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#### **Congratulations from UQLA**

The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association congratulates all students who participated in mooting competitions in 2022.

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 11th annual David F Jackson Mooting Dinner.

It is always a joyous occasion to gather and celebrate with our student competitors, coaches, judges, mentors and supporters of the UQ mooting and competitions programs. Our students are very privileged to relish in the support of an extensive and very generous mooting community. It should, therefore, come as no surprise that each of our teams who competed in 2022 enjoyed great success through numerous awards, honourable mentions, and advancements in their respective competitions, both on an international and domestic scale.

For the first time since the beginning of 2020, this year, a handful of our teams were able to travel to Melbourne, and outside the comfort of the Law School's Forgan Smith Building, to compete. Although the logistical organisation and cost required to provide these in-person opportunities are quite different from their virtual counterparts, I am willing to bet that I am not alone in appreciating an overdue return to the former delivery, and dare I say it – some 'normalcy'.

To our student competitors, each of you should be immensely proud of what you have accomplished, irrespective of official results or recognition in the traditional sense that you and your team may have received. I encourage you to remember and hold dear to the numerous obstacles, deadlines, intellectual challenges, mistakes, wins, losses, and incredibly valuable feedback and lessons you've learnt and accumulated along the way. If this year was your first taste of mooting and competitions, I am immensely excited to see how you develop and grow in your continued journey. To those of you who are now well-seasoned advocates and competitors, thank you for always generously supporting your younger peers through vital coaching, extensive mentoring and collegiate guidance.

To our alumni and wider supporters in the profession, thank you! Your time, wisdom, generosity, and impact are immeasurable!



Mr Dony Rodriguez
Director of Mooting

# Guest speaker

#### This annual mooting dinner is named in honour of our esteemed alumnus The Honourable David F Jackson AM KC.

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 numerous matters in the federal and state intermediate appellate courts.

Mr Jackson publishes frequently and delivers many papers.



The Honourable David F Jackson AM KC

# Message from the Dean

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I last penned my Dean's message for this event. If one thing has remained constant, though, it is the Law School's commitment to the excellence of its mooting and other advocacy programs, activities, and competitions. The other constancy, of course, has been the continued success of our talented individuals and teams in both national and international advocacy competitions over the past year. That, primarily, is the reason we are all gathered here this evening to celebrate. I make special mention of, and welcome, the Honourable David F Jackson AM KC, who has been able to join us in person for this year's dinner. His reputation as the consummate advocate precedes him wherever he goes.

We also gather to acknowledge and thank the many volunteer judges, coaches and organisers who have given so freely of their time and expertise over the past 12 months to support our teams and individual competitors. These may be fellow students, recent graduates, members of the Law School staff, or current or retired members of the legal profession and/or judiciary. But regardless of who they are, without their generous involvement and support, our co-curricular advocacy program at UQ would not succeed in the way it has. The same gratitude is, of course, extended to all those who have donated financially to our program. Such generosity makes many things happen that would not otherwise be possible.

We intend to continue our world-class co-curricular advocacy program at UQ Law, and this is something I routinely spruik at University Open Days (and the like) to entice potential students to enrol in our undergraduate law program. We see the benefits of the advocacy program naturally in terms of the rich vocational training that it provides to participants, but also as an important vehicle for forging and maintaining critical links between the Law School and the profession and judiciary. Earlier in the year, I attended the show moot for Space Law in the Court of Appeal, featuring a panel comprising Justices McMurdo, Brown and Applegarth, and was mightily impressed by the quality of the student oral advocacy on display.

I want to close by personally congratulating all those whose success we have gathered to celebrate tonight. I trust that a good time will be had by all!



