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THE ARNUP CUP

The Arnup Cup is an annual trial advocacy competition involving two-person teams from Ontario law schools. This moot involves a judge and jury trial scenario in which each team examines and cross-examines witnesses, deals with evidentiary and procedural issues, and addresses the jury (opening and closing). The panel of jurors consists of members of the Advocates Society who act as assessors of the students. The moot problem has been a criminal one for the past several years. The competition is organized by The Advocates' Society and their sponsor WeirFoulds LLP. Top two regional teams advance to the Sopinka Cup.

The Moot is organized by the Advocates’ Society with travel and accommodation assistance generously provided to all teams by the competition’s sponsor WeirFoulds LLP.

Pre-requisite: Trial Advocacy (Law 361/362) or Personal Injury Advocacy (Law 364) prior to, or concurrently with moot preparation in either term.
Recommended: Evidence (Law 320), Criminal Procedure (Law 404). Note: This moot has been a criminal one for several years.

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.

Number of oralists: 2 (two)

ADAM F FANAKI COMPETITION MOOT

The Competition Bureau is partnering with the Canadian Bar Association and the Competition Tribunal to host Canada’s first competition law moot on March 1-2, 2019 at the Federal Court of Canada in Toronto. This moot will provide Canadian law students with an exceptional opportunity to tackle timely, complex civil or criminal issues in a growing field of law that strives to balance private economic incentives with the public interest. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the unique aspects of regulatory/commercial litigation. Participants
will also have an opportunity to obtain feedback from and network with top law enforcers, judges and specialist practitioners.

SAMPLE TIMELINE FROM 2018-2019:

Official problem released: early October
Appellant factum due: late January
Respondent factum due: early February

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law

Pre-requisites: Any exposure to competition law concepts in a course enrolled in by the winter term helpful

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition

Number of oralists: 4 (four)

DONALD G.H. BOWMAN TAX MOOT

The Donald G.H. Bowman Tax Moot was first held in March 2011 at the Tax Court's facilities in Toronto, the moot was founded by The Honourable Donald Bowman, The Honourable Chief Justice Gerald Rip, The Honourable Justice Karen Sharlow, Professor John Weir, and Professor Emir Aly Crowne-Mohammed (University of Windsor), and Mohamed Hashim, Law '09.

The Moot will feature a "Committee of Experts/Advisors" selected from leading academics and practitioners across Canada who will assist in the drafting of the moot problem and grading of factums.

http://www.bowmantaxmoot.com/

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law

Pre-requisite: Enrolled in Taxation (Law 508) prior to, or during the Fall Term

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition
**GALE CUP MOOT**

A team of four students participates in the oldest national moot competition. The moot is held at Osgoode Hall in Toronto using courtrooms of the Ontario Court of Appeal. The competition is based on a criminal law problem. In the preliminary round each school will moot twice, once as Appellant and once as Respondent. The final panel of judges usually comprises Supreme Court of Canada and other appellate court judges. The level of competition is high and participants are expected to devote a significant amount of time to preparing for the moot. Participants should be highly motivated and should have a keen interest in criminal law. Students are judged on their written submissions and oral arguments, but the latter are given more weight. The winning team is presented with the Gale Trophy, donated by the former Chief Justice of Ontario. The best oralist receives the Brian Dickson Medal. The McLachlin Prize was introduced in 2011 and is awarded to the best female mooter at Gale Cup competitions.

https://www.galecupmoot.com/en/home

Participation is made possible through an Endowment Fund established by WeirFoulds LLP.

Pre-requisites: Preference will be given to those who have a demonstrated interest in criminal law and have done, or are doing Advanced Criminal Law (Law 411), Criminal Procedure (Law 404) and/or Evidence (Law 320) by the end of the fall term.

Credit Weight: 3 Credits

Course Evaluation: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.

**HAROLD G. FOX INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW MOOT**

**Note:** If the organizers announce the nature of the official problem before the tryouts, an announcement identifying the preferred pre-requisite (copyright, patent, or trademark) will be made via the Moot Court Program homepage in the law Portal. Moot rankings can be changed verbally at the tryout should you want to re-order your selection.

The Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property Law Moot is intended to promote the furtherance of education in the intellectual property field, and to provide participants with the opportunity to
interact with jurists of the Supreme, Ontario, and Federal Courts and experienced practitioners of intellectual property law. It is named in honour of the late Harold G. Fox, one of Canada's leading intellectual property scholars and advocates." The moot takes place in Toronto and is administered by a committee of judges and practitioners. The founding sponsor is DLA Piper Canada LLP.

Sample Key Dates: Problem released early November. Clarifications due end of November. E-Factas due mid-January. Moot takes place mid-February (usually the Friday & Saturday before Reading Week)

http://ipmootcanada.ca/

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law

Pre-requisites: Advanced Intellectual Property Law (469) or depending on the confirmed nature of the moot problem either Copyright Law (468), or Patent Law (447), or Trademarks Law (451). [Previously the problem area was: 2015 trademarks, 2016 copyright, 2017 patent, 2018 trademarks, 2019 copyright, 2020 patents]. You may change your moot ranking on your form verbally at the tryout if you find you do not have the pre-requisites for the problem area.

