

Internal & External
**COMPETITIONS
GUIDEBOOK '24**



Melbourne University Law Students' Society

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Melbourne University Law Students' Society acknowledges that the Law School sits on stolen Wurundjeri land of the Kulin Nation, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. Sovereignty was never ceded. As law students, we acknowledge that Aboriginal people experience disproportionate rates of imprisonment and interaction with the legal system. We strive to challenge the intersections of racism that cause this.

The MULSS is contributing to the 'Pay the Rent' campaign. A portion of the Society's budget is donated to the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service in recognition of our existence on stolen land. We encourage others to consider Paying the Rent with us.



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COMPETITIONS DIRECTORS' WELCOME



Internal Competitions Director 2024



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Hi! I'm Olivia, your 2024 Internal Competitions Director. I'm thrilled to welcome you to another year of amazing internal competitions! With the help of a fantastic team of co-opts, the internal competitions portfolio will be running nine competitions at Melbourne Law School throughout this year. These competitions offer a unique opportunity to showcase your skills, connect with classmates, and build your confidence. Here's to a fantastic year of competitions!

External Competitions Directors 2024

Hi! We're Sam and Dean, your External Competitions Directors for 2024. We are very pleased to welcome you all to what promises to be another exciting year! Along with our co-opt, we are hosting four competitions this year at Melbourne Law School. We will also be sending students to competitions run by other universities and law student societies. These competitions are an excellent way to test your mooting and legal skills, expand your network, and represent Melbourne Law School in Victoria, interstate, and overseas. We hope you enjoy another great year of competitions!



Samuel Smith



Dean Roff

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS?



Internal competitions are competitions organised by MULSS held exclusively for JD students at Melbourne Law School. Nine internal competitions occur throughout the year, all of which are organised and judged solely by the JD students

External competitions are competitions hosted by MULSS for students at MLS and other universities, as well as competitions hosted by other universities and law student societies in which MLS students may compete.

MEET THE GENERAL COMPETITIONS CO-OPTS:



Declan and **Kai** are integral parts of the competition teams. As general co-ops, they work alongside the competition directors and are always ready to provide help and answer questions. Don't hesitate to reach out to them as well!



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KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THINGS COMPETITIONS!



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MULSS WEBSITE

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competitions](https://www.mulss.com/competitions)



INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

**CLIENT INTERVIEW — WITNESS EXAMINATION —
MOOTING — NEGOTIATIONS**





COMPETITION INFORMATION SESSIONS

For more details about each competition, be sure to attend the information session where the competition co-opts will provide further information and answer any and all questions you may have.

- All training workshops will begin at 1 PM.
- Materials from all information sessions and workshops, including slides and recordings, will be made available on the MULSS website by the end of Week 1.
- Additional information about the location will be posted on Facebook and in the Competitions section of the MULSS website closer to the date.

FIRST YEAR MOOT	Monday, February 26
FIRST YEAR WITNESS EXAMINATION	Wednesday, February 28
OPEN MOOT	Wednesday, February 28
CLIENT INTERVIEW	Thursday, February 29
NEGOTIATIONS	Thursday, February 29
STATE PARTY NEGOTIATIONS	Monday, July 22
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT	Tuesday, July 23
WAGDI MOOT	Wednesday, July 24
OPEN WITNESS EXAMINATION	Thursday, July 25



WHICH COMPETITION SHOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR ?

TEAM SIGN-UPS OPEN FRIDAY 01/03 AT 5:00PM

COMPETITION	SEMESTER	TEAM SIZE	COMPETITION NIGHT	PREP TIME (per round)	ROUND LENGTH
FIRST YEAR WITNESS EXAMINATION	SEMESTER 1	2	WED/THU	3 - 5 Hours	70 mins
FIRST YEAR MOOT	SEMESTER 1	4	WED/THU	4 - 10 Hours	60 - 90 mins
OPEN MOOT	SEMESTER 1	2-3	WED/THU	4 - 10 Hours	60 -90 mins
CLIENT INTERVIEW	SEMESTER 1	2	MON/TUES	No Preparation required	Under 30 mins
NEGOTIATIONS	SEMESTER 1	2	MON/THU	30 - 60 mins	40 -60 mins
STATE PARTY NEGOTIATIONS	SEMESTER 2	2	MON/TUES	30 Mins	2 hrs 15 mins
OPEN WITNESS EXAMINATION	SEMESTER 2	2	THURSDAY	4 hours	70 mins
WAGDI MOOT	SEMESTER 2	2-3	WED/THURS	2 - 6 Hours	60 -90 mins
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT	SEMESTER 2	2-3	TUES/THURS	4 - 10 Hours	60 -90 mins



