



3rd Moot Competition in Commercial/Maritime Law – Report

In June 2016 the Department of Shipping and Trade Law of Swansea's College of Law organised the 3rd Mooting Competition on Commercial and Maritime Law. The event was generously sponsored by 7 King's Bench Walk, the leading set of barristers specializing on commercial and shipping law and Informa Law that is the leading publisher in the field.

10 teams were registered representing the following Universities:

Birkbeck University of London

Bangor University

City University

Coventry University

University of Exeter

University of Nottingham

University of Sheffield

Swansea University

The initial rounds of the Competition were held in Swansea on 18th-19th June 2016 before an impressive list of arbitrators. To them we are grateful for generously giving their valuable time over the weekend to join us at Swansea:

Adams, Charles, Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards

Cerit, Ceren, Institute of Shipping and Trade Law

Cluxton, David, Dublin City University

Draper, Michael, Solicitor, LPC Director

Iwobi, Andrew Senior Lecturer, Swansea University

Jacobi, Neil, Senior Solicitor, Peter Lynn & Partners

Jones, Amy, Informa Law

Lamont-Blank, Simone, Lecturer, University of Edinburgh

Nikaki, Theodora, Associate Professor, Swansea University

Papagrigoraki, Marilena, Institute of Shipping and Trade Law

Perkins, Andrew, Solicitor, Kearns Solicitors

Schacker, Florian, Ince & Co

Schechinger, Jessica, Utrecht University

Smith, Chris, Associate, Holman Fenwick Willan

Thomas, Gareth, Solicitor and FCI Arb

Vajnai, David, Assistant Vice President, Marine Practice, Marsh

Wearing Evans, Jessica, Claims Executive, Steamship Insurance Management Services Ltd

Following 5 rounds of mooting that involved a fiendish exercise in legal argument and interpretation arising out of carriage of goods by air the team of Kirsten Jackson and Jacqueline Dammens from Swansea University and the team of Paul Ng and Benedict Tse from the University of Sheffield progressed to the Final.

The Final was held at the Middle Temple Inn in London on 20 June 2016 in front of Mr Justice Picken, Peter MacDonald Eggers QC and Jason Robinson. After a hard-fought battle the team from Swansea University was held to have prevailed over Sheffield.



The winning team from Swansea University receiving their award from Mr Justice Picken and Messrs Peter MacDonald Eggers QC and Jason Robinson of 7 King's Bench Walk.



The runner up Sheffield team receiving the Second Place Team award from Messrs Peter MacDonald Eggers QC and Jason Robinson of 7 King's Bench Walk.



The finalist teams with Messrs Peter MacDonald Eggers QC and Jason Robinson of 7 King's Bench Walk.

The overall best speaker award sponsored by Informa Law went to Ms Kirsten Jackson from the Swansea Team.



Miss Kirsten Jackson receiving the Best Speaker award from Dr George Leloudas, Associate Professor – Moot Co-ordinator

The prize for Best Skeleton Argument, sponsored by the Department of Shipping and Trade Law, was given to the team from the University of Exeter.



Mr Charles Beaty receiving the award for Best Skeleton Argument from Mr Peter MacDonald Eggers QC, 7 King's Bench Walk

The Encouragement Award, sponsored by Swansea Law School's own Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, was given to the second team from Coventry University.



Mr Chikondi Banda receiving the Encouragement Award from Professor Baris Soyer, Head of the Department for Shipping and Trade Law



Quotes

"In my capacity as the coach of the University of Exeter Law School Team, I accompanied my students at the 3rd International Commercial/Maritime Law Moot which was held in Swansea and London in June 2016. My team gained lots of experience and fruitful comments from the arbitrators and from the whole Moot experience. From the standpoint of myself as a coach, I was impressed by the high standards of the event/competition, both in terms of organisational aspects as well as in terms of the problem set, the arbitrators participating etc. This is a regional yet with international standard Moot to which I will be returning as coach and / or arbitrator definitely in the years to come." **Dr Kyriaki Noussia, Senior Lecturer, University of Exeter, Coach of the University of Exeter Law School Team**

"The Swansea moot was very well organised, competitive, but in the spirit of learning and I would highly recommend taking part." **Gavin Leigh, Lecturer, Coach of the Coventry University teams**