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.

Number of oralists: 4 (four)

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IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW MOOT

The inaugural Immigration and Refugee Law Moot will provide an opportunity for students to grapple with a judicial review problem that engages the broad area of Canadian immigration and refugee law. This national moot is bilingual (in both French and English) and the actual competition will be held online. The problem is released in September. Factums from student teams will be due in January (first from the applicant team and then from respondent team), and the Moot will take place in early to mid-March.

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.
Number of oralists: --

HSF COMPUTATIONAL LAW E MOOT

“This international mooting competition focuses on the principles and significance of computational law, including: artificial intelligence; automation of trust; data governance; privacy protection; accountability of algorithms; and blockchain. It is conducted entirely online. This competition aims to develop professional skills in written and oral advocacy, including addressing some of the particular challenges that arise when using video conferencing technology in the courtroom and in international arbitration. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation of the professional and substantive issues raised by disruptive technologies and the application of foreign law.”

Pre-requisites: Conflicts of Laws (550) or Conflict Analytics (551) LAW taken prior to or during the fall term.

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Number of oralists: 2 (two)

KAWASKIMHON NATIONAL ABORIGINAL MOOT

The Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Moot is open to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Kawaskimhon means "speaking with knowledge." The moot problem usually arrives in late October or early November, with the moot taking place in March. The moot may or may not involve traditional appellate mooting; however, it usually involves presentation of a 20 minute argument, based on a prepared position paper, and consensus building. The moot may involve the use of a talking circle or other indigenous processes to resolve the legal issues that arise from the selected topic. The host school decides the moot format. Queen's Faculty of Law hosted the moot in 2016

https://www.mcgill.ca/kawaskimhon/

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law.

Prerequisites: Demonstrated competence and interest in the field of Aboriginal law. Exposure through enrollment in Aboriginal Law (Law 532) or First Nations Negotiation (Law 257) would be beneficial, but is not mandatory as you will have received exposure to issues in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Property Law classes as well.
Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition

Number of oralists: 2 (two)

THE LASKIN MOOT

The Laskin Moot in constitutional and administrative law is a national moot named after the former Chief Justice of Canada. It is generally contested by at least sixteen of the twenty-one law schools in the country and involves a public law problem. Each team consists of four students (two appellants and two respondents) and it is required that there be at least one mooter pleading and arguing in each official language. The appellant and respondent teams each moot twice. The top appellant and respondent pairs then moot in a final generally presided over by five judges including a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. Schools are assessed overall on the basis of both the written factums and the oral arguments presented by the appellants and the respondents.

The moot problem is released in early October and the factums are due in January or early February. It is expected that the teams will work together on both factums. The moot is held from Thursday to Saturday at the end of February or in early March. While students should plan for the most intense work in January and February preparation should begin as soon as possible after the receipt of the problem since there are competition deadlines that must be met during the fall term. However, none of these require the submission of written documents. The level of commitment required during the first six to eight weeks of the winter term is very high.

While the Laskin organizers maintain a nice balance between the social and the competitive, the process of evaluation plays an essential role in the moot. There is generous feedback on the oral performances. Prizes are awarded to the top four schools, to the top two pairs (appellant or respondent), to the four best individual oralists, and for the four best factums. It is possible for a school to win the overall prize without winning any of the individual awards.

http://laskin.ca/en/the-laskin-today/

Participation is made possible through an Endowment Fund established by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

Pre-requisites: Administrative Law (Law 427) prior to, or concurrently with the moot in winter term. A good mark in first year Constitutional Law is beneficial. At least one Francophone mooter is required by the rules.
Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition

Number of oralists: 4 (four)

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NATIONAL LABOUR ARBITRATION MOOT

Note: Competition rules restrict this moot to students in second year of J.D. program and students enrolled in the law school during their second year of a combined degree program.

"Teams from law schools across Canada compete in a simulation of a grievance arbitration hearing before tri-partite panels. Truly a national event, competitors include teams from British Columbia, Nova Scotia and everywhere in between. The oralists, coaches, panellists and other invitees from the labour law community are invited to an opening reception on Friday night. The competition officially begins Saturday morning at the Ontario Labour Relations Board. Each team presents once as union counsel, and once as management counsel.

Based on the panellists’ scoring, our Moot Committee determines the two finalists, who are announced at a Saturday night banquet. These finalists then go on to compete against each other for the Mathews Dinsdale & Clark National Labour Arbitration Competition Trophy on Sunday morning."

http://www.mathewsdinsdale.com/students/national-labour-arbitration-competition/

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law

Pre-requisite: Labour Law (Law 560) or Employment Law (Law 567) prior to, or during the Fall term, or a passing mark in an equivalent course in the past, or have had sufficient practical experience in industrial relations. Must be either a second year J.D. student, or combined program student enrolled in law during your second year of the combined program.