HOW TO **SIGN UP** FOR AN **INTERNAL COMPETITION**

**TEAM SIGN-UPS FOR ALL SEM 1 COMPETITIONS
OPEN FRIDAY 01/03 AT 5:00 PM**

SIGN UP TO COMPETE

Sign-ups for all semester 1 competitions will begin on Friday, 01/03 at 5pm and will close on Sunday, 03/03 at 5pm or when the competition reaches its capacity.

The sign-up form will be available on the [2024 Competitions Facebook page](#) and the [MULSS website](#).

To register for a competition, you must sign up as a team. Therefore, you should form your group prior to the sign-up period.

If you don't have a team and wish to be matched with one, the competition coordinators will open up matching applications before the sign-up day.

SIGN UP TO JUDGE

Keep an eye on the 2024 Competitions Facebook page for details about signing up to judge this year's competitions, which are to be posted soon.

Upper-year students, please consider applying to judge this year's competitions! Your wisdom and advice are invaluable.

First-year students, participating in a competition is highly recommended before considering becoming a judge.

WITNESS EXAMINATION

Witness Examination is a **simulated criminal trial** that allows you to pair up with a partner and assume the roles of a barrister and a witness. Together, you will develop a case theory based on witness testimonies and reveal facts during intense examination sessions. This competition, ranging from conducting an examination-in-chief to performing a cross-examination, provides a great opportunity to refine your legal skills and understanding of trial procedures.



WITNESS EXAMINATION COMPETITIONS 2024:

First Year Witness Examination

- Open only to first years

Open Witness Examination

- Open to everyone
- Has additional rules for objections and scoring.
- Runs in *Semester 2* as opposed to year long.

FIRST YEAR WITNESS EXAMINATION

Learn more at the First Year Witness Examination Information Session on **Wednesday, February 28**

Competition Information

- A great way to refine legal skills in a simulated trial.
- A small time commitment for a large learning pay off
- No extensive research is needed.
- Requires 3-5 hours of preparation.
- First Year Witness Examination has 3 rounds before the finals
- The competition occurs every two weeks.
- Each round lasts about 70 minutes.

Competition only open to first year JD students

Meet the competition coordinators:



David



Noyonika

David Lind & **Noyonika Banerjee** will be running the First Year Witness Examination competition and can be contacted at firstyearwitness@mulss.com.

Semester 1 Schedule: *Wednesdays and Thursdays Nights*

Week 3:	13/03 and 14/03 — Round 1
Week 5:	27/03 and 28/03 — Round 2
Week 7:	17/04 and 28/04 — Round 3

Semester 2 Schedule: *Wednesday Nights*

Week 2	01/08 — Quarter-Final
Week 5	23/08 — Semi-Final
Week 7	06/09 — Grand-Final

SEMESTER 2 COMPETITION

OPEN WITNESS EXAMINATION

Meet the competition coordinators



Mallika



Lily

Mallika Singh and Lily Kruglova will be running the Open Witness Examination competition and can be contacted at openwitnessexamination@mulss.com.

Competition Information

- Competition is open to everyone!
- Open Witness Exam runs for three knockout style rounds in Semester 2
- Low time commitment
- No research required
- Each round lasts about 70 minutes.
- Requires 3-4 hours of preparation.

