

Zaparas Lawyers Personal Injury Moot 2018- Rules

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1. Definitions

- a. The Moot Organiser is the RMIT LSS.
- b. The Moot Coordinator is appointed by the RMIT LSS to hear all challenges or disputes and ensure the general good governance of the moot.
- c. The Moot Judges perform the normal operation of a judge and determine scores.

2. Competition Format

- a. The competition will consist of preliminary rounds, a semi-final and a grand-final.
- b. The preliminary round(s) will be held on Thursday 17 May and Friday 18 May 2018. Subject to the number of rounds required, there may be one or two rounds.
- c. The semi-final round will be held at 10am on Saturday 19 May.
- d. The Grand final will be held at 4pm on Saturday 19 May.
- e. A brief presentation will follow the final.
- f. All competitors are encouraged to attend the Zaparas Grand Final After Party at Glamp Cocktail Bar. Please get in touch with your Moot Coordinator for further information or tickets.

3. Participants

- a. All participants must be presently enrolled in either the Juris Doctor or Undergraduate Law studies.
- b. RMIT LSS may submit as many teams as it so desires, all other Australian LSS/A's may submit up to three teams, subject to availability.

4. Written Submissions

- a. Each team must submit seven (7) copies of their written submission. The copies must be submitted to the moot judge(s), the opposing counsel, and the moot coordinator prior to competing. The memorandum will briefly contain:
 - An outline of the structure of the team's submissions;
 - Major arguments to be raised;
 - Allocations of speaking time.
- b. Written Submissions must be electronically submitted to the Moot Coordinator at vicepresident@rmitlss.com by Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 5pm AEST.
- c. Written submissions must not exceed five (5) pages and must be formatted as follows;
 - Margins at least 2.5cm
 - Font Times New Roman pt 12 or bigger
 - Spaced at least 1.125
- d. Failure to adhere to the format and time constraints may result in the written submissions being excluded from consideration by the judges, at the judge's discretion.

- e. All research and preparation for the moots will be conducted solely by the members of the teams. Any team using outside assistance may be disqualified from the competition.

5. Time Keeping

- a. Each team will have thirty (30) minutes to present their case. The time will be divided between the co-counsels as the team sees fit, with a limit of three (3) minutes to be reserved for rebuttal. Timekeeping will be the responsibility of the participants. Time limits must be adhered to strictly and points may be deducted if time limits are exceeded.
- b. An extension of time is at the absolute discretion of the judge(s). An extension may be granted to either allow counsel to briefly conclude his or her submissions, or to allow counsel to present any arguments the Court wishes to hear.

6. Application of Standards

- a. Judges are instructed that the Judging Criteria are to be used as guidelines for scoring the competition.
- b. All judges will be supplied with a copy of the moot problem for the round they will be judging and a copy of the rules.

7. Critique

- a. A brief personal feedback sheet will be made available to the judges. If this is used it will be made available to each individual team member. At the completion of the moot the judges will announce the winner of the moot.
- b. Score sheets will be distributed after the completion of the entire competition.

8. Miscellaneous

- a. Any complaints regarding the competitions should be emailed to the Moot Coordinator.
- b. These rules have been adapted from the La Trobe Law Students' Association 2014 Mooting rules as adapted from the ALSA Conference Mooting Competition Rules. The RMIT LSS thank both of these organisations for their assistance.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt there is not considered to be a conflict of interest if the Moot Coordinator is also a Moot Judge.

9. Awards

- a. The team that wins the grand final will receive a \$250 prize.
- b. The speaker with the highest average score for all rounds participated in will receive a \$100 prize.
- c. The best submission will receive a \$100 prize, as judged by the moot coordinator.

10. Diversity and inclusion

- a. If for whatever reason a competitor requires special consideration as to the utilisation of electronic materials or any other alteration to the rules they may appeal to the moot coordinator.
- b. Applications under 10a must be made at least 72 hours prior to the moot.
- c. Applications under 10a may be approved at the discretion of the moot coordinator.
- d. The moot coordinator shall make his or her determination based on the fairness to both the competitor making the request and to all other participants in the moot.

- e. Such applications must be made in writing.

11. Spectators and recording

- a. Spectators are welcome, except for members of the teams still active in the moot and their agents attending moots in the same round.
- b. As a condition of entry in the moot all participants consent to the video recording of the moot and the use of the video for RMIT LSS purposes and RMIT LSS sponsors. Note only the grand final will be recorded.