

FACULTY OF LAW

MOOTING PROGRAMME



MOOTING REPORT
2020 - 2021

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Faculty of Law Mooting Programme Annual Report for the academic year 2020–2021. We hope this Report provides both a memento of all that has been achieved over this past year, and a taster for new and prospective students interested in mooting. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has made this a challenging academic year, the Mooting Programme has continued to flourish. Due to the proliferation of online competitions, more students than ever before have had the opportunity to participate in mooting.

Mooting is a fantastic way to deepen a legal education. It allows students to develop their advocacy and legal research skills by applying knowledge gained in lectures and tutorials to realistic scenarios and cutting-edge legal issues. Participation also provides important networking opportunities for those interested in becoming barristers.

In 2020–21, the Mooting Programme included four internal mooting competitions and a record 26 external competitions. We were particularly pleased to add a new internal postgraduate mooting competition, modelled on the popular and highly successful undergraduate "Cuppers" intercollegiate tournament. This enabled many of our talented postgraduate students to participate more extensively in Oxford mooting, and to enhance their employability.

The Mooting Programme is supported by many, both inside and outside of Oxford. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of the judiciary, wider legal profession, academic and administrative staff, and the student body. The Programme would simply not run without their time, effort, expertise, and generous sponsorship. Thanks to all of you.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning student participants in the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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MOOTING IN OXFORD

Introduction to Mooting in Oxford

The Faculty's Mooting Programme offers students the opportunity to participate in an extensive range of internal and external competitions in diverse areas of law. The Mooting Coordinators and Graduate Mooting Assistants appointed by the Faculty are responsible for administering and supporting internal moots, selecting competitors and coaches for external moots, disseminating information about mooting in Oxford, and conducting regular advocacy training and judging workshops.

The Mooting Programme has considerably expanded over the years, catering to more than 180 individual students in 2020-21. Its strength is illustrated by the success of Oxford's teams in the 26 external moots we competed in this academic year. Our students won six external moots, reached the Finals or Semi Finals in seven others, and received awards in five further moots. Full reports on Oxford's performance at each of these external moots are below (p. 22 to 46).

These opportunities exist alongside our four internal competitions: the Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate "Cuppers" Moot Competition; the Herbert Smith Freehills Disability Mooting Championship; the Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition; and the Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship. Reports on these moots are below (p. 17 to 21).



This Report focuses on moots coordinated by the Mooting Programme. However, we recognise the wide use of mooting in teaching by Faculty members, alongside many College moots. There are also moot competitions administered by centres within the Faculty, which in 2020-21 included the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot and the Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, run by the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights respectively.

The work of the Faculty and Colleges is further complemented by numerous moot competitions and workshops organised by Oxford students themselves. Further information about these initiatives is available below (p. 50 to 56).

The Bodleian Law Library also delivers a compulsory Legal Research and Mooting Skills Programme for first year undergraduate students. A full report on this year's Programme is below (p. 47 to 49).

Developments in 2020-21

At least five developments in the Mooting Programme stand out this academic year.

COVID-19 and Online Mooting

Arguably the most significant development was the switch to online mooting in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given lockdown and travel restrictions within the UK and elsewhere, we swiftly adapted all internal moot competitions to the virtual environment, with the support of the Faculty's IT team. MS Teams was the preferred platform for preliminary rounds, but we ran the Finals of all four internal moots on Zoom.

26 External Moot Competitions

Oxford participated in a record 26 external mooting competitions this academic year. This included 16 new external moot competitions not entered in 2019-20. Given most moots ran online this year, travel costs were no longer a barrier to participation, which allowed the Mooting Programme to provide more opportunities to students. We hope to maintain as much of this momentum as possible in future. The only two external competitions Oxford entered in 2019-20 and did not enter in 2020-21 were the OUP & ICCA National Mooting Competition and the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. This was primarily due to COVID-19 arrangements, and we look forward to entering these two competitions once again in 2021-22.

New Postgraduate Moot Competition

This year we established the Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship. Modelled on the undergraduate "Cuppers" competition, this intercollegiate competition was introduced to increase internal mooting opportunities for postgraduate students. The competition attracted significant participation, with 30 students from 15 different Colleges taking part. It will form part of our regular programme in future years, due to generous sponsorship by Blackstone Chambers.