Semester 2 Schedule: Thursday Nights

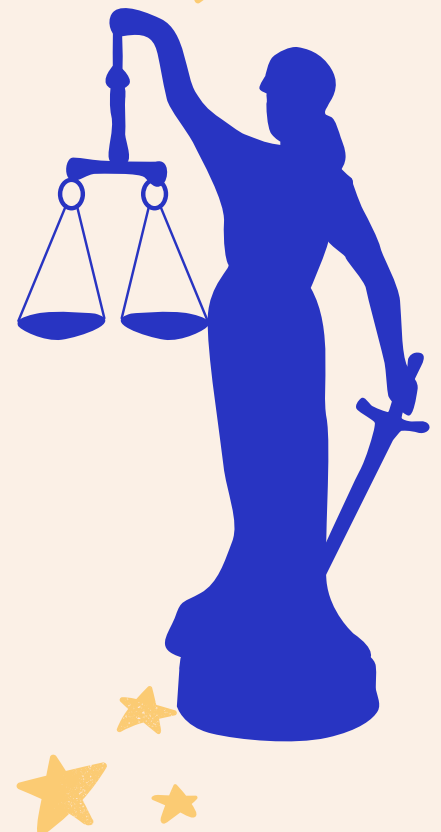
Week 3:	08/08 – Quarter-Final
Week 5:	22/08 – Semi-Final
Week 7:	05/09 – Grand-Final

MOOTING

Mooting is a **mock court** competition where you work in teams to tackle a legal issue, representing one side. You present your 'submissions' to a panel of judges, providing a glimpse into a real courtroom experience. Mooting is an excellent opportunity to develop your advocacy skills, learn about legal procedures, and engage in thorough legal analysis.

MOOTING COMPETITIONS 2024:

- **First Year Mooting** — Open only to first years
- **Open Mooting** — Open to everyone
- **International Humanitarian Law Moot** — Open to everyone
 - IHL runs in *Semester 2* as opposed to year long.
- **WAGDI Moot** — Open to women and gender diverse individuals
 - WAGDI runs in *Semester 2* as opposed to year long.



FIRST YEAR MOOTING



Competition only open to first year JD students

Learn more at the First Year Mooting Information Session on **Monday, February 26**

Meet the competition coordinators



Grace



Bridget

Grace Staton and **Bridget Connelly** will be running the First Year Moot competition and can be contacted at firstyearmoot@mulss.com.

Competition Information

- First Year Mooting helps to consolidate your understanding of Torts and Obligations.
- You'll receive the problem 48 hours before the moot, and written submissions are due 24 hours before the moot.
- Preparation for the moot involves legal research, written submissions, and drafting oral submissions.
- The workload **split across your team**.
- Mooting is a fantastic chance to experience a real court-like environment and enhance your teamwork skills.

Semester 1 Schedule: Wednesdays and Thursdays Nights

Week 4:	20/03 and 21/03 — Round 1
Week 6:	10/04 and 11/04 — Round 2
Week 8:	23/04 (Tuesday) and 24/04 — Round 3

Semester 2 Schedule:

Week 1:	24/07 (Wednesday) — Quarter-Final
Week 3:	06/08 (Tuesday) — Semi-Final
Week 5:	22/08 (Thursday) — Grand-Final



OPEN MOOTING

KING & WOOD
MALLESONS

Learn more at the Open Mooting
Information Session on
Wednesday 28th February.

Meet the competition coordinators



Amelia



Ivy

Amelia Liu and Ivy Chen will be running the Open Mooting competition and can be contacted at mooting@mulss.com.

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students.
- Teams of 2–3 compete.
- Problem content comes from both first and second-year subjects.
- Independent legal research is required, with problems providing authorities as a starting point.
- A great opportunity to enhance advocacy skills.

Semester 1 Schedule: Wednesdays and Thursdays Nights

Week 3:	13/03 and 14/03 — Round 1
Week 5:	27/03 and 28/03 — Round 2
Week 9:	01/05 and 02/05 — Round 3

Semester 2 Schedule:

Week 1:	025/07 (Wed) — Quarter-Final
Week 4:	15/08 (Wed) — Semi-Final
Week 9:	17/09 (Tues) — Grand-Final

WAGDI MOOT

The WAGDI (women and gender diverse individuals) moot offers an **empowering and supportive environment to hone your mooting skills**. This competition, which welcomes female-identifying, non-binary, and trans students, was originally established to combat discrimination against women in the legal field. Now, it also strives to raise awareness about all forms of gender-based discrimination in the legal industry.

