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The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association congratulates all students who participated in mooting competitions in 2021.

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

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Welcome

Good evening and welcome to the 10th annual David F Jackson Mooting Dinner.

I'm delighted that we can gather all together and celebrate another successful mooting and competitions season. We are certainly very fortunate to have such talented and passionate students participate year after year, representing our Law School in numerous domestic and international external competitions with great success.

Since inheriting the coordination of the School's mooting program this year, I have continually been impressed by the utter dedication and commitment that each student contributes towards their competitions. I am also amazed by the support and enrichment we receive from our student coaches and practice judges, academics, alumni, members of the profession and the judiciary. Their generosity and collaboration are undoubtedly the secret weapons of our School's magnificent mooting strength and reputation.

It goes without saying, but irrespective of each team's awards and accolades this season, every student that we recognise at this evening's dinner has made an immense investment towards their professional careers. I, for one, am very excited to see where their unique skillsets and learning experiences from their mooting journey will take each of them.

Congratulations!



Mr Dony Rodriguez

Director of Mooting

Guest speaker

Justice Philippides was the first woman of Hellenic heritage to be admitted as a barrister in Queensland in 1984 and to attain silk in Australia in 1999. Her Honour was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in December 2000 and a Judge of the Court of Appeal in December 2014. Those appointments marked the first in Australia to a superior court and an appellate court respectively of a woman lawyer of immigrant parents (her Honour's parents having emigrated from Cyprus).

Her Honour has served as President of the Land Appeal Court of Queensland and as a Judge and inaugural President of the Queensland Mental Health Court. Her Honour served for over a decade as a member and chair of the Committee of the Supreme and District Courts Criminal Benchbook, which provides guidance on directions to juries in criminal cases.

Her Honour was educated at Somerville House in Brisbane. She graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and the University Medal in Law along with several law prizes. Her Honour was UQ's first law graduate to be awarded a British Council Commonwealth Scholarship for a Master of Law Degree at Cambridge University.

Her Honour's practice as a barrister was in commercial law with a specialisation in admiralty and maritime law. Her Honour established the first maritime law course in Queensland. She was the first woman to be elected President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand. Her Honour has served on many state and federal maritime bodies, was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Australian Law Reform Commission Review of the Marine Insurance Act 2000 (Cth) and is a member of the Commonwealth Admiralty Rules Committee.

Her Honour is the Queensland Patron of the Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association (HAL), which promotes diversity in the law. Justice Philippides is also the Patron of The Legal Forecast – Creative and the Law Orchestra Queensland, which promotes mental wellbeing and social inclusion for young lawyers through music. In 2017, her Honour established the Music and the Arts Circle, to provide free access to the arts and social support to First Nations students and young professionals. Her Honour is a Titular Member of the Comité Maritime International, an Honorary Life Member of the Australian National Maritime Museum, a Member of the Société de Legislation Comparée and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. She is a director of Musica Viva Australia. Recently, Justice Philippides established the Queensland Cambridge Australia Scholarship for postgraduate study of law. Her Honour retired as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Queensland on 23 April 2021.



The Honourable Anthe Philippides

Retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and Court of Appeal of Queensland

Special thanks

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

Mr Jackson graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Arts in 1963 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1964, during which time he worked as Associate to The Honourable 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 also 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 include 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.

He has also 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.

Mr Jackson publishes frequently and delivers many papers.



**The Honourable
David F Jackson AM QC**

Message from the Dean

Almost two years ago, the world, including the world of university advocacy competitions, was plunged into the vice of an uncertain pandemic. Teams had to deal with the cancellation of competitions or, alternatively, with the rapid transition to online simulation of the real thing. Nonetheless, UQ competitors were able to overcome rigorous opponents, technological challenges and inconvenient time zones to achieve significant success in both national and international advocacy competitions in 2020.

Now that we are nearing the end of 2021, we find that the pandemic is still with us and that our outstanding mooters and other advocacy competitors have become more accustomed to the 'new normal' of online competitions. What has changed since last year is that there is now a small window of light at the end of what has been a rather dark tunnel, and so here's hoping for a return to some normalcy in 2022, at least for domestic competitions.

