



The ECC-SAL International Mooting Competition 2017, co-organised by the members of Essex Court Chambers and the Singapore Academy of Law, presents an ideal opportunity for young lawyers to showcase and hone their skills as advocates. Now in its 6th year, the contest is open to young advocates from Australia, Brunei, India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and South Korea.

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 Orator and Best Memorandum submitted in the competition.

Eligibility

Lawyers and legal service officers who have been qualified for practice for no more than three years as at 1 January 2017 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 competition handbook with details of the applicable rules will be provided to participants at a later date. 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.

The Moot Problem

There will be one moot problem with two issues, set out in stages. The moot problem will be based on a case in the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) incorporating the SICC rules, subject only to contrary provisions in the Mooting Handbook. The moot problem will be released once registrations have 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.

Dates for the Competition

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

All moots will take place in January 2017.

The Competition window is between 6 and 11 January 2017, with precise dates to be confirmed before close of registration.

Registration (Opens 14 September 2016)

Please send an email entitled "**Mooting 2017 Registration**" with the registrants' names, firm(s), dates of admission, email addresses and contact numbers to the persons named below.

Two team places will be reserved for each jurisdiction. Registration closes at 1800 (UTC+08:00) on **31 October 2016**, or when a total of 32 teams have been registered for the competition, whichever is earlier.

Upon confirmation of registration, an entry fee per team of S\$160.50 (inclusive of GST) is to be made payable to the Singapore Academy of Law.

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