Competition Information

- Competition for female-identifying, non-binary and trans students.
- Open to all year levels.
- Problems are based on subjects completed in the first semester of law school.
- Held in Semester 2.
- Consists of 6 rounds (3 preliminary, 3 finals), offering comprehensive exposure.
- Teams of 2-3.
- Opportunity to be part of an inclusive group while refining important advocacy skills.

WAGDI MOOT Competition Schedule: (SEM 2) Wednesday or Thursday evenings

Week 2:	31/07 and 01/08 — Round 1
Week 4:	14/08 and 15/08 — Round 2
Week 6:	28/08 and 29/08 — Round 3
Week 8:	11/09 (Wed) — Quarter-Final
Week 9:	19/09 (Thurs) — Semi-Final
Week 10:	02/10 (Wed) — Grand-Final

Meet the competition coordinators



KATE



AUDREY

Kate Thomson and Audrey Vanni will be running the WAGDI Moot competition and can be contacted at WAGDI moot@mulss.com

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT

In the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) moot participants research and present arguments on topics related to armed conflicts and international crime. **Teams act as the Prosecution or the Defence in a mock International Criminal Court (ICC) scenario**, focusing on the protection of civilians and regulation of warfare methods. It's an opportunity to advocate for important legal and moral issues, such as war crimes and human rights abuses.

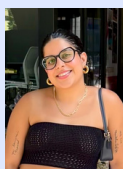
Competition Information

- Open to all students!
- The only competition focused on international law.
- Uses the same problem question for the entire competition.
- Approximately two days of work required for the first round.
- In subsequent rounds, participants mainly concentrate on refining their arguments, significantly reducing the time commitment compared to the first round.

Meet the competition coordinators



Ashqkein



Harnoor

Ashqkein Kaur and **Harnoor Kaur** will be running the IHL competition and can be contacted at ihlmoot@mulss.com.

IHL MOOT Competition Schedule: *Wednesday or Thursday evenings*

Week 3:	05/08 (Mon) and 06/08 (Tues) — Round 1
Week 5:	27/03 and 28/03 — Round 2
Week 7:	03/09 and 04/09 — Round 3
Week 8:	10/09 (Tues) — Quarter-Final
Week 9:	18/09 (Wed) — Semi-Final
Week 10:	01/10 (Tues) — Grand-Final

CLAYTON UTZ

CLIENT INTERVIEW

Learn more at the Client Interview Information Session on
Thursday 29th February.

The Client Interview Competition is a simulated scenario in which a team of two students **conducts a mock interview** with a client (an actor) on a legal claim. The objective is to skilfully ask questions, listen attentively to the client's concerns, accurately discern the facts, uncover hidden information, and evaluate the merits of their case. With clients varying in demeanour - from being talkative to reserved, emotional, angry, or even deceptive, the competition serves as a unique platform to refine your people skills.

Competition Information

- There is NO preparation required.
- Each round is under 30 minutes (15 min interview, 2 min discussion, 5 min briefing, then some feedback).
- You receive a short memo before the competition to inform you who the client is and give you an idea of their legal issue.

Semester 1 Schedule:

Monday or Tuesday Nights

Week 5:	25/03 and 26/03 – Round 1
Week 7:	15/04 and 16/04 – Round 2
Week 9:	29/04 and 30/04 – Round 2

Semester 2 Schedule: Monday Nights

Week 2	29/07 – Quarter-Final
Week 5	19/08 – Semi-Final
Week 8	09/09 – Grand-Final

Meet the competition coordinators



JESSICA



JULIET

Jessica Cabral & Juliet Floramo will be running the Client Interview competition and can be contacted at clientinterview@mulss.com.