Professor Rick Bigwood

Academic Dean and Head of School

# Order of proceedings

6:30pm	Drinks served on the Terrace
7pm	Welcome by Professor Rick Bigwood, Academic Dean and Head of School
7:05pm	Main course is served
7:45pm	Student address by Elliot Perkins
8pm	After-dinner address by The Honourable David F Jackson AM KC
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 International Moot Team'
	The University of Queensland Law Alumni 'Best Domestic Moot Team'
	The David F Jackson Trophy for 'Outstanding Advocacy'
8:55pm	Vote of thanks by Paivi Adeniyi

**9pm** Function concludes

# Advocacy achievements 2022



#### Team awards

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

Best Mediation Advocacy Skill Award Best Public Speakers Award

#### Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Grand Champions - Championship Moot

2nd Place, Best Prosecution Memorial – International Humanitarian Law Moot

2nd Place, Best Defence Memorial – International Humanitarian Law Moot

2nd Place, Best Overall Memorial – International Humanitarian Law Moot

#### Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

1st Ranked Team, general rounds (Team A) Honourable Mention, Best Respondent Memorandum (Team A)

Honourable Mention, Best Claimant Memorandum (Team B)

#### Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Highest Scoring Team (tied), general rounds (Team A)

#### Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Best Overall Memorials Award – national rounds Best Claimant Memorial – national rounds Top 8 Team Ranking – international rounds

#### The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Best Claimant Memorandum Award Runner Up, Best Overall Written Memorandum

#### Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

1st Place, London School of Economics and London Court of International Arbitration Vis-Pre-Moot

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## Individual awards

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

Raul lute - 3rd Place, Impromptu Speech Competition

#### Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Simaima Gordon – Best Overall Oralist (Championship Moot)

#### Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Emma Cooney - Best Oralist, general rounds

#### Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Alexandra Nash - Best Speaker, preliminary rounds

#### The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Alexander Zagami – Runner Up, Best Speaker, general rounds

Isaac Gill – 3rd Place, Best Speaker, general rounds Benjamin Funnell – Honourable Mention, Best Speaker, general rounds

#### Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Lauren Gunther - Honourable Mention, Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist, general rounds



## Finalists

#### Australian Law Students' Association Competitions

Quarter Finalists - Client Interview Quarter Finalists - International Humanitarian Law Moot Grand Finalist - Witness Examination

**Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot** Quarter Finalists (Team B)

**HSF International Computational Law e-Moot** Semi Finalists

Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Quarter Finalists (Team A) Quarter Finalists (Team B)

National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot Semi Finalists

Philip C Jessup International Law MootSemi Finalists - national roundsQuarter Finalists - international rounds

**SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition** Grand Finalists

**The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot** Semi Finalists

**UNSW Private Law Moot** Semi Finalists

#### Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Team members	Martin Churchill, Sophie Cunningham, William Garske, Elliot Perkins, Catherine Thornton
Coaches	Professor Anthony Cassimatis, Edward Watson
Sponsors	Peter and Emma Rawlings
Results	Semi Finalists – national rounds (defeated by subsequent Australian Champions, UNSW) Best Overall Memorials – national rounds Best Claimant Memorial – national rounds 3rd Best Respondent Memorial – national rounds 10th Best Oralist – national preliminary rounds (Sophie Cunningham) Quarter Finalists – international rounds (defeated by subsequent World Champions, Harvard) 11th Best Overall Memorials – international rounds 35th Best Oralist – international rounds (William Garske) 45th Best Oralist – international rounds (Sophie Cunningham) 32nd Best Oralist – international advanced rounds (William Garske) 33rd Best Oralist – international advanced rounds (Elliot Perkins)



With around 700 universities competing globally, the 2022 Compromis focused on the admissibility of inviolable and confidential evidence, foreign election interference, self-determination, human rights on the Internet and the exercise of extraterritorial enforcement jurisdiction in Cyberspace. The importance of the Jessup competition seemed more apparent than ever this year, with the international rounds taking place exactly one month after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The team would like to express its gratitude to the Jessup family and acknowledge the support offered by many former Jessup mooters, UQ alumni and staff, with practice moot judges including the Honourable Ian Callinan AC KC, the Honourable Justice John Bond, the Honourable Justice David Jackson, the Honourable Justice Declan A Kelly and Dr Benjamin Juratowich KC. The team is deeply indebted to its coaches, Anthony Cassimatis AM and Edward Watson, for their dedication and support. The enjoyable and rewarding Jessup experience is a result of their efforts.