On the national front this year, UQ mooting teams achieved success by reaching: the quarter finals in the Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot and the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot; the semi-finals in the Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Australian Law Students' Association Competitions International Humanitarian Law Moot and the ANU Gender Identity and Sexuality Moot; and the grand finals in the UNSW Private Law Moot and the Australian Law Students' Association Competitions Championship Moot. Of particular note is that UQ mooters were crowned Grand Champions in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot, as well as being recognised for the Best Written Submissions in that competition. Additionally, for the first time since 2014, a UQ team was victorious in the National Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot, with one of the team members also being awarded the prize for Best Speaker in the competition.

In international competitions, UQ mooters qualified for the Round of 32, achieved 4th Best Overall Applicant (international rounds) and were Plate Final winners (national rounds) of the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot, with

three members of the team also receiving Best Speaker awards. In the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the UQ team reached the Round of 64, were runners-up out of 398 teams for their Written Memorandum (Respondent) and received two further honourable mentions for their Written Memorandum (Claimant) and Best Team Orals.

Besides the personal and collective talent, skill and diligence of those who compete in organised advocacy competitions — all which accounts for much of our success in such competitions — individual competitors and teams have benefited immeasurably from the assistance, time and support of numerous volunteer judges, coaches and organisers, whether they be fellow students, recent graduates, members of the Law School staff, or current or retired members of the legal profession and/or judiciary. It is to these individuals in particular that special acknowledgement and thanks are owed. The co-curricular advocacy program at UQ is one of the jewels in our Law School crown; but its success would founder without the generous assistance of those who have chosen to give back.

And so, I end by recording my heartfelt congratulations to all those whose success we have gathered to celebrate tonight. I trust that participation in the various competitions has been a rewarding experience for all those involved, and I look forward to witnessing further success in 2022!



Professor Rick Bigwood

Dean of Law and Head of School

Order of proceedings

- 6.30pm** Drinks served on the Terrace
- 7pm** Welcome by Professor Rick Bigwood, Dean of Law and Head of School
- 7.05pm** Main course is served
- 7.45pm** Student address
- 8pm** After dinner address by The Honourable Anthe Philippides
- 8.15pm** Dessert is served
- 8.25pm** Presentation of awards
 - The Bar Association of Queensland 'Best Oralist in a Moot Competition'**
 - The Queensland Law Society 'Best Moot Team Award'**
 - The David F Jackson Trophy for 'Outstanding Advocacy'**
- 8.55pm** Vote of thanks
- 9pm** Function concludes

Advocacy achievements 2021

Team awards

Australian Disputes Centre/International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition

Best Mediation Advocacy Skill Award

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Runners up – Best Applicant Memorial (Championship Moot)

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Honourable Mention – Best Respondent Memorandum (Team A)

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Grand Champions

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Winner, Plate Finals – national rounds

4th Best Overall Applicant – international rounds

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

Grand Champions

Best Written Submissions

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Runners up – Werner Melis Award for Best Written Memorandum (Respondent)

Honourable Mention – Pieter Sanders Award for Best Written Memorandum (Claimant)

Honourable Mention – Eric E. Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals

Individual awards

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Lauren Gunther – Best Oralist, preliminary rounds (International Humanitarian Law Moot)

Alexander Zagami – Best Speaker Award, preliminary rounds (Witness Examination)

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Alexander Zagami – Best Speaker Award

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Paivi Adeniyi and Liam Inglis – Best Speaker in Plate Final (Joint), national rounds

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

Marcus Traucnieks – Best Oralist

Finalists

ANU Gender Identity and Sexuality Moot

Semi Finalists (Team A)

Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Grand Finalists – Championship Moot

Grand Finalists – Client Interview

Semi Finalists – International Humanitarian Law Moot

Semi Finalist – Witness Examination

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Semi Finalists (Team A)

Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Quarter Finalists

Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Quarter Finalists

UNSW IV Skills Intervarsity Client Interview and Negotiations Competition

Grand Finalists – Team A, Negotiation

Grand Finalists – Team A, Client Interviewing

UNSW Private Law Moot

Grand Finalists

SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition

Semi Finalists

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Team members	Paivi Adeniyi, Liam Inglis, Emily Rainbird, Austen Whitewood, Wei (Sam) Wong
Coaches	Professor Anthony Cassimatis, Isabelle Peart
Sponsors	Peter and Emma Rawlings
Results	Winner of the Plate Finals – national rounds 3rd Place Medal for Best Speaker – national rounds (Paivi Adeniyi and Emily Rainbird) Joint Best Speaker in the Plate Final – national rounds (Paivi Adeniyi and Liam Inglis) Round of 32 – international rounds 4th Best Overall Applicant – international rounds

The 2021 Jessup Moot competition was unlike any other. The 2021 agreed facts involved a global pandemic, a Julian Assange-style consular issue and the shooting down of a civilian airplane. Our research exposed us to many interesting areas of law and we have subsequently become experts in COVID-19 border measures, the meaning of ‘military activities’ and the concept of diplomatic asylum.

After winning the Plate Final in the virtual Australian rounds, we embraced the first online international rounds to take place in the competition’s history with enthusiasm and flexibility. While battling online complications and time differences, we were proud to reach the Round of 32 and complete our seven-month Jessup journey. We would like to express our gratitude to coaches Anthony and Izzy who worked endlessly to guide our research, problem-solve with us, organise practice moots and lend support wherever needed. Their input has helped us hone our mooting skills and, most importantly, made an unforgettable Jessup experience enjoyable and rewarding.



The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team members	William Garske, Gabriela Roworth, Connor Wright, Rex Yuan
Coaches	Johnson Choi, Jack Donnelly, Emily McClelland, Ben Teng
Mentor	Dr Ryan Catterwell
Results	Round of 64 Runners up (out of 389 teams), Werner Melis Award for Best Written Memorandum (Respondent) Honourable Mention, Pieter Sanders Award for Best Written Memorandum (Claimant) Honourable Mention, Eric E. Bergsten Award for Best Team Orals

Running from October 2020 to April 2021, the Vis Moot is a hands-on and challenging experience. We went through countless hours of research, long nights drafting memos and long days practising different iterations of our oral arguments. For a second year, the Vis Moot was run virtually with over 385 teams participating globally. While the team was unable to travel to beautiful Vienna, we were able to organise many friendly moots with international teams and meet awesome law students from around the world. Overall, the experience expanded our knowledge of international commercial arbitration and improved the whole team’s advocacy skills.

This year’s problem was centred around the licensing and production of a COVID-19 vaccine. The problem concerned the joinder of a third party in the context of an identical arbitration agreement under the Swiss Rules, the tribunal’s power to order that hearings be conducted remotely, the application of the CISG to licensing contracts and a seller’s responsibility regarding third party intellectual property right infringements in the international sale of goods.



Australian Disputes Centre/International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition

Team members	Martin Churchill, Jasmine Mi, Rebecca Smith, Jeanina Wu
Coach	Cara Scarpato
Results	Best Mediation Advocacy Skill Award Awarded individual internships with the APCMC in Melbourne

2021 was the second time UQ participated in the ADC-ICC Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition, which brought together 26 teams from universities throughout the Asia-Pacific.

The UQ team competed in mock mediations against domestic teams as well as our international peers from India, Sri Lanka and New Zealand. We were able to gain valuable experience in ADR from preparing written submissions to receiving oral feedback from some of the world's leading dispute resolution specialists who judged the competition.



ANU Gender Identity and Sexuality Law Moot

Team A	Thomas Moore, Rachel Moss
Coach	Eleanor Hilston
Results	Semi Finalists

The competition was a fantastic opportunity to explore the intersection between social issues and the application of international law. The particular focus of this year’s problem, the rights of intersex children, is not something that has received great attention in mainstream debate. Not only were our legal skills put to the test, but our own awareness of social issues.