NEGOTIATIONS

CORRS
CHAMBERS
WESTGARTH

Learn more at the Negotiations Information Session on **Thursday 27th February.**

Competition Information

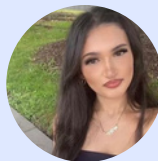
- Low time commitment
- No common law or legislation so no research required
- There are 7 rounds for this competition
- However, becomes knock-out style from round 3
- The competition runs for approximately an hour (40 minutes of negotiation)

The Negotiations Competition is a series **of negotiations between two teams**, each comprising two members. These teams represent opposing parties and work with a common set of facts, along with confidential facts. The aim of the competition is for teams to reach an agreement that satisfies their client's interests, while taking into account the unique facts and relationships governing the scenarios.

Meet the competition coordinators



Max



Ashiqa

Max Scanlon and **Ashiqa Walia** will be running the Negotiations competition and can be contacted at negotiation@mulss.com.



Semester 1 Schedule: Monday and Thursday Nights

Week 4:	18/03 and 21/03 – Round 1
Week 6:	08/04 and 11/04 – Round 2
Week 8:	22/04 and 23/04 (Tues) – Round 3
Week 10:	06/05 and 09/05 – Round 4

Semester 2 Schedule: Monday Nights

Week 1	22/07 – Quarter-Final
Week 4	12/08 – Semi-Final
Week 7	02/09 – Grand-Final

STATE PARTY NEGOTIATIONS

State Party Negotiations Competition is a mock negotiation session between the permanent five members of the UN Security Council as they debate a draft resolution relating to a crisis. Each team of two is allocated a State to represent (Russia, China, US, UK or France) and must best promote their interests in determining the wording of the resolution whilst also keeping good relations with other states.

Meet the competition coordinators

Matthew Blew (left) and **Alan Martin** (right) will be running the State Party Negotiations competition and can be contacted at:



statepartynegotiations@mulss.com

Competition Information

- Minimal preparation time required, with a 1-page memorandum to be written for each round.
- The competition runs for approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- The competition provides an insight into how states negotiate in a multilateral setting.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To receive a notification when the sign-up period approaches, register your interest here:



forms.gle/gURYkr4aAnNSscVV8

Semester 2 Schedule: Monday and Tuesday Nights

Week 2:	29/07 and 30/07 — Round 1
Week 4:	12/08 and 13/08 — Round 2
Week 6:	27/08 (Tuesday) — Round 3

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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I'm nervous about public speaking. What can I do?

Don't worry, internal competitions are the perfect place to practice and improve your public speaking skills. In the initial rounds, only your team and the judges will be present, which reduces the pressure. The amount of public speaking varies per competition with some, like Negotiations and Client Interview, being more conversational. In Mooting, roles are divided within the team, with barristers presenting to a small panel of JD student judges, and instructing solicitors contributing through research and formulating submissions.

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Do I have to sign up as part of a team?

Yes, team sign-up is required for all competitions. If you're keen to participate but don't have a team yet, we've got you covered! [Each competition provides a team-matching process before sign-ups start.](#) Stay updated with our Facebook page for information on when team matching forms become available!

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What if I'm concerned about the time commitment?

All competitions are team-oriented, so you'll have support when things get hectic. Some competitions, like the Client Interview, require minimal preparation time. Plus, competitions like First-year Mooting align with your class content, allowing you to simultaneously study and enhance your class knowledge while competing.

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Is prior experience required to participate?

Absolutely not! Our internal competitions are designed for participants of all experience levels.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

**PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE — DEALS COMPETITION
— ESSAY COMPETITION — SIR HARRY GIBBS
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT — AND MORE**





EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS INFORMATION SESSION

For more information about the External Competitions portfolio and each external competition, be sure to stop by the information session where the External Competitions Directors will walk you through more details of each competition and will be available to answer any questions.

You are welcome to submit questions to the External Competitions Directors at externalcompetitions@mulss.com prior to the information session, but you will also have an opportunity to ask questions on the day.

INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, 5 March (Week 2)

- The session will be held in-person and via Zoom.
- Slides and a recording will be made available after the session.
- The MULSS website will have competition-specific resources for 2024 made available by Week 1 and this will be updated throughout the year as competitions are confirmed with other universities and law student societies.



HOW TO **SIGN UP FOR AN EXTERNAL COMPETITION**

SIGN UP TO COMPETE

For most external competitions, Melbourne Law School will only have 1-2 teams of 3 people. As the team will be representing Melbourne Law School in competitions held in Victoria, interstate, and overseas, all external competitions (with the exception of the Essay Competition) involve a selection process. All registration fees are covered by the MULSS.

