

ALLENS WOMEN'S AND GENDER DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS' (WAGDI) MOOT JUDGING GUIDELINES 2022

Written submissions

1. Written submissions of each team are to be provided to judges prior to the scheduled moot.
2. Where teams have failed to send their written submissions on time, judges are to be notified.

The appropriate penalty is to be incurred as follows:

- a. 1 point is to be deducted from the team's written submission score for the first half hour or part thereof that the written submission is late; and
 - b. 1 point is to be deducted from the team's written submission score for the second half hour or part thereof that the written submission is late; and
 - c. 1 point is to be deducted from the team's written submission score for every subsequent hour or part thereof that the written submission is late.
3. Formatting of written submissions is significant and teams should:
 - a. use a style and font that is easy to read;
 - b. employ consistent and uniform paragraph numbering;
 - c. ensure that cases are indented with one case per line;
 - d. use clear and informative headings and subheadings with the most relevant heading in bold;
 - e. case citations move from the most relevant, highest authority to the lowest, least relevant authority;
 - f. ensure that referencing is AGLC4 compliant; and
 - g. wherever possible, use pinpoint referencing.

Process

4. Judges are to arrive at the MULSS Office on Level 2 of Melbourne Law School 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the moot.
5. The order of the speakers is to be as follows: Senior Counsel for the Appellant, Junior Counsel for the Appellant, Senior Counsel for the Respondent, Junior Counsel for the Respondent.
6. Each speaker has ten minutes of time in which to speak. This time is inclusive of any questions/interjections by the judge(s). At their discretion, judges may at grant an extension of no more than two minutes per speaker.
7. Following the moot, competitors should be invited to leave the room so that the judge(s) can score using the scoresheet(s) provided.
8. At the conclusion of the moot, judges are to give oral feedback to both teams and each individual speaker. Remember, the main focus of the WAGDI Moot is to provide participants with detailed and meaningful feedback that they can implement in the following weeks of competition. This is especially important because the same problem is used over the course of the competition.
9. The winner should then be announced. Scores should **not** be disclosed to participants under any

circumstances.

Questions

10. Judges should exercise discretion when asking questions and interjecting. Where questions have been suggested in the provided Bench Book, these should be used as a guide.
11. Judges are advised to direct questions equally to all participants to ensure fairness.

Dress and behaviour

12. Judges should be aware that students are required to wear formal business attire. This should include a blazer or suit and tie.
13. Teams are not allowed to contact the judge(s) following a moot under any circumstances. All queries should be directed to womensmoot@mulss.com.
14. Competitors should remain mindful of the formal nature of the mooting competition at all times. It is expected that all team members behave in a manner appropriate for court.