Credit Weight: 3 Credits

Course Evaluation: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition. No factum

Number of oralists: 2 (two)
OTLA COMPETITION

The competition involves the trial of a civil action and features opening and closing arguments, examination-in-chief and cross-examination of witnesses. The location alternates between Queen's University, University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor, and University of Ottawa. The Moot problem usually arrives in early January and the competition takes place the first week of March. Two extra volunteer students to act as witnesses are also required. Witnesses must memorize their part and are crucial to the competition, thus travel, accommodation and meal expenses are, within reason, covered by the OTLA. There are a variety of awards to be won by oralists in this competition ranging from $500 to $2,000.

https://www.otla.com/index.cfm?pg=OTLACup

Participation is made possible through travel assistance provided by the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association and funding from the Faculty of Law.

Prerequisite: Trial Advocacy Law (360/361/362) or Personal Injury Advocacy (Law 364) in either term but those enrolled in the Fall Term or who have already taken the course are strongly preferred.

Recommended: Civil Procedure (Law 225) prior to, or in Fall or Winter Terms

Helpful: Evidence (Law 320) prior to, or in the Fall or Winter Term

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition

Number of oralists: 2 (two)
PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT

Queen's has been an active participant in the worldwide Jessup Moot since its inception. The moot problem is usually based on some current yet controversial topic of public international law, and the participants (a team of four students) are required to prepare written memorials and take part in oral pleadings. The final Canadian round in which nearly all law schools across Canada compete is held on different campuses each year, while the final round has been hosted by the American Society of International Law for over two decades. Queen's hosted the competition in 1996. The Moot Problem is released in September and the competition takes place in March.

https://www.ilsa.org/about-jessup/

Participation is made possible through an Endowment Fund established by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and with funding from the Faculty of Law.

Pre-requisite: Public International Law (LAW-540) or Introduction to Public International Law (Law 670) prior to, or during the Fall term. Please indicate on the space provided on the tryout registration form, especially if you are taking International Law in the fall term, any previous courses in international law (eg. undergraduate courses) or work experience in international law.

Credit Weight: 6 credits (full year)

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.

Number of oralists: 4 (four)

WALSH FAMILY LAW MOOT

The first Walsh Family Law Moot was held in Toronto on March 16, 2013 at the Ontario Court of Appeal. The competition is sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

The law schools participating in the moot are York University, the University of Western Ontario, Windsor University, Queen's University, and University of Ottawa. Any student registered in the LL.B. or J.D. program at the law schools in these universities in Ontario is eligible to participate in the moot.

The Moot will be judged by leading Ontario family law practitioners and judges who will assist in the drafting of the moot problem and grading of factums.

https://afccontario.ca/walsh-moot/
Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law.

Pre-requisite: Enrolled in Family Law (Law 520) prior to, or during the Fall Term.

Credit Weight: 3 Credits.

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition.

Number of oralists: 4 (four) ie. two teams of two students.

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**WALSH FAMILY NEGOTIATIONS MOOT**

The Walsh Family (Negotiations) Moot will be judged by senior members of the profession and members of the bench.

In traditional moots students demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for court: persuasive advocacy of a client's legal case. The negotiation competition requires equivalent knowledge of the law, and a different set of skills. Students are given a complex problem and they must seek to negotiate a settlement with opposing counsel. Competitors are judged by the degree to which they explore interests, generate options and work effectively with opposing counsel to achieve a settlement that is as good as or better than their client's alternatives.

Participation is made possible with funding from the Faculty of Law.

Selection Process: Present a 5 minute oral statement before a panel of judges at the general tryouts.

Number of Oralist positions: 4 (four).

Pre-requisite: Enrolled in Family Law (Law 520) prior to, or during the Fall Term. Recommended: Negotiations.

Credit Weight: 3 Credits.

Course Evaluation: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, performance and participation during preparation and at the competition.

Number of oralists: 4 (four). Two teams of two students.
THE WILSON MOOT

The Wilson Moot is a national moot founded in honour of Madame Justice Bertha Wilson, the first woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. As such, it will probably always present issues that raise or touch on section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as other provisions of the Charter and international human rights law.

A team of four students participate in this national competition which is usually held in the Federal Court Building in Toronto. Each student will argue just one side—in every round. Students can elect to produce their written factum and oral work in either French or English. No translations are provided. The level of competition is very high thus this moot requires a significant time commitment and potential participants should be highly motivated to be involved in every aspect of the strategizing, legal research, writing, editing, and oral preparation. Candidates should also commit to being around the law school during the moot period, which is defined as beginning January 5 and culminates with the competition, which is usually held during the last weekend of the spring break or the weekend after that.

Students are evaluated by the judges at the moot on their factum and the oral arguments. Both are weighed in the ranking of teams and individual oralists.

http://www.thewilsonmoot.com/

Since 2005, participation has been made possible through a multi-year donation by Mr. Alfred Kwinter, in memory of his parents Mila and Zalman Kwinter.

Recommended: All exposure to constitutional law, particularly the Charter, especially s.15, is strongly recommended, as is exposure to human rights law at any and all levels. There are no formal pre-requisites or co-requisites.

Credit Weight: 3 credits

Evaluation Method: Letter grade based upon research, written materials, oral performance, and participation during preparation and at the competition

Number of oralists: 4 (four)