Applications for each external competition will open prior to each competition. The relevant dates for registration for events hosted by MULSS are listed in this document (where available). For competitions hosted by other universities and law societies, these dates will be confirmed throughout the year.

All sign-up forms will be posted on the MULSS Competitions Facebook page and the MULSS website.

Except for the Essay Competition (and unless otherwise stated), you must register for each competition as a team. Therefore, you should form your group prior to the close of registrations for each competition.

If you don't have a team and wish to be matched with others, the external competitions portfolio will (generally) open up matching applications during the registration period. This does not guarantee selection.

SIGN UP AS A TIMEKEEPER

To assist the judges with the running of the Parliamentary Debate and the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot, applications will be sought from JD students to keep time.

Timekeepers are only expected to participate in 1-2 rounds per competition with all instructions and guidance provided in advance.

Applications for timekeepers will open during the registration period for the relevant competitions. The application forms will be posted on the MULSS Competitions Facebook page and the MULSS website.

HOSTED BY MULSS

External competitions are divided between those hosted by MULSS and those hosted by other law schools and law student societies. All involve students from Australian universities (and sometimes international universities) competing against each other. They are a great way to gain exposure to law students at other law schools, legal professionals, judges, academics, and others. This year, the External Competitions portfolio plans to host four competitions.

MULSS-HOSTED EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2024*:

Semester 1

- **Parliamentary Debate** — Open to all JD students at MLS
- **Deals Competition** — Open to all JD students at MLS

Semester 2

- **Essay Competition** — Open to all JD students at MLS
- **Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot** — Open to all JD students at MLS who have completed LAWS50028 Constitutional Law

*All MULSS-hosted external competitions are subject to amendment, postponement, and cancellation without prior notice as a result of sponsor requirements, unforeseen circumstances, and other reasons.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

The Parliamentary Debate returns this year after a break during COVID. With a large number of JD students having studied, worked in, or being interested in politics, this competition provides a forum for students to debate important legal and legal-related topics in a parliamentary debate format. If you prefer making oral arguments rather than producing written submissions, this competition is for you!

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students.
- Teams of 3 students.
- Parliamentary debate format with affirmative and negative teams.
- The topic will be released 24 hours prior to the round robin and teams notified of their position (affirmative or negative) 30 minutes prior to their round.
- The top teams will progress to the finals.
- A great opportunity to improve your debating skills!

<u>Registration and Topic Release</u>	
Registration Opens	Tuesday, 12 March
Registration Closes	Thursday, 28 March
Teams Announced	Tuesday, 2 April
Topic Released (for Round Robin)	Friday, 12 April
Topic Released (for Finals)	Sunday, 14 April
<u>In-Person Rounds</u>	
Round Robin	Saturday, 13 April
Finals	Monday, 15 April

DEALS COMPETITION



At the time of publication, final details for this competition have not been confirmed. Further information will be provided once confirmed with the Sponsor.

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students.
- Compete in teams of 2-3.
- Top teams progress to the next round.
- Prepare client advice, legal documents, and negotiate.
- A great opportunity to improve your corporate advisory skills.

<u>Registration</u>	
Registration Opens	Early March
Registration Closes	Late March
Teams Announced	Early April
<u>Rounds</u>	
Round 1	Mid- to Late April
Quarter- and Semi-Finals	Early to Mid-May
Grand Final	Late May

ESSAY COMPETITION

The External Competitions portfolio is pleased to once again be hosting the MLS Essay Competition. Students will be invited to submit an essay of between 1,000 and 1,500 words on a topic to be advised.* The students who produce the top two essays will receive cash prizes.

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students.
- Individual submissions.
- Need to undertake independent research on a legal topic.
- The prize for first place is **\$400!**
- The prize for runner-up is **\$100!**

If you have any questions about the Essay Competition, please contact externalcompetitions@mulss.com.

