

# 2019 Competitions 2019

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## Semester 1

- Herbert Smith Freehills First-Year Moot
- King & Wood Mallesons Moot
- Victorian Bar Witness Examination
- Foley's List First Year Witness Examination
- Clayton Utz Negotiations
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth Client Interview

## Semester 2

- Allens Women's Moot
- International Humanitarian Law Moot
- Baker McKenzie State Party Negotiations
- Gibbs Moot (external)

# Client Interview Competition 2019

*Information Session*

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# Overview of Presentation

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- **Introduction to the Client Interview**  
**Competition (the *Competition*)** – Brief overview of the Competition
- **Reasons to Participate in the Competition**– Find out some key benefits to participating in the Competition
- **Important Details**– Details on when the Competition runs, and how to register
- **Demonstration**– Demonstration of a mock interview

# What is Client Interview?

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- Student competitors participate in teams of 2
- Mock interview with you and your partner acting as lawyers meeting a potential client for the first time
- Your goal is to develop an understanding of your client's legal issue/s, and their motivations for seeking litigation
- In doing so, you must establish an effective relationship with the client and accommodate their personal demeanour

# How the Competition Works

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- Prior to each interview, clients will be given a confidential memorandum, which outlines the key facts to their legal issue/s
- Competitors will have:
  - **15 minutes** to interview the client
  - **5 minutes** to debrief with the judge to discuss the client's legal issue/s
  - **5 minutes** of feedback from the judge as to their performance

# Reasons for Participating

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- **Small time commitment (tiny!)**
  - Only a brief memorandum is provided to teams 24 hours before they compete
  - Minimal preparation is required (a 10-15 minute chat with your team member about the problem is regarded to be sufficient).
- **No legal knowledge required**
  - The Competition does not test your legal knowledge, rather your ability to interact and engage with a client on the issue they bring forward

# Reasons for Participating

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- **Practical experience**
  - Encountering and refining these aforementioned essential components of professional life are highly valued by many employers and participation is regarded to be beneficial on your resume.
- **Non-adversarial**
  - The other team that you are 'against' is not in the room when you compete. This can help competitors to feel more comfortable and at ease.
- **Development of interpersonal skills and confidence**
  - Allows you to build confidence in interacting with an unfamiliar person

# Important Details

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- **Competition Details**
  - The Competition will start in week 3, and continue to run in weeks 5, 7 and 9. The first round is a round robin practice (**not knockout**)
  - Competition will run on **Monday and Tuesday evenings** between **6.30pm-8.30pm**
  - Competition Finals will be held in Semester 2
  - Once registered as a competitor you will need to attend a **Workshop** on **Thursday 14 March at 1pm**



# Important Details

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- **Registration Details (first in best dressed!)**
  - Register via the Google Form which **opens on Friday 8 March at 7pm**
  - The link to the Google Form will be posted via the LSS Client Interview webpage and in the Facebook Event page
  - Students will need a team name, the names of competitors, email addresses, year levels and preferred night to compete

# Demonstration

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## Memo

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From: Secretary

To: Lawyers

Re: Appointment

Emilio/Emilia Facila called to make an appointment with you to discuss a problem s/he's having at work.

# Being a Client

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- If you do not want to compete in the Competition, but would like to be involved as a Client, please come speak to us!
  - (or email us at [clientinterview@mulss.com](mailto:clientinterview@mulss.com))
- Client Registration Forms will be made available via the Facebook Page

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# Questions