



## **CITY SCHOLARS MOOTING COMPETITION RULES**

### **The Mooting competition for LLB, GELLB and LLM students**

1. The order of speakers will be Senior Appellant, Senior Respondent, Junior Appellant, Junior Respondent.
2. Each speaker may speak for 10 minutes. The judge may extend this time at his/her discretion, particularly if he/she has interrupted the speaker with numerous lengthy questions.
3. Speakers are responsible for keeping their own timing.
4. The terms of address are My Lord/ My Lady.
5. Skeleton arguments should be no longer than one side of A4. Skeleton arguments must be exchanged with opposing teams **48 hours** before the moot takes place. This must be done by email. If the time rule in this provision is breached then the other participants in the moot are entitled to draw this to the attention of the judge at the start of the moot with the relevant evidence (normally a copy of the relevant e-mail with the time showing). The judge will be entitled to take this into account when assessing the competitor's performance.
6. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain his/her opponent's email address from the City University directory found here: <http://www.city.ac.uk/email>
7. A total of 3 cases may be referred to by each competitor in addition to any authorities mentioned in the moot problem itself. All cases relied on must be referred to in the skeleton argument. Appeals of the same matter with the same parties are considered as the same authority.
8. The decision of the judge is final.
9. There are no official criteria for assessment but factors which the judges are likely to take into account are: materials (bundles), content, strategy, etiquette, advocacy and persuasion.
10. There is no right of reply for either party.
11. Failure to adhere to any of these rules will be considered an irregularity the outcome of which is at the discretion of the moot judge.
12. The Competition is open to all LLB, GELLB and LLM students currently enrolled at City University
14. Competitors will be assessed on an individual basis, not as a team.
15. Formal business attire should be worn for the moot.
16. If a competitor is the sole respondent or appellant in his/her moot team of 3 then he/she must argue only the one ground for which they have been identified (ie either senior only or junior only).
17. If a competitor is one of 3 respondents or appellants in his/her moot team of 5 or 6, then he/she must argue only the one ground for which they have been identified (ie either senior only or junior only). The fact that this may result in repeated material (ie there will be two seniors or two juniors) will not affect the assessment of that competitor's performance.