# The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team members	Lauren Gunther, Jasmine Pearce, James Pisko, Kai du Plessis, Jianing (Jenny) Wang
Coaches	Paivi Adeniyi, Johnson Choi, Gabriella Roworth
Results	Honourable Mention, Martin Domke Award for Best Oralist in the preliminary rounds (Lauren Gunther) Winner, London School of Economics and London Court of International Arbitration Vis- Pre-Moot

In 2022, the Willem C Vis Moot once again took place online. The Vis Moot problem concerned the choice of law governing an arbitration agreement, the applicability of the CISG to the conclusion of arbitration agreements, and rules of incorporation under the The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ('CISG').

Although the CIArb Australian Vis Pre-Moot did not take place, the team was fortunate to take part in three other pre-moots. The first was the non-scored pre-moot facilitated by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. The second was the London Vis Pre-Moot, facilitated by the London School of Economics and the London Court of International Arbitration, where the team prevailed. The team was also fortunate to moot in person at Griffith University, allowing them to form connections with Vis Moot participants from Queensland and northern New South Wales.

These experiences held the team in good stead for the international oral rounds in April. Although the team faced several challenges and did not progress beyond the preliminary rounds, they were grateful for the opportunity to improve their advocacy skills and delve into complex areas of international arbitration and international sales law.



#### The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot

Team members	Harriet Bailey, Benjamin Funnell, Isaac Gill, Charlotte Traves, Alexander Zagami
Coach	Laura Heit
Results	Semi Finalists Best Claimant Memorandum Runner Up, Best Overall Memorandum 4th Place, Best Respondent Memorandum Runner Up, Best Speaker – general rounds (Alexander Zagami) 3rd Place, Best Speaker – general rounds (Isaac Gill) Honourable Mention, Best Speaker – general rounds (Benjamin Funnel)

For the team to reach the semi-finals of IMLAM, they successfully navigated through four preliminary rounds against opponents from Indonesia, India, Singapore and our fellow Australians at Murdoch University. This year's problem was based on the infamous Ever Given blockage of the Suez Canal that took place in March 2021. The delay to the fictional voyage of the MV Vespucci, which was bound for Melbourne, caused damage to the shipment of four goods: tulips, wine, champagne (or sparkling wine, depending on who you ask) and pharmaceuticals (affectionately known as pharmas for short). Claims for damages, as well as a counter-claim for the payment of freight, were instituted before an arbitral tribunal sitting virtually in Singapore under both the Hague-Visby Rules and the law of contract pursuant to four bills of lading.

The team had to become unnaturally familiar with shipping industry lingo and the mechanics of containerised cargo, including flexitanks, reefer containers, shrink wrapping and even the ideal cultivation rates of tulip bulbs in time for spring season! Never have five people argued more about the meaning of the word 'Merchant'.



The team had the fortune of having countless practice moots with experienced arbitration and maritime law practitioners to get them into shape for the international rounds, most memorably the show moot at the Federal Court with Justice Sarah Derrington, Professor Nick Gaskell and UQ alum barrister Sam Walpole.

The team is immensely grateful to coach Laura Heit. Without her consistent support and tireless dedication to reviewing the team's work with precision, they would not have achieved as much growth as they all did as both written and oral advocates.

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

Team members	Joshua Fukushige, Jeanette Hodgson, Raul lute, Yvette Kelson
Coaches	Jia Meng (Jasmine) Mi, Rebecca Smith
Results	Best Mediation Advocacy Skill Award Best Public Speakers Award 3rd Place, Impromptu Speech Competition (Raul lute)

2022 was the third time UQ entered a team into the ADC-ICC Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition. The competition involved mock mediations against universities from Australia and all over the Asia-Pacific region, and the team was able to benefit from feedback from judges who are leading mediation and dispute resolution specialists.

With two team awards and an individual award, this year was the highest UQ has achieved in the competition to date. The team would like to thank their two amazing coaches, Rebecca Smith and Jasmine Mi, who helped organise months of mediation practices and coaching sessions for the team.



#### Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Competitions



#### **Championship Moot**

Team members	Simaima Gordon, Olivia Ray
Coach	Lucy MacDonald
Results	Grand Champions Best Overall Oralist (Simaima Gordon)

The 2022 ALSA Championship moot was both an enjoyable and intellectually challenging experience. For a little over a month, the team practised their oral rounds in between end-of-semester exams and work commitments. The team's superstar coach, Lucy MacDonald, mentored through several practice moots and late-night submission reviews. The team especially enjoyed meeting other mooters from around Australia and the great coffee from Spring Hill.



#### **Client Interview**

- Team Evelina (Eve) Limboro, Clarissa Zhong members
- Results Quarter Finalists

The Australian Law Students' Association Client Interviewing Competition was a great and challenging experience that helped the team become more effective communicators, with particular emphasis on bettering empathy towards a broader range of clients. The issues they faced as a team encouraged them to think on their feet and draw information from many unfamiliar areas of law and limited time to research for. As a result, this competition gave them good insight into areas that they had not yet learned in their studies, such as copyright law, tax law, personal injury law, and more.



#### Negotiation

Team	Jacob Bible, William Scott
members	

Competing at the 2022 ALSA Negotiation Competition was a great experience. In the preliminary rounds, the team competed against three teams, including a team from the University of Auckland. All of these teams had different negotiation tactics, and the team had to be flexible and strategic in order to reach a desirable outcome for their client. Despite having to tackle difficult problems, including a disgruntled employee fighting to retain his employment, a bitter dispute between husband and wife and a country seeking membership into NATO, the team learned many skills that will be of great benefit in the future.



#### International Humanitarian Law Moot

Team members	Alexandra Nash, Leidi Peng, Ben Schenk
Coach	Dr Eve Massingham
Results	Quarter Finalists 2nd Place, Best Prosecution Memorial 2nd Place, Best Defence Memorial 2nd Place, Best Overall Memorial

Over the winter holidays, the team had the privilege of participating in the ALSA Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot. It was very interesting researching war crimes and formulating arguments regarding personal outrages upon dignity and attacks against civilians who were trapped by a blockade. Although long hours were spent in the library writing submissions and doing practice moots, it was an enjoyable process, especially thanks to their wonderful and supportive coach, Dr Eve Massingham. They were excited to progress to the quarter-finals, and competing in person was a pleasant change from mooting over Zoom. This also enabled the opportunity to form many great friendships. Overall, this moot was an incredible experience that greatly improved their advocacy skills and gifted them with many fun memories.



#### Witness Examination

Team member	Rupert Hoare
Results	Grand Finalist

As the first external competition Rupert had ever undertaken, and only his second run at witness examination, he was more than surprised to make the Grand Final. Nonetheless, Rupert found the experience thrilling and was very thankful for the opportunity to take part. There were three preliminary rounds, followed by the Quarters, Semis and the Grand Final. In each round, competitors were given 90 minutes to prepare for the problems, which dealt with everything from defamation to impersonating an AFP officer. After the five rounds, Rupert had the privilege to appear before two barristers and former Justice of the High Court The Honourable Ian Callinan AC. It was a hard-fought round and, unfortunately, he was not victorious but Rupert was delighted with his overall performance and appreciative of such a rewarding experience.

#### Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team A	Emma Cooney, Simaima Gordon, Leidi Peng
Coach	Lauren Gunther
Results	Ranked 1st - general rounds Best Oralist - general rounds (Emma Cooney) Honourable Mention - Best Respondent Memorandum

The Deakin Moot provided the team with an introduction to international commercial arbitration. The problem required them to tackle issues of whether the COVID-19 pandemic should be reason for an exemption of payment obligations and whether the French or English version of a contract clause should prevail. The team spent a busy two months learning about choice of law, competence of arbitral tribunals and the Convention on the International Sale of Goods.

Whilst it was a steep learning curve for the team and certainly very far from the familiar Australian common law, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They had the opportunity to compete against teams from all over Africa, Asia and Australia, which made up for the fact that the competition remained over Zoom. The team was very thankful for the guidance of their coach, Lauren, who supported them as they navigated the world of international commercial arbitration.



#### Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Team B	Angharad Beach, Kyuree Han, Tim Rainbird
Coach	Jasmine Pearce
Results	Quarter Finalists Honourable Mention - Best Claimant Memorandum

Through competing in the Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the team was exposed to the world of international arbitration for the first time. The moot, which is now the largest domestic mooting competition, involved a cross-jurisdiction sale of goods between two parties and the effect that COVID-19 had on performance. The competition was also conducted virtually which, although at times a challenge, provided a valuable opportunity for the team to hone their oral advocacy in this medium. Despite the gruelling two-month preparation period, the experience was highly rewarding as it allowed the team to explore a completely novel area of law.



#### HSF International Computational Law e-Moot

Team members	Maxwell Eberhardt, Nickolas Sofios, Minhao Sun
Mentor	Professor John Swinson
Results	Semi Finalists

In December 2021, the team embarked on the journey of a lifetime. This year's HSF Computational Law Moot focused on the intersection of the law and artificial intelligence, particularly in the areas of trust and copyright law. A complex set of facts involving a grassroots AI artist, pop music royalty, and a (fictional) global social movement allowed the team to explore in great detail the legal implications of AI-generated art.

This moot was a fantastic learning experience. Across four very liberally spaced preliminary rounds and a semi-final, written and oral advocacy skills were put to the test against domestic and international competitors. The online format of the moot meant that the team members were also able to develop their virtual communication skills, which – as they learned – are critical in an increasingly digital world.

Overall, their time in the competition was thoroughly rewarding and utterly unforgettable. The team was especially grateful for the support of its academic advisor, Professor John Swinson, as well as the many legal professionals and peers who volunteered to judge their practice moots. Their insight, guidance and feedback were invaluable to the team as first-time international mooters.



#### Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

Team members	Alexandra Nash, Chloe Scriggins, Vivian Zhang
Coach	Adam Lukacs
Mentor	Dr Eve Massingham

The team began the space moot in December 2021 knowing almost nothing about the law of space. Over the next six months, the team's ability to research such an unfamiliar area of law was put to the test as they considered a complex problem involving state responsibility for private corporations in space. The team rose to the challenge and completed more than 15 practice moots in front of some of Australia's foremost experts in public international law and space law. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about an area of law which is likely to have great significance in the future with the rise of private space travel and tourism companies.



#### Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Team A	Michael Kibsgaard, Gareth Ward, Jeanina Wu
Coach	Jianing (Jenny) Wang
Results	Quarter Finalists Highest Scoring Team (tied), general rounds

In 2022, the Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot was finally held in-person again, much to the enjoyment of all teams. However, the problem this year couldn't escape COVID-19. The facts concerned a contract to supply bottles of hand sanitiser and a subsequent dispute about the bottles' size and durability. It provided the team members with an opportunity to refresh and deepen their understanding of important areas of contract law regarding performance, termination and damages.

The team was pleased with its performance in the competition, scoring the highest alongside another team through three general rounds and making it to the quarter-finals. In that respect, the team would like to sincerely thank the coach, students and professors who volunteered their time to help in the lead-up.



#### Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot

Team B	Joshua Fukushige, Zoe Goss, Asha Varghese
Coach	Adam Lukacs
Results	Quarter Finalists

The 2022 agreed facts involved a dispute between a distillery that had transitioned its operations to produce hand sanitiser and the company that was contracted to install the bottling equipment for this hand sanitiser. The team's research exposed interesting doctrinal rules of contract, particularly whether courts should look beyond the four corners of the contract in contract interpretation. The many practice moots meant the team felt prepared and excited for the general rounds by the time they arrived in Melbourne. After four moots in the general rounds, the team was very happy to learn that they had progressed to the quarter-finals.

The team gained a lot from the experience, taking away many positive memories from Melbourne. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the teams from other universities and be exposed to different mooting styles. The team would like to extend its thanks to Adam Lukacs for his knowledge and insight as coach, and to those who volunteered to judge the practice moots.



