



## UWA INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT COMPETITION 2009

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### — INFORMATION FOR JUDGES —

#### Competition Structure

- Teams of two counsel represent either the prosecution or the defence.
- Only one moot takes place in each court: each moot commences at 7 pm.
- In Round I, Round II and the Semi-Final, the team that attains the higher score in each court advances to the next round.
- Each team submits an Outline of Submissions before the moot, which the International Humanitarian Law Moot Coordinators will email to judges.
- Each competitor is permitted 15 minutes in which to present his or her oral argument. There is no right of reply. While judges may grant a brief extension of time to respond to questions, judges are requested to observe the time limits strictly and penalise teams that fail to adhere to the schedule.

#### Assessment

- Judges are invited to evaluate competitors' advocacy skills and presentation, knowledge of the facts and the law and overall persuasiveness.
  - We ask that judges complete an assessment sheet for each team, which the associate will collect: no scores or winners should be announced at the moot.
  - It is important that judges complete all sections of the Assessment Sheet, in order that we may accurately determine which competitors should advance to the next round of the competition.
  - The assessment sheet divides each competitor's score of 100 marks into four sections: organisation or presentation (15 marks), development of argument (30 marks), questions from the bench (30 marks) and speaking ability and delivery (25 marks).
  - The assessment sheet incorporates a set of descriptive criteria, reflecting the standard expected of a competitor whose overall score falls within one of four ranges: 50-60, 61-70, 71-85 and 86-100. In assessing a competitor's performance, judges are not constrained to ticking criteria in a single range.
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- The assessment sheet is designed as an overview only, and judges should feel to add their own comments on a competitor's performance.
- Judges may not award the same total score to both teams: no draw is possible.

### **Assessment: Written Submissions**

- The quality of written submissions is reflected in the mark awarded under the heading 'organisation of presentation'. The Outline of Submissions should be in appropriate form and detail the structure of counsel's submissions and the major arguments which senior and junior counsel intend to raise, accompanied by appropriate reference to authorities. Formal matters such as the court, the names of the parties, counsels' names and the date should also appear.
- The Outline of Submissions must not exceed two A4 pages in length.

### **Judgment and Feedback**

- While judges are welcome to deliver their findings of law, this has no bearing on the results of the competition, and may be omitted in the interests of time.
- Judges are also invited to offer constructive criticism following the trial: competitors are always grateful for comments and advice.

### **Proceedings**

- The moot will proceed as follows:

<i>Stage of Proceedings</i>	<i>Maximum Duration</i>
Submissions of senior counsel for the prosecution	15 minutes
Submissions of junior counsel for the prosecution	15 minutes
Submissions of senior counsel for the defence	15 minutes
Submissions of junior counsel for the defence	15 minutes
<i>Adjournment and Feedback</i>	
Approximate total:	1 hour

Between moots and at the conclusion of the evening, we invite all judges to join the competitors, associates, spectators and organisers in the Blackstone Room for refreshments.



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Once again, we are very grateful to you for agreeing to act as a judge in the UWA International Humanitarian Law Moot Competition 2009. Without your time and effort, the competition simply would not be possible.