Dates	
Registration Opens	Monday, 24 June
Registration Closes	Monday, 8 July
Topic Released	Monday, 15 July
Submissions Due	Friday, 16 August
Winners Announced	Friday, 30 August (TBC)

*The word limit and topic will be confirmed closer to registrations opening.

FLAGSHIP COMPETITION!

SEMESTER 2 COMPETITION

SIR HARRY GIBBS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT

The Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot is the flagship competition for the External Competitions portfolio held in collaboration with the Australian Association of Constitutional Law (AACL) and the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS). The best constitutional law mooters from across Australia converge on Melbourne Law School for a weekend of excellent mooting!

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students who have completed Constitutional Law.
- Compete in a team of 3.
- Involves drafting written submissions on a mock constitutional case followed by 4 rounds-robin of oral submissions and then finals.
- The prize for first place is **\$1,500!**
- The prize for runner-up is **\$500!**

Registration, Problem, and Written Submissions

Registration Opens	Monday, 24 June
Registration Closes	Friday, 26 July
Problem Released	Monday, 5 August
Written Submissions Due	Friday, 13 September

Rounds and Functions

Welcome Drinks Event	Friday, 4 October
Rounds 1 and 2	Saturday, 5 October
Rounds 3, 4, and Quarter Final	Sunday, 6 October
Semi-Final and Grand Final	Monday, 7 October
Gala Dinner	Monday, 7 October

HOSTED BY OTHERS

In addition to hosting external competitions, the MULSS also sends students to represent Melbourne Law School at competitions hosted by other universities and law student societies. Most of these events occur in Semester 2. Specific details about these competitions will become available (on the MULSS Competitions Facebook page and MULSS website) once provided by the competition organisers. However, the list below includes competitions that MULSS plans to send students to compete in this year.

NON-MULSS-HOSTED EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2024*:

Semester 1

- **SULS x MULSS Bilateral Moot**

Semester 2

- **Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot**
- **ANU Gender and Sexuality Moot**
- **Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot**
- **Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot**

SEMESTER 1 COMPETITION

NEW COMPETITION!

SULS X MULSS BILATERAL MOOT

The SULS and MULSS Bilateral Public International Law Moot is a new initiative this year between the MULSS and Sydney University Law Society (SULS). Each law school will have two teams of 3 students compete in an online format. The competition will involve written submissions being drafted by both teams before the two teams appear before three judges to argue their respective cases.

Competition Information

- Open to all JD students.
- One team of 3 students.
- Online format.
- Need to undertake independent research and draft written submissions on public international law.
- A great opportunity to improve your advocacy skills, especially with respect to international law.

<u>Registration, Problem, and Submissions</u>	
Registration Opens	Wednesday, 28 February
Registration Closes	Wednesday, 13 March
Teams Announced	Monday, 18 March
Problem Released	Week of 25 March
Written Submissions Due	Sunday, 21 April
<u>Oral Round</u>	
Grand Final	Saturday, 27 April

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Do I have to sign up as part of a team?

Except for the Essay Competition (and where otherwise stated), yes, team sign-up is required for all external competitions. If you're keen to participate but don't have a team, each competition will (generally) have a team-matching process during the registration period. Stay updated with our MULSS Competitions Facebook page for information on when team matching forms become available!



Is prior experience required to compete?

With the exception of the Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot (which requires students to have completed LAWS50028 Constitutional Law) and unless otherwise stated, all JD students are able to apply to compete on behalf of Melbourne Law School in external competitions. Please note, however, that eligibility to apply does not guarantee selection.



How are teams selected?

As most external competitions only permit 1 or 2 teams per university to compete, where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, a competitive selection process will be run jointly by the MULSS and Melbourne Law School faculty representatives. Students will be selected based on their academic, professional, and/or competition experience. Students will be afforded the opportunity in their applications to outline their experience and provide a statement about why they have applied to the competition and what they hope to achieve by competing. We encourage all interested students to apply!



Do I need to be a JD student to compete?

For all MULSS-hosted external competitions you must be studying the Juris Doctor (JD) at Melbourne Law School (unless otherwise stated). For externally-run external competitions, Melbourne Law Masters (MLM) students will only be permitted to compete if the competition organiser permits MLM students to participate.



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