



2nd Moot Competition in Commercial/Maritime Law – Report

In June 2015 the Department of Shipping and Trade Law of Swansea's College of Law organised the 2nd 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.

12 teams were registered representing the following Universities:

Birkbeck University of London

University of Bristol

Cardiff University

University of Derby

University of Exeter

University of Geneva

University of Liverpool

Swansea University

The initial rounds of the Competition were held in Swansea on 20th-21st June 2015 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:

Albors, Jaime, Solicitor, Clyde & Co LLP, London,

Alexiou, Chris, Legal Counsel, HIS

Cerit, Ceren, Research Assistant Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law



Dimopoulos, Andreas, Lecturer, Brunel University

Draper, Michael, Solicitor, LPC Director

Eggers, Peter QC, Barrister, 7KBW

Evans, Elwen QC, Barrister, Iscoed, Chambers

Lamont-Blank, Simone, Lecturer, University of Edinburgh

Leigh, Vanessa, Legal Director, DLA Piper

Neels, Pieter, Lawyer, DLA Piper, Belgium

Nikaki, Theodora, Associate Professor, Swansea University

Perkins, Andrew, Solicitor, Kearns Solicitors

Rungasamy, Magalie, Legal Counsel, Flybe

Smith, Chris, Associate, Holman Fenwick Willan,

Thomas, Gareth, Solicitor and FCI Arb

Thomas, R David, 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 shipping law the team from the University of Bristol and a team from Swansea University progressed to the Final.



The finalists

The Final was held at the Parliament Room of Middle Temple Inn in London on 22 June 2015 in front of Mr Justice Picken. After a hard-fought battle the team from the University of Bristol (Georgie Thompson, Junneng John Wu and Joe McBrien) were held to have prevailed over Swansea (Martin Karst, Siddharth Mahajan, Styliani Kounakou and Maria Skylodimou).



The winning team from the University of Bristol receiving their award from Mr Justice Picken



The finalist Swansea team receiving the Second Place Team award from Mr Peter MacDonald Eggers QC of 7 King's Bench Walk.

The overall best speaker award sponsored by Informa Law went to Ms Marilena Papagrigoraki from the second Swansea Team



Miss Marilena Papagrigoraki receiving the Best Mooter award from Ms Amy Jones (Informa)



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



Messrs Charles Standen and Jake Smith receiving the Encouragement Award from Professor Baris Soyer, Head of the Department for Shipping and Trade Law

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



Miss Chenxuan Li, Mr Riyao Liu and Mr Richard Mahal (coach) receiving the award for Best Skeleton Argument from Dr George Leloudas, Senior Lecturer and Moot Coordinator