

ECC-SAL International Mooting Competition 2020



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INTRODUCTION

The ECC-SAL International Mooting Competition 2020, co-organised by the members of Essex Court Chambers (ECC) and the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), presents an ideal opportunity for young lawyers to showcase and hone their skills as advocates.

Now in its 9th year, the Competition is open to young advocates from Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore and South Korea.

All rounds of the Competition will take place in Singapore.

DATES OF THE 2020 COMPETITION

The preliminary rounds of the Competition are scheduled to take place on a round-robin basis. The remaining rounds will take place on an elimination basis, starting with the Quarter-Finals.

<u>Preliminaries (two round-robin basis moots)</u> Saturday, 4 January 2020

Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals Monday, 6 January 2020

Final Round

Wednesday, 8 January 2020

Dates above are subject to confirmation.

ELIGIBILITY

Lawyers and legal service officers who have been qualified for practice for no more than three years as at 1 January 2020 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.

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 Singapore International Commercial Court (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 Final Round 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".

HOW TO REGISTER

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

- Subject Header: "Mooting 2020 Registration"
- Registrants' full names
- Firm (s)
- Dates of admission
- Email addresses
- Contact numbers

Two team places will be reserved for each jurisdiction. Registration closes at 1800 (UTC+08:00) on 1 November 2019 or when a total of 32 teams have been registered for the Competition, whichever is earlier.

CONTACTS

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