Team B	Yvette Kelson, Elise Northcote, Heidi Willis
Coach	Vivian Zhang
Results	Overall 5th Place

In September and October 2021, the 2021 ANU Gender and Sexuality Moot Team B represented UQ in the online oral rounds from the UQ Moot Court. With the help of coach Vivian Zhang, we embraced the opportunity to test our written and oral advocacy skills against other Australian and New Zealand teams. The problem question this year involved gender normalisation surgery of an intersex child without the child’s consent. It gave us the opportunity to explore public international law around the rights of children, as we had to deep dive into the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. With such a sensitive topic for the LGBTQIA+ community, teams had to carefully construct compelling arguments that examined the relevant law but also remain respectful and uplifting of the intersex and LGBTQIA+ community broadly. While we narrowly missed out on competing in the semi-finals, we were honoured to finish in 5th place in this competition – an outstanding achievement for three first-time external mooters.



Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Competitions



Championship Moot

Team members	Grace Dowdle, Isabella Towers
Coach	William Garske
Results	Grand Finalists 2nd Place – Best Applicant Memorial 3rd Place – Best Respondent Memorial 3rd Place – Best Overall Memorial 3rd Place – Best Oralist, preliminary rounds (Isabella Towers)

This was the first external moot that either of us did and we surpassed our own expectations by making it to the Grand Finals. With one of us doing an internship in Canberra at the same time, most of our preparation and practice moots were done over late-night Zoom calls. As such, we were very nervous going into the competition, especially since we were researching novel and uncertain areas of law. However, with the help and support of our coach, we improved with each practice moot and preliminary round. This experience definitely honed our mooting skills.



Client Interview

Team members	Grace Beattie, Ben Schenk
Coach	Caitlin Holmes
Results	Grand Finalists

We had a great experience participating in the 2021 Australian Law Students' Association Client Interviewing Competition. ALSA's competition tested our ability to research unfamiliar areas of law under time pressure, collaborate with a fellow 'solicitor' to interview a client in an empathetic yet effective way and provide useful and well-structured legal advice. We faced problems in all sorts of areas of law, learning about everything from eviction to personal injury to insider trading.

Although neither of us had previously competed in a client interviewing competition, we were thrilled to make it all the way to the Grand Final of the ALSA. We finished the competition in second place, taking home a whole range of hard-earned new skills.



Negotiation

Team members	Yvette Kelson, Jeanina Wu
Coach	Matisse Reed

The 2021 ALSA Negotiation Competition was an exciting way for us to compete nationally against other university teams. Teams had to push themselves to prioritise interests and outcomes to achieve a mutually beneficial result for both parties in the dispute. With the help of coach Matisse Reed, we prepared our oral advocacy skills to tackle problems with disputing farmers, car repair mishaps and feuding pop stars. This year was full of challenges, with the online format pushing us to be flexible and learn to communicate in different ways, both with each other and the opposing team over Zoom.



International Humanitarian Law Moot

Team members **Sophie Cunningham, Lauren Gunther, Lulu Nkwazi**

Coach **Dr Eve Massingham**

Results **Semi Finalists
3rd Place – Best Defence Memorial
Best Oralist – preliminary rounds (Lauren Gunther)**

We had the privilege of participating in the Australian Law Students' Association and Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot during the winter holidays. This year, the moot focused on military occupation, attacks against civilians and biological experiments in the form of COVID-19 vaccines. The team, alongside our incredible coach Dr Eve Massingham and other students that offered their generous support, put in many long hours to prepare for the competition. We won three preliminary rounds before reaching the semi-finals of the IHL Moot.

Our highlight was the biological experiment issue as this is a novel area of law in light of the ongoing pandemic. The experience was invaluable to each of us because it developed and sharpened our oral advocacy and legal research skills required for litigation.



Witness Examination

Team member **Alexander Zagami**

Results **Semi Finalist
Best Speaker Award – preliminary rounds**

The ALSA Witness Examination competition took place on 1–4 July 2021. As South East Queensland was in lockdown at the time, this meant four days of competing online, with rounds taking place over Zoom between competitors from across the country. For me, the experience was fantastic, even though it felt strange to compete in front of my laptop from the desk in my bedroom.

Rounds comprised a mixture of criminal and civil problems, including assault, stalking, defamation for the quarter final, and intentionally causing serious harm to a UN representative as the rather unique semi-final issue. Being a semi-finalist of this national competition was incredibly rewarding but exhausting, as the quarter finals and semi-finals were run almost back-to-back on the same day with only a 90-minute preparation period for each. I was delighted to receive the Best Speaker Award at the conclusion of the competition, based on the results of the preliminary rounds.

Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team A	Gabrielle Ong, James Pisko, Jenny Wang
Coach	Liam Inglis
Results	Semi Finalists Honourable Mention – Best Respondent Memorandum 17th (out of 104) Ranked Oralist – general rounds (Jenny Wang)

The Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot posed unprecedented challenges to all team members. Over two and a half months of preparation, we grappled with a factually complex problem, understanding the difficult procedures of private international law and adopting the very different mooting style of arbitration. This year’s problem included a procedural question that involved a battle of the forms in the novel terrain of international commercial law, as well as substantive issues regarding the conformity of goods. We were surprised to discover that in 2021, the competition had almost doubled in size. 43 teams from 12 different countries participated in the Deakin Moot, making it the largest mooting competition in Australia. The competition was conducted virtually across three days, and we mooted against competitors from Vietnam, India and the Philippines as well as top law schools in Australia. Overall, despite its many challenges and gruelling preparation period, the Deakin Moot was a fantastically rewarding experience that developed our practical legal skills and formed close friendships.



Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team B	Sophie Cunningham, Benjamin Funnell, Benjamin Schenk
Coach	Gabriella Roworth

From August to September, we competed in the Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot. 43 teams competed from across Australia and overseas (including Europe, Asia and Africa). The moot problem involved a sale of goods between companies across two nations. The issues were split into procedural matters, being which law would apply to govern the agreement and settle the dispute, and substantive matters, being whether the goods were faulty due to poor quality or misuse. Overall, it was a fantastic experience which saw the team research and apply an area of law completely foreign to us.



Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Team members	Taj Bosworth-Gonzaga, Kai Du Plessis, Jasmine Pearce, Lauren Ward
Coach	Paivi Adeniyi
Academic advisors	Dr Ryan Catterwell Emeritus Professor Nick Gaskell
Results	Quarter Finalists

Despite being on hold for a couple of years and COVID-19 restrictions preventing interstate travel, nothing could stop the resurgence of a Kirby Moot team. The 2021 agreed facts involved red and green Jelly Button chocolates, disagreement over the colour ratio of the chocolates in gift bags and an alleged delayed delivery. Our research exposed us to the intricacies of contract law including personal liability and damages issues.

After four successful preliminary rounds and a brief disagreement with another university surrounding allocated rebuttal times, we were proud to proceed to the quarter finals. We would like to extend our thanks to Nick Gaskell and Paivi Adeniyi for their fantastic knowledge and insight as our coaches, along with everyone who volunteered to judge our many practice rounds pre-competition. We learnt a lot and made some great memories.



National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Team members	Rory Brown, Caitlin Holmes, Alexander Zagami
Coach	Professor John Devereux
Results	Grand Champions Best Speaker (Alexander Zagami)

In order to reach the Grand Final of the AAT Moot, we had to win four rounds, each based on different factual scenarios and matters of administrative law. The competition saw us cover the law governing interlocutory and substantive merits review, the National Disabilities Insurance Scheme, the Migration Act and Comcare Workers' Compensation. All of the matters were extremely complex and required careful examination of the relevant law to make compelling submissions, with each round operating on a three-week cycle from start to finish. We had the privilege of receiving some very helpful advice in our practice moots with experienced admin law practitioners at Sparke Helmore Lawyers.

Our highlight was the migration law matter in the semi-final, which saw us seeking a visa for an alleged accomplice to an international crime of aggression in Botswana. This problem was unique as it involved both administrative law and international law elements, requiring us to draw on the expertise of Professors Billings, Cassimatis and Devereux. We are grateful to all involved for helping us reach the national Grand Final and for the support they provided us during the three months of the competition. As first-time mooters at this level, we learnt a great deal throughout the competition and will strive to continue to develop our written and oral advocacy skills.



Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Team members	Isaac Gill, Lucy MacDonald, Matisse Reed
Coach	Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh
Mentor	Jacqueline Sung
Results	Quarter Finalists

The 2021 UQ Sir Harry Gibbs team had significant footsteps to follow in after UQ's victory in 2020. We took to this task with both trepidation and excitement. The moot problem consisted of two issues. First, whether Australian citizens can be prevented from returning to Australia if they are overseas in a virulent 'hotspot' and, secondly, whether the Commonwealth can commandeer state public servants to perform Commonwealth duties to assist in protecting Australia from the pandemic. This COVID-19 related problem question was a fun and unique experience for us.