#### National Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Moot

Team members	Nyenyezi Murhi, Shayma Nejari, Katherine Richards
Coaches	Professor Peter Billings Alexander Zagami
Results	Semi Finalists

To reach the semi-finals of the AAT Moot, the team had to win three rounds, each based on different factual scenarios and distinct areas of administrative law. The competition saw them cover the law governing Child Support Assessments, both interlocutory and substantive merits review, regulations pertaining to taxation agent registration and Comcare workers' compesition. 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. The team had the privilege of receiving some very helpful advice in the practice moots with experienced admin law practitioners at Sparke Helmore Lawyers.

Although dealing with a new set of facts so frequently might have made this competition difficult, the highlights were definitely the times the team came together and went through the fresh set of T-Documents. Along with the team's student coach, Alex Zagami, they would spend a good portion of the day analysing the relevant evidence and trying to look at each exhibit from different perspectives. The facts were always engaging – questionably scandalous but never boring – which made team discussions even more exciting.

The team is extremely grateful to both Alex and academic coach Professor Peter Billings. Without their help, the team would not have progressed as far as they did in this competition. They were patient, encouraging and always made sure to remind the team that a good advocate is a punchy advocate. As first-time mooters at this level, a great deal was learned throughout the competition and the team members will strive to continue to develop their written and oral advocacy skills.



#### Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot

Team members	Alexandra Nash, Chloe Scriggins, Vivian Zhang
Coach	Jacqueline Sung
Results	Best Speaker - preliminary rounds (Alexandra Nash)

The Manfred Lachs Space Law dream team was back together. This time, to take on a constitutional law problem about the revocation of citizenship by the Executive and the implied freedom of political communication. The problem involved an individual who had travelled overseas in support of a terrorist organisation and then refused to stand in Court, on the basis of his political beliefs. The team was lucky to travel to Melbourne to undertake the competition in person and won moots in the preliminary rounds against The University of Newcastle and the University of New South Wales. The team appeared before members of the Victorian Bar, the Australian Government Solicitors Office and Judges on the Federal Court.



#### SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition

Team members	James Pisko, Jianing (Jenny) Wang
Student client	Heidi Moc
Results	Grand Finalists

The SULS Multilateral Client Interviewing Competition is a newly-introduced intervarsity competition by the Sydney University Law Society, specifically for client interviewing. This was a fantastic opportunity, considering there are few external competitions that offer client interviewing, and the team had great fun discussing areas of law such as defamation, copyright and negligence.



#### UNSW Private Law Moot

Team members	Emma Cooney, Simaima Gordon, Grace Hancock, Jordan Koningham
Coach	Jianing (Jenny) Wang
Results	Semi Finalists

The team had the privilege of participating in the 2022 UNSW Private Law Moot competition, mooting against various domestic and international teams. This year's problem, consisting of a fictitious appeal to the High Court of Australia, contained a total of 12 grounds of appeal and multiple proceedings between parties. The team highly enjoyed the intellectual challenge this year's problem presented. The main issues addressed related to fiduciary duties, undue influence, proprietary estoppel, and constructive trusts. The team was very proud to have represented UQ over the three days of competition, securing a position as semi-finalists (after winning against Oxford University) and tying on points with the eventual Grand Champions.



# UQLS competitions

2022 has been a fantastic year for external competitions at UQ. It was a pleasure to see students make the most of their competition experiences, not only by achieving great success but through developing their research capabilities, teamwork and advocacy, adapting to challenges (especially those posed by the pandemic) and forging lasting relationships with their fellow competitors. The University of Queensland Law Society is proud to work together with the TC Beirne School of Law to provide opportunities for law students to enhance their skills and to advocate for the interests of our talented and diverse external competitions community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as UQLS Vice-President (External Competitions). It has been immensely rewarding watching mooters, negotiators, client interviewers and witness examiners diligently represent UQ across Australia and around the world. The members of the competitions community are truly some of the best that the Law School has to offer. I look forward to watching you all make your own unique mark on the legal profession.



