members: Eleanor Hilston
Sean Tran

CLIENT INTERVIEW

Team members: Alice Robertson
Pragadesh Sukumar

THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS' MOOT

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| Team members: | Cassia Bray Martin Doyle Naomi McCarthy |
| Coach: | Mr Nicholas Frazer |
| Results: | Grand Champions Best Oralist (Martin Doyle) |

In August, UQ was represented at the 4th annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot, held at the Federal Court building in Brisbane. This year, the problem involved a dispute between partners to a joint venture in Far North Queensland that involved a range of issues from contractual interpretation to negligence. Extra credit must be given to Cassia, who entered this competition in her first year of law school and performed very well. In the end, the hard work paid off and the team was able to defeat Bond University in the final, in front of an all-star panel consisting of Chief Justice James Allsop of the Federal Court, Justice James Edelman of the High Court and President Walter Sofronoff of the Queensland Court of Appeal. It was a great victory, but more importantly the team learned a great deal about modern advocacy with workshops and sessions with senior barristers giving invaluable advice. The competition as a whole was an incredible experience, and certainly one that any aspiring indigenous law student should definitely consider signing up for.



THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL (AAT) MOOT

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| Team One members: | Tegan Baker Lillian Burgess Sophia Horrocks |
| Team Two members: | Sarah Gilmour Rachna Nagesh Cara Scarpato |
| Coach: | Associate Professor Peter Billings |
| Mentor: | Ms Harriet Lomas |
| Results: | Quarter Finalists (Team 1) |

Competing in the AAT National Moot Competition was an extremely unique and fulfilling experience. The competition had two preliminary rounds and then knock-out finals. Each round of the competition involved a different set of facts in a new area of law. Having two weeks to navigate complex statute, track down elusive judgments from the AAT and build an entire case was as thrilling as it was challenging. By the end of the competition we had mooted problems involving social security law, veteran's entitlements and workers compensation. The skills we gained from Dr Billings's questioning in practice moots, presenting in front of AAT members, and the rush for the deadline will definitely be taken to the courtroom (or tribunal room) in the future.



QUT TORTS MOOT

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| Team members: | Liam Inglis James Mullins Rachel Tomassen Carmen Zhu |
| Coaches: | Mr Tooru Nishido Ms Isabelle Peart |
| Mentor: | Professor John Devereux |

Eleven teams from across Australia and Fiji came to compete in the four day event at QUT. The moot problem concerned a doctor misdiagnosing a lymphoma. The plaintiff alleged that the delay caused by this misdiagnosis resulted in an upstaging of the cancer and an increase in negative prognostic factors. The problem raised issues of causation, the peer professional defence under section twenty two of the Civil Liability Act and contributory negligence. The quality of the competition was very high and the team relished the opportunity to compete against such strong opposition. Although the UQ team did not progress to the final rounds the moot was an invaluable experience that gave the team the opportunity to develop written and oral advocacy skills and to explore contentious and complex points of law.



THE CASTAN CENTRE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW MOOT

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| Team One members: | Zoe Brereton Olivia Duce Suvradip Maitra |
| Coach: | Mr Kyle Eggins-Allman |
| Mentors: | Dr Rob Mullins Professor Tamara Walsh |
| Results: | Semi Finalists |

The competition was hosted by Monash University in Melbourne and involved a thorough discussion of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights. The problem concerned the operation of the (now repealed) Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act and the ways in which it potentially interfered with the rights enumerated under the Charter. This was an incredibly interesting and contentious area of law, and the team greatly enjoyed researching it in depth and learning about the Charter and its application.

The competition consisted of 16 teams from around Australia. The team made it to the semi-finals, where they lost to the University of Melbourne by one point. The moot was a very rewarding experience, allowing the team to moot in front of, among others, a former Federal Court judge. The feedback and experience gained will be taken by all members of the team into their future mooting and professional careers.



ANIMAL LAW MOOT

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| Team members: | Piper Guthrie Fiona Maher Thomas Moore |
| Coach: | Dr Justine Bell-James |
| Mentor: | Mr Julius Moller |
| Results: | Grand Finalists |

The Australian and New Zealand IntersVarsity Moot on Animal Law (ANIMAL) is a unique competition, which focuses each year on an area of law as it applies to animals. This year's problem revolved around access to a list of private and public institutions licenced to test on animals under the Victorian Freedom of Information Act, heard in the fictional Animal Division of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The competition weekend, held at Griffith University Southbank Campus, involved a dozen teams from across Australia and New Zealand competing in a rapid series of rounds. For the UQ team, the weekend culminated in a semi-final against local competition Bond University, and a grand final against the University of Otago before Justices Greenwood, Burns and Boddice. The weekend was enriched by a smorgasbord of vegan food and coffee, an informative presentation by eminent Animal Law scholars on the history of the 2018 legislative changes to the regulation of live export of animals, and meeting keen mooters from other universities at the social events.



SIR HARRY GIBBS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT

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| Team members: | Michael Boyce Lauren Causer Eleanor Hilston |
| Coach: | Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh |
| Mentor: | Ms Jessica Downing-Ide |
| Results: | Quarter Finalists 2nd in the General Rounds |

During September, the UQLS sent a team to compete in the 2018 Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot hosted by the University of Melbourne. The moot problem this year was written by federal Solicitor-General, Stephen Donaghue, and dealt with issues surrounding the implied freedom of political communication in the context of 'fake news' and the meaning of 'court of a State' for the purposes of s 77(iii) of the Constitution. Team members were required to deal with these nuanced points of constitutional law, while also having to apply principles of statutory interpretation and court procedural rules.