In preparing for the competition, we completed 16 practice moots before UQ staff, students and practitioners – including a show moot before a formidable bench of her Honour Justice Sarah Derrington, John McKenna QC and Sandy Thompson QC. After this mammoth preparation, we entered into the competition confident and ready. We successfully won our four preliminary rounds against a range of Australian universities, including the University of Tasmania and QUT. However, after breaking to the quarter finals, we were defeated by a strong ANU team in a close decision. Overall, we were proud of our efforts and thankful for the opportunity to represent UQ in such a prestigious competition with the support of some fantastic people.



SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition

Team members	Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei, Giaan Robinson
Competition judge	Grace Beattie
Competition client	Isaac Roati
Results	Semi Finalists

In October, we competed in the SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition. This year, the competition was held online with topics including family law, corporate law and animal law. It was a great learning experience which allowed us to broaden our legal knowledge in a range of different areas. We also had the privilege of connecting with members of the legal profession and with students from other universities.



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot

Team members	Juliet Biemann, Marcus Traucnieks, Ruby Traucnieks
Coach	Martin Doyle
Academic advisor	Professor Brad Sherman
Results	Grand Champions Best Written Submission Best Oralist (Marcus Traucnieks)

Our experience in the competition was certainly a net positive, especially considering we were all first-time mooters. Throughout the course of the research phase and preparing the written submissions, we lacked confidence in our abilities and were significantly challenged by the areas of law upon which we felt we were expected to demonstrate a level of command. Our practice moots were also quite challenging. However, our hard work and refusal to give up paid off, and we performed admirably in all our actual moots. Indeed, we won the entire competition, as well as all the submission-specific awards capable of being given out. The networking opportunities with members of the Bar and Bench were also invaluable.



The Australia New Zealand Intervarsity Moot on Animal Law (ANIMAL)

Team members	Caitlyn Donohoe, Grace Hancock, Vivian Zhang
Coach	Thomas Moore
Academic advisor	Dr Dylan Lino

The ANIMAL 2021 moot was a very fulfilling, intellectual challenge. This year, we competed against various teams across Australia, sparring over who, out of two ex-partners, owned the Japanese Spitz puppy, Toby. Being instructed not to argue co-ownership, the predominant legal arguments drilled down to whether Toby was or was not a gift, with a factual matrix that could have fallen either way. Tricky evidence law issues, such as whether prior criminal convictions could be admitted into a civil ownership trial, threw an extra spanner in the works and gave us the opportunity to hone our advocacy and critical thinking skills. Despite not progressing to the advanced rounds, we were proud to have won three of the four preliminary round moots, tying with the eventual Grand Champion team in the fourth moot.



UNSW IV Skills Intervarsity Client Interview and Negotiations Competition

Competition judge	Caitlin Holmes
Competition clients	Lachlan Berlin, Laura Peters

Client Interview

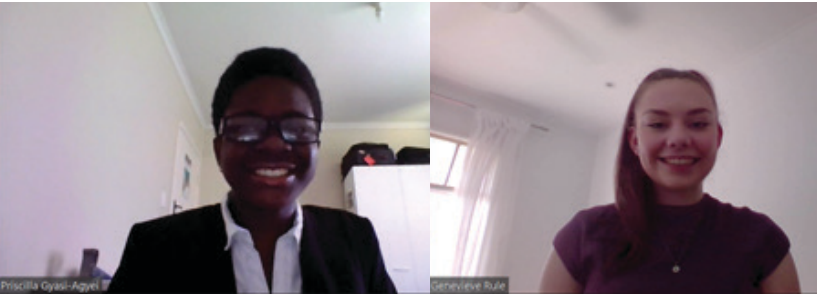
Team A	Grace Beattie, Indrani Bose
Coach	Mia Campbell
Results	Grand Finalists

We competed in the UNSW Skills Client Interviewing competition on Zoom from 4-5 September and managed to finish as Grand Finalists. This competition involved rapid preparation for four rounds in two days, so careful time management was essential to get us to the Grand Final.