Ms Paivi Adeniyi VP External Competitions

#### New and returning competitions

In addition to a wide offering of mooting, mediation, negotiation, witness examination and client interviewing competitions, UQ also entered a team into the HSF Computational Law Moot for the first time. The team achieved great success, ultimately progressing to the semi-finals. Additionally, we sent a team to compete in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot for the first time in a while. We are also pleased to see UQ make a strong return to the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot, reaching the semi-finals and winning several memorial and speaker prizes.

#### UQLS v QUTLS Grudge Moot

We were fortunate to again host the Grudge Moot Competition in the Supreme Court of Queensland. The UQ team was represented by Jacob Medlin and Advitya Arora. In previous years, the winners of the UQLS Junior Moot competed. As that moot was held later in the year, the Grudge Moot team was selected by an open application process. While QUT won the shield this year, the UQ team should be commended on their mastery of difficult legal concepts.





#### Moot of Origin

Introduced in 2019, the Moot of Origin is held annually between the UQLS and the Sydney University Law Society (SULS). Michael Kibsgaard and Sofiya Sidenko represented the UQ team. We were fortunate to host the Moot of Origin in person in Brisbane for the very first time after COVID-19 prevented interstate travel for two years. Although Sydney was victorious this year, it was an incredibly close moot. The UQ team should be congratulated on their excellent advocacy.

#### Queensland Intervarsity Law Competitions (QILC)

2022 marked the fifth year of the Queensland Intervarsity Law Competitions (QILC), the only Queensland-based intervarsity legal skills competition conference offering Mooting, Client Interview, Negotiation, and Witness Examination competitions. QILC brings together 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. We were once again able to host the Grand Finals and awards function in person at the QEII Courts of Law. Congratulations should be extended to UQ student Isaac Gill for progressing to the Witness Examination Grand Final. I want to thank the UQ members of the QILC Subcommittee, without whom QILC would not have been possible: Sarah Hartsuyker, Tom McCarthy-James, Shiina Oiwa and Meghaj Babu.





#### Australian Law Students' Association Conference Competitions

In 2022, the ALSA Conference Competitions took place in person in Brisbane. UQ sent teams to compete in the Championship Moot, IHL Moot, Client Interviewing, Negotiation and Witness Examination competitions. All of our teams progressed through to the elimination rounds. I especially congratulate Simaima Gordon and Olivia Ray for winning the Championship Moot and Rupert Hoare for reaching the Witness Examination Grand Final.

#### Travel Returns (at last)!

It was excellent overseeing the return of domestic competitions involving interstate travel in the latter half of 2022. Our Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot team and our two Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot teams travelled to Melbourne in September to compete. Although virtual competitions will remain a low-cost and accessible option for students to become involved in mooting, we hope to see more in-person competitions return in 2023.

In 2023, the Philip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition, the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot will all return to an in-person format, providing opportunities for travel to Washington DC, Vienna and Cardiff respectively.

In-person competitions provide students with an invaluable opportunity to develop lasting connections with competitors, practitioners, and esteemed judges. COVID-19 will have an enduring impact on the running of competitions and what it means to be an effective advocate. Looking forward, we are excited to see competitors make the most of both virtual and face-to-face competitions.









# Become part of a winning team

# UQ Law Mooting sponsorship

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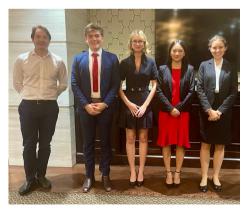
# Mooting moments























# David F Jackson award recipients 2021



The Queensland Law Society 2021 Best Moot Team Award was presented to the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Team.



Ms Sarah Holland presented Ms Paivi Adeniyi with the Bar Association of Queensland award for the 2021 Best Oralist in a Moot Competition.



On behalf of the Honourable David Jackson AM KC, Mr Jack Donnelly (2020 winner) presented Mr Liam Inglis the *2021 David Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy*.

# David F Jackson Trophy for Outstanding Advocacy Previous winners

**2013** Mr Joshua McGeechan

**2014** Ms Camille Boileau

**2015** Ms Elizabeth Stanley

> **2016** Ms Erin Gourlay

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2019 Ms Emily McClelland Mr Julius Moller

**2020** Mr Jack Donnelly

> **2021** Mr Liam Inglis

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