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Competitions are an important part of your law degree. Not only do they help you develop the skills you will need for future career opportunities, they also get you involved with other law students and personalities from the legal community. They are a great way to gain knowledge of the practical skills that are a part of practicing law.

Each tests different skills and abilities to help build your experience for moving into the legal industry. But you don't need to choose just one - register to compete in any you find interesting.

Mooting

A moot is a simulated appeal in a superior court, based on a mock fact scenario and judgment from a lower court. Mooting competitions provide students the opportunity to test their problem solving, written, oral, and legal research skills.

What to expect?

Competitors should expect to be queried and questioned by the judges, and assessed on how well you understand the facts and the cases surrounding that particular area of law.

Witness Examination

Witness Examination is a simulated civil or criminal trial. The trial is run from the opening statement through the examination of witnesses to the closing addresses.

What to expect?

The witness examination competition is a challenging competition that tests your ability to think quickly. This competition requires students to prepare and present an opening statement, examination-in-chief, cross-examination and closing statement.

Negotiations

For diplomats - or those who think that their diplomacy skills could use some polishing! Either way, negotiation competition gives students the chance to hone their skills at the negotiating table.

What to expect?

Two teams, each of two solicitors, meet to discuss a dispute between their clients. Each team is provided with a description of the fact scenario. Some facts are known to both teams, but each team has some secrets too. Each team is also armed with

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Client Interview

The ability to interview a client effectively is one of the most important skills a solicitor must possess. When representing a client it is vital to ensure that you have all the relevant details and the first few consultations with your new client will provide you with the foundation for your lawyer/client professional relationship.

What to expect?

Each team of two has a set amount of time to ascertain all information necessary to allow you to represent your client effectively and then some time will be set aside for you to reflect on your interview.

Competitors must cover all the formalities of an interview, take note of the personal details of the client, the intricacies of the problem and suggest possible courses of action.

Important Dates & Registration

IMPORTANT DATES

14 MARCH 2023 6PM

- Client Interview
- Witness Examination

16 MARCH 2023 6PM

- Finals

15 MARCH 2023 6PM

- Mooting
- Negotiations



HOW TO REGISTER

You may register to compete by:

1. Visiting www.canberralss.com
2. Via the QR Code
3. Emailing the Competitions Director

FAQ

Can I compete in multiple competitions?

Yes, you can compete in more than one competition. We do note that some of our competitions require preparation, such as Mooting, and suggest that only those with experience compete in multiple competitions.

What if I don't study law?

Not to worry. All our competitions are opened to law and justice students. This year, we invite business students to participate in our negotiations and client interviewing competitions. Further, we invite psychology students to volunteer as witnesses for our witness examination competition.