Client interviewing has taught us many skills – chiefly teamwork and flexibility. It is important to be ready to adapt to unusual and confusing sets of facts and to have a plan ready so that the client leaves feeling like they have some firm next steps to take. We can't recommend this style of legal competition highly enough!

Team B	Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei, Genevieve Rule
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In early September, we competed in the UNSW IV Skills Intervarsity Client Interviewing Competition. This year, the competition was held online and covered a range of areas from property law to wills and estate law. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience as it allowed us to sharpen our legal skills in a broad range of areas including research, presentation and client communication. We also had the privilege of connecting with students from other universities.



UNSW IV Skills Intervarsity Client Interview and Negotiations Competition

Negotiation

Team A	Gabriella Brancatini, Elloise Campbell
Results	Grand Finalists

Like any negotiation, this competition required us to analyse a set of common and confidential facts for each round, challenging us to new problems that required mediation to be resolved. This competition, however, boasted a unique lawyer/client split, which is something we had never practised before. It was interesting to listen to the feedback from the judges who explained to us effective ways to prioritise the organic and concerned voice of the client with the reserved and legal voice of the practitioner. Competing in four rounds over the space of two days was certainly challenging but incredibly rewarding, and the feedback we gained from the Grand Final is something we are excited to implement in the future.

Team B	Julia Bejleri, Yvette Kelson
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The UNSW Negotiation Competition was an excellent opportunity to practise our negotiation skills in an online format against other teams from around Australia. With problem questions involving competing drone technology producers to government organisations, we had to put our negotiating skills to the test to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for clients.

With NSW following a different negotiating format to typical negotiation competitions, we had to be flexible and adaptable. Additionally, the online format with no face-to-face communication allowed between team members meant that we had to ensure smooth teamwork and communication through Zoom.



UNSW Private Law Moot

Team members	James Pisko, Benjamin Schenk, Jenny Wang, Sam Yazdani
Coach	Liam Inglis
Results	Grand Finalists

In May 2021, four novice mooters made our external moot debut in the UNSW Private Law Moot. Incidentally, this was also UQ's debut appearance in the competition, and we persevered through unfamiliar territory to claim runners-up in the Grand Final.

The Private Law Moot is a prestigious intervarsity competition involving the participation of some of the best mooters in Australia, with a unique focus on private law and commercial topics. This year's problem involved a deceptively simple factual scenario that required us to carry out extensive research into niche areas of tort and contract law in the short space of four weeks.

Held remotely over three days, 18 teams from nine different countries competed (including the University of Oxford) in the 2021 Private Law Moot. We were very proud to progress to the Grand Final, presided over by The Honourable Justice Anthony Meagher of the NSW Court of Appeal, and to be closely defeated by the reigning Jessup Moot champions from the University of Sydney. It was a challenging, exhilarating and fulfilling experience for the whole team and an excellent introduction to external mooting.



UTS Intersivity Negotiation Moot

Team A	Emma Cooney, Jeanette Hodgson
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Results	Tied 6th place
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Team B	Tom Bizzell, Jasmine Mi
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Results	8th place
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Over the weekend of 14–15 May 2021, we represented UQ in the UTS Intersivity Negotiation Competition. We participated in three preliminary rounds, covering topics such as divorce, employment and franchise agreements.

Although neither team progressed beyond the preliminary rounds of the competition, it was an enjoyable and rewarding learning experience that allowed us the opportunity to grow as negotiators.



UQLS competitions

2021 has been a tremendously successful year for external competitions, not just in terms of the achievements of our teams but also the opportunities provided to compete externally. The University of Queensland Law Society is proud to continue to work with the UQ Law School to support students in their external competitions experiences and to cater to the broad spectrum of talent within the School. Our international and domestic teams continued to enjoy great success in 2021 while adapting to the new world and evolving challenges of competing online during COVID-19. The resilience and adaptability, as well as the teamwork and advocacy skills our competitors have developed, will serve them well in further competitions, the remainder of university and in the profession. They are sure to contribute to cementing the School's reputation as one of the best in Australia.

