

Dear All,

We are excited to invite you to the SOAS Advocacy Society's first ever mooting competition sponsored by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting!

The competition's final will be hosted in the Supreme Court and Lord Carnwath has kindly agreed to judge the moot! There will be an opportunity to receive a tour of the building, and ten spaces for the final's attendance will be reserved for well-performing students at any stage of the moot per the organising committee's discretion. The final will be recorded, photographs taken, and certificates will be handed out by Lord Carnwath; we hope for it to be a memorable experience for those participating.

We recognise that mooting can act as one of the most engaging and accessible pathways into legal advocacy – it is demonstrative of commitment to the law, provides meaningful insight into one of the elements practised by barristers, and serves to bridge the gap between legal education and the profession as mooters use well-structured and impactful argumentation within the formalities of a simulated court to best argue their side of the legal issue at stake.

It is for this very reason that applications for the moot are open to law students at any stage of their education at SOAS. Moreover, we are working with a regional Sixth Form college to have pre-university students in attendance at various rounds of the competition – the law doesn't have to be as exclusive as is often portrayed!

The participation cap for the first round is 32 students / 16 teams. The competition will follow a standard knock-out format. The key dates for the competition are:

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Application deadline;
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Qualifying Round;
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Quarter Final;
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Semi Final; and
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Final at the Supreme Court.

Commitment to attending and participating in all the rounds is essential.

The prizes on offer, aside from the certificates, are:

- Winning team - £200 each;
- Runners up - £150 each; and
- Best Advocate - £150.

Please send your CV and a 100-word motivational statement for the mooting competition to [soasadvocacysociety@gmail.com](mailto:soasadvocacysociety@gmail.com) or fill out our [Registration Form](#) by 12 pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Further information can be found in the SOAS Advocacy Society Mooting Competition Handbook attached herewith.

We look forward to this being an enjoyable experience for all those involved.

Best wishes,

SOAS Advocacy Society