



ALSA CONFERENCE JULY 2011

Outline of Competitions

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MOOT

The National Mooting Competition provides the country's top law students with an opportunity to prepare and conduct a mock case. Students are required to demonstrate their excellence in both written and oral advocacy in all areas of law including Tort, Contract, Property, Criminal, Business, Administrative, Equity and Commonwealth Constitutional Laws.

This competition provides the brightest young minds in our nation with an exceptional opportunity to channel the skills and knowledge acquired into something more practical and pragmatic.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT

International humanitarian law is a set of rules which seek, for humanitarian reasons, to limit the effects of armed conflict. An increase in terrorist activities and overcrowding in prisons is indicative of the prevalence of violence in our society; thus an awareness of international humanitarian law is significant. As such, it is crucial to educate students on the law that draws a bridge of humanity between belligerent nations.

The IHL moot serves the purpose of not only educating law students on the basic rules pertaining to humanity, but also acts as a stepping stone for students to incorporate consideration and respect for these laws in a holistic effort to protect the human kind in a conflicted world.

NATIONAL WITNESS EXAMINATION COMPETITION

The ALSA Witness Examination Competition is a simulated trial in which the most talented and competitive law students from universities around Australia can develop and showcase their advocacy skills. Witness Examination offers exciting and invaluable opportunities for competitors to advance their abilities in courtroom strategising and provides volunteer witnesses with unique insights into the trial process.

Witness Examination requires competitors to demonstrate their understanding of the rules of evidence and their proficiency in adducing oral evidence, through examination-in-chief and cross-examination of witnesses.

SIR LAURENCE STREET NEGOTIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

The Sir Laurence Street Negotiation Championship is a competition held in July 2010 that aims to develop competitors' practical dispute resolution abilities by simulating a real world negotiation environment. Whether parties are striking a deal or settling a dispute, it is necessary for a lawyer to deal with the competing demands of the parties and reach an outcome that best meets their client's interests.

One of the objectives of this competition is to select a representative Australian team to compete in the International Negotiation Competition which is run by the International Negotiation Competition Committee. This will further the development for Australia's future legal minds.

NATIONAL CLIENT INTERVIEWING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Client Interviewing involves a simulated conference with two teams of two lawyers interviewing a client separately for the first time. Given only a general area of law in which the issue falls, competitors are required to identify the nature of the client's problem, investigate the relevant background and construct an appropriate structured solution.

By exposing competitors to intricacies of real life dealings with clients, the benefits of client-interviewing extend beyond formal casework and have no parallel in any other ALSA competitions.

PAPER PRESENTATION

Unlike all other competitions, paper presentation presents a unique experience where competitors present an academic piece regarding a particular area of law to a panel of judges. It provides a non-confrontational opportunity for aspiring students to demonstrate their capability in interpreting and applying the law in areas of law that are not covered by other forms of competitions. Paper presentation encourages competitors to research a particular area of law in great depth beyond the scope of any other competitions. The winner will have their paper published in ALSA's Academic Journal.