It has been a great privilege to serve as Vice-President (External Competitions) in 2021. Advocating for external competitors and working with the School to provide opportunities that all competitors could benefit from – whether they be mooters, negotiators, client interviewers or witness examiners – has been an unequivocally rewarding venture.



Mr Adam Lukacs

VP External Competitions

New competitions

This year, the UQLS worked with the Law School to provide several exciting new competitions by taking advantage of the low-cost option of competing online, which remained unfortunately inevitable for many competitions held across the country. Providing new external client interviewing and negotiation competitions was specifically focused on, given the high demand for these competitions and the School's previously minimal involvement. This proved to be very popular, and the UNSW IV Negotiation and Client Interviewing Skills Competitions, UTS Intervarsity Negotiation Competition, SULLS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition and UNSW Private Law Moot were all able to be offered. Additionally, we were pleased to see the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot and Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot return for 2022, both of which have not been entered by UQ in many years!

UQLS v QUTLS Grudge Moot

The UQLS v QUTLS Grudge Moot unfortunately did not go ahead in 2020, but we were very lucky to be able to host it in person in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland this year. The UQLS team were represented by Emma Cooney, Tarryn Sorour and Maxwell Eberhardt, who brought the shield back to UQ this year after QUTLS's win in 2019. The team should be congratulated on a well-deserved win.



Moot of Origin

The Moot of Origin is held annually between the UQLS and the Sydney University Law Society (SULS). While it was due to be held in person in Sydney this year, this was unable to proceed due to the ongoing Sydney lockdown. Nevertheless, Grace Dowdle and Emma Cooney represented the UQLS via Zoom, with the entirety of the competition held online.

In previous years, the winners of the UQLS Senior Moot competed but this year the team was chosen via an application process open to all. While the trophy will stay in Sydney for another year, the team should nevertheless be congratulated on their advocacy and efforts.



Queensland Intersvarsity Law Competitions (QILC)

Now in its fourth year, the Queensland Intersvarsity Law Competitions (QILC) is the only state-wide intersvarsity legal skills competition conference offering Mooting, Client Interview, Negotiation and Witness Examination competitions. The aim of QILC is to encourage students from across Queensland to enhance their oral advocacy and legal research skills, network with legal professionals, and meet other students from across the state.

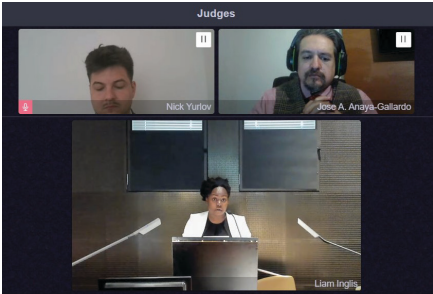
This year, QILC was hosted by the UQLS and QUTLS, with competitors from almost every university law student society across the state. We were especially excited by the opportunity to convene and compete in person for the whole of QILC, given the disruptive effect COVID-19 has had thus far on university legal competitions, and due to the prospect of a potential lockdown during the week of QILC.

Congratulations should be given to our Grand Finalists James Pisko and Benjamin Schenk (Witness Examination) and Annette Antony and Laura Peters (Client Interviewing). A special thank you should be extended to the UQ members of the QILC Subcommittee, without whom QILC would not have been possible: Benita Bhika, Paivi Adeniyi, Eve Fenton and Leidi Peng.



Mooting moments

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David F Jackson award recipients 2020



Former Dean of Law and Head of School Professor Patrick Parkinson presented the Queensland Law Society 2020 *Best Moot Team Award* to the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team.



Ms Genevieve Murray presented Mr Jonathan Hohl with the Bar Association of Queensland award for the 2020 *Best Oralist in a Moot Competition*.



On behalf of the Honourable David Jackson AM QC, Ms Emily McClelland (2019 winner) presented Mr Jack Donnelly the 2020 *David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy*.

David F Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy

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Mr Joshua McGeechan

2014

Ms Camille Boileau

2015

Ms Elizabeth Stanley

2016

Ms Erin Gourlay

2017

Mr Benjamin Teng

2018

Ms Sangeetha Badya

2019

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Mr Julius Moller

2020

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