The team performed at an extremely high standard during the moot, winning all four preliminary rounds and being ranked second out of 18 teams going into the knock-out rounds. Unfortunately, the team suffered defeat at the hands of the University of Western Australia, whose team went on to appear in the Grand Final of the competition. Nonetheless, this competition successfully tested the team's research and oratory skills against those of some of the brightest law students across the country and served as exciting introduction to the world of constitutional litigation!



THE MICHAEL KIRBY CONTRACT LAW MOOT

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| Team members: | Hannah Braiding-Watson Craig Land Tooru Nishido Emily Rainbird |
| Coaches: | Mr Joshua McKersey Mr Benjamin Teng |
| Mentor: | Dr Ryan Caterwell |
| Results: | Quarter Finalists Best Claimant Memorandum Highest Score/s in the General Rounds (honourable mention) |

The Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition took place this year between 24-27 September at Victoria University, Melbourne. Now in its 8th year, the competition consisted of 21 teams from 19 universities around the country.

The problem, drafted to closely resemble a real-life dispute, concerned an agreement between a mining company and an Indigenous land council, the terms of which were breached in numerous respects by both parties. The issues in dispute centred around questions of illegality, rectification, damages and debt. The team prepared lengthy written memorandums for both the Claimant and the Respondent, before presenting their oral submissions to the Tribunal in Melbourne. With the competition styled as an arbitration, the team enjoyed the opportunity to refine their advocacy skills in a different arena to the traditional moot court setting.

Faced with strong competition and creative legal arguments, the team was thrilled to progress to the quarter finals and to be awarded the prize for Best Claimant Memorandum, as well as receiving an honourable mention for the Highest Score/s in the General Rounds.

The competition was an extremely rewarding experience all round, with the team enjoying the arbitrations, befriending law students from around the country and of course, team connecting over too much of Melbourne's great (Italian) food.



QUEENSLAND INTERVARSITY LAW COMPETITIONS (QILC)

Team members: Sophia Pruim
Caitlin Holmes
Chris Clur
Adam Lukacs
Joshua Halikos
Thomas Choo
Grace Vipen
Elloise Campbell

This year, the University of Queensland Law Society hosted the inaugural Queensland Intersivity Law Competitions (QILC). The QILC was the first Queensland-wide competitions will be a great opportunity for budding advocates in Queensland to further develop their legal skills as there are fewer opportunities for students to practice the full suite of legal communication skills necessary to succeed as a legal professional. This year, UQ teams competed in each of the Grand Finals of the Client Interviewing, Negotiation, Mooting and Witness Examination competitions.

Congratulations to Sophia Pruim and Caitlin Holmes who won the Client Interviewing competition. Chris Clur was the Queensland champion of the Witness Examination competition. The Moot competition was won by Adam Lukacs, Joshua Halikos and Thomas Choo. Adam Lukacs was awarded Best Speaker in the Grand Final and the team also won Best Written Submissions in the General Rounds. Grace Vipen and Elloise Campbell were Runners Up in the negotiation competition. Congratulations to all members of the delegation for their achievements. We look forward to being part of the QILC in 2019.

UQLS INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

The School of Law wishes to thank the 2018 UQLS Competitions Convenors for their hard work and commitment to providing outstanding competition experiences for UQ students.

Aimee Griffin (Vice President)

Jack Donnelly

Craig Land

Sophie Pruim

“ Students who participate in competitions at Law School practice advocacy in a variety of ways. Whether they are striking deals with clients in mock negotiations or presenting submissions in moot court, students put to practice research, drafting and oral presentation skills. Learning to be an advocate at TC Beirne teaches you more than technical skills. Students are challenged by peers and mentors to “screw their courage to the sticking place”. Law skills competitions teach students to think on their feet, respond swiftly and courteously, and most importantly, to persevere. Such demonstrations of courage are often coupled with challenges to improve by coaches, mentors and peers. It is no surprise that these experiences often transform the student experience and give participants a sense of community, confidence and persistence.

Congratulations to all students who participated in internal, domestic and international competitions this year - UQ has achieved fantastic results. Our success is due to the dedication and commitment of our student competitors as well as the sense of collegiality that encourages student mentors, judges and convenors to give back their time and efforts. We look forward to a successful 2019 and all that is to come for the UQ competitions program.

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- Aimee Griffin



MOOTING AROUND THE WORLD



2017 DAVID F JACKSON DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mr Matt Dunn, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Law Society, presented Mr Benjamin Teng, Ms Keilin Anderson and Ms Josephine Allan with the *2017 Best Moot Team Award*.



Ms Antonia Bellas was presented with the *2017 Best Oralist in a Moot Competition Trophy* by Mr Christopher Hughes QC of the Queensland Bar Association.



Mr Benjamin Teng was presented with the *2017 David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy* by Mr David F Jackson AM QC and the 2015 winner, Ms Elizabeth Stanley.



Become part of a **WINNING TEAM**

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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.

Supplementary funding enables us to maintain and expand the School's extra-curricular 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 also make a positive difference to the lives of people living in the local community.

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