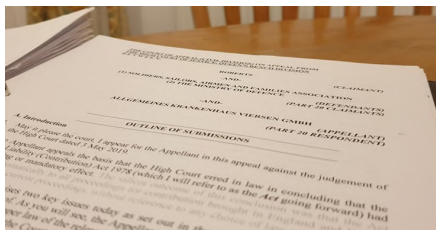
Mooting Programme Microsite

The Mooting Programme's microsite on the Faculty's website has been updated to provide a comprehensive list of all the moots the Faculty runs or in which Oxford competes. The microsite has also been updated to reflect most of Oxford's recent mooting achievements. We hope that the microsite serves as a repository of information and resources for all future competitors and coaches.

Reintroduction of Mooting Annual Report

We are pleased to have published a Mooting Annual Report for the first time since 2009. We hope the Report will provide a valuable record of Oxford's mooting achievements in 2020-21, evidence the high demand for mooting in Oxford, and justify the Mooting Programme's continued growth.

Workshops and Training



The Mooting Programme organised and supported a range of online workshops and training sessions this academic year.

Information and Training Session

In Michaelmas Term, the Graduate Mooting Coordinators delivered a mooting information and training session. This was designed to give students an overview of the mooting programme for 2020-21 and to introduce Freshers to mooting and advocacy.

Faculty Advocacy Lecture

Lord Justice Beatson delivered an Advocacy Lecture in Michaelmas Term at the Law Faculty, offering students a valuable insight into the techniques of seasoned advocates.

Moot Judging Workshop

The Mooting Programme organised a judging workshop for postgraduate students in Michaelmas Term. These students then judged the Mooting Programme's internal moots. The workshop was delivered by Nicholas Peacock QC, Rowena Page and Joe Bunting of Maitland Chambers.

Pathways to Law

In keeping with our commitment to improving opportunities for state school pupils to attend Oxford and pursue a legal career, the Mooting Programme continued to support the Faculty's access and outreach initiative, Pathways to Law (P2L). In a day-long workshop, one of the Graduate Mooting Assistants delivered a masterclass on public international law and a mooting information session. Following this, the participating pupils split into groups and took part in mini-moots, under the mentorship of seven postgraduate students.

Human Rights and Public International Law Mooting Information Session

In Hilary Term, the Mooting Programme collaborated with Oxford Lawyers Without Borders and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights to organise a mooting information session about the Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Delivered by past winners of the competitions, the session introduced participants to the basics of international human rights law.

Careers Q&As

The Mooting Programme organised Careers Q&As with Herbert Smith Freehills, Maitland Chambers and Blackstone Chambers - the three generous sponsors of the Mooting Programme's internal mooting competitions.

Moot Participation

Coaching and Support

As in previous years, the Mooting Programme appointed coaches to train and support Oxford's teams in the Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, the ELSA Human Rights Moot Court Competition, and the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Support was also given for the Herbert Smith Freehills KCL Competition Law Moot, UNSW Private Law Moot, Nuremberg Moot Court and Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.

Numbers of Competitors

267 participants competed in internal and external mooting competitions coordinated by the Mooting Programme in 2020–21. This represents 183 different students. 127 participants competed across the four different internal competitions, representing 117 different students. 140 participants competed across 26 external competitions, representing 97 different students.



Gender and Student Status

In 2020–21, 55% of participants in internal competitions and 46% of participants in external competitions were women. 73% of participants in internal competitions and 70% of participants in external competitions were undergraduates indicating a skew. However, the Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship has greatly improved our internal offering to postgraduate students. Following the introduction of the Championship, 34 of the 127 participants in our internal competitions (27%) were postgraduate students. In the absence of the Championship, this would amount to 4 of 97 participants (4%).

High Demand for Competitions

We received high numbers of applications for selective internal and external competitions. We received a total of 404 applications for 140 places in external competitions, and 68 applications for 22 spaces in the two selective internal competitions (namely, the HSF Disability Mooting Championship and the Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition). Some competitions were particularly competitive: for example, the Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot received 34 applications for two spaces. These figures broadly show that, even with the large number of new mooting opportunities available this year, demand substantially outstripped supply.

