

ECC-SAL Virtual International Mooting Competition 2021

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INTRODUCTION

The ECC-SAL International Virtual Mooting Competition 2021, co-organised by the members of Essex Court Chambers (ECC), and the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), in partnership with Opus 2 and the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC), presents an ideal opportunity for young lawyers to showcase and hone their skills as advocates.

The Competition is open to young advocates from Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore and South Korea.

This year, for the first time, all rounds of the Competition will take place online using Opus 2's market-leading virtual hearing platform, and will replicate the challenges currently faced by advocates around the world.

DATES OF THE 2021 COMPETITION

The preliminary rounds of the Competition are scheduled to take place on a round-robin basis, with each team participating in a minimum of two moots:

- Round 1: Tuesday, 5 January 2021 at 5:30pm SGT
- Round 2: Wednesday, 6 January 2021 at 5:30pm SGT

The remaining rounds will take place on an elimination basis:

- Quarter-Finals: Tuesday, 12 January 2021 at 5:30pm SGT
- Semi-Finals: Wednesday, 13 January 2021 at 5:30pm SGT

The Final will take place on Thursday, 14 January 2021 at 6:00pm SGT.

(All dates above are subject to change.)

ELIGIBILITY

Lawyers and legal service officers who have been qualified for practice for no more than three years as at 1 January 2021 are welcome to register their interest.

Teams may comprise mooters from the same or different law firms and organisations, with each participating firm or organisation asked to submit no more than two teams.

A reserve list of teams will be compiled in the event that more than two teams apply from the same organisation. The organisers will consider all relevant circumstances in each jurisdiction when interpreting the eligibility criteria, and the organising committee reserves the right to exercise discretion for its decisions.

PRIZE

The winning team will be offered an all expenses paid two-week internship at Essex Court Chambers in London, one of the leading commercial sets of barristers' chambers in England (subject to feasibility in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on travel).

Awards will also be given for the Best Speaker, Best Memorandum submitted and the Best International Team.

THE MOOT PROBLEM

There will be one Moot Problem with two issues. The Moot Problem will be based on a fictional case in the SICC incorporating the SICC rules, subject only to contrary provisions in the Moot Handbook. The Moot Problem and Moot Handbook, which contains the rules of the Competition, will be released after registration has closed.

The Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Finals will be based on a first-instance hearing before the SICC.

The Semi-Finals and Grand Final will be based on an appeal from the SICC to the Singapore Court of Appeal.

A judgment forming part of the Moot Problem will be released for the purposes of the later rounds of the Competition.

REGISTRATION FEE

Upon confirmation of registration, a non-refundable entry fee per team of S\$200.00 (inclusive of GST) is to be made payable to the "Singapore Academy of Law". A portion of the proceeds from this year's competition will be donated to charity.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please send an email to the contact persons below with the following information:

- Subject Header: "Mooting 2021 Registration"
- Registrants' full names
- Firm (s)
- Dates of admission
- Email addresses
- Contact numbers

Two team places will be reserved for each jurisdiction.

Registration deadline has been extended to 1800 SGT (i.e. UTC+08:00) on 13 November 2020 or when a total of 32 teams have been registered for the Competition, whichever is earlier.

CONTACTS

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