Data Overview: External Moot Competitions

	Participants						Apps	Result
	Total	M	F	UG	PG	Total		
BPP National Speed Moot	30	15 50%	15 50%	25 83%	5 17%	30	Semi Final	
CEDR National Negotiation	4	2 50%	2 50%	2 50%	2 50%	7	Overall Winner	
Children’s Rights Moot	4	0 0%	4 100%	3 75%	1 25%	8	Oral Round	
DCU National Moot	15	7 47%	8 53%	11 73%	4 27%	32	Overall Winner	
ELSA European Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	1 25%	3 75%	42	Quarter Final	
ESU-Essex Court National Moot	3	2 67%	1 33%	3 100%	0 0%	25	Semi Final	
FTB Kingsland Cup Moot	2	1 50%	1 50%	0 0%	2 100%	NA*	Final	
HSF-KCL Competition Law Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	4 100%	0 0%	8	Best Memorial	
HRLA Judicial Review Moot	2	1 50%	1 50%	2 100%	0 0%	NA*	Semi Final	
Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot	2	1 50%	1 50%	2 100%	0 0%	34	Final	
International IP Moot	3	1 33%	2 67%	1 33%	2 67%	NA*	Oral Round	
International Roman Law Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	4 100%	0 0%	NA	Overall Winner	
Landmark Judicial Review Moot	2	1 50%	1 50%	1 50%	1 50%	30	Oral Round	
Landmark Property Moot	2	1 50%	1 50%	2 100%	0 0%	15	Overall Winner	
Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot	2	2 100%	0 0%	0 0%	2 100%	11	Seventh in Europe	
Michael Corkery QC Moot	2	0 0%	2 100%	1 50%	1 50%	7	Oral Round	
Monroe E Price Media Law Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	0 0%	4 100%	46	Best Regional Memorial	
Nelson Mandela World Moot	2	2 100%	0 0%	0 0%	2 100%	NA**	Semi Final	
NLIU-Tankha Moot	4	2 50%	2 50%	1 25%	3 75%	21	Quarter Final	
NLS-Trilegal Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	2 50%	2 50%	17	Best Respondent Memorial and Speaker	
Nuremberg Moot	5	2 40%	3 60%	2 40%	3 60%	17	Octo Final	
Varsity Roman Law Moot	4	3 75%	1 25%	4 100%	0 0%	NA	Best Oralist	
PAX Moot	4	4 100%	0 0%	1 25%	3 75%	11	Semi Final	
University of Derby Moot	18	11 61%	7 39%	18 100%	0 0%	20	Overall Winner	
University of Southampton Moot	4	1 25%	3 75%	2 50%	2 50%	14	Overall Winner	
UNSW Private Law Moot	4	1 25%	3 75%	4 100%	0 0%	9	Second Best Speaker and Memorial	
	138	75 54%	63 46%	96 70%	42 30%	404		

Red indicates that Oxford entered teams into that competition for the first time in the 2020-21 academic year.

* participants apply directly to an external moot organiser

** participants were selected from the winning team in the Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021

Data Overview: Internal Moot Competitions

	Participants										Apps
	Total	M		F		UG		PG		Total	
Postgraduate Championship	30	17	57%	13	43%	0	0%	30	100%	30	
Undergraduate Cuppers	75	31	41%	44	59%	75	100%	0	0%	75	
HSF-Disability Championship	12	5	42%	7	58%	10	83%	2	17%	58	
Blackstone Human Rights Moot	10	4	40%	6	60%	8	80%	2	20%	10	
	127	57	45%	70	55%	93	73%	34	27%	173	

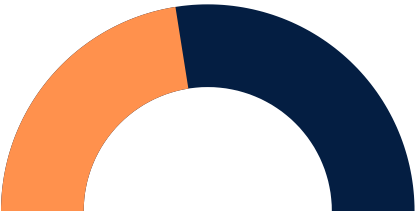
Participant Breakdown

Internal competition participants:

Gender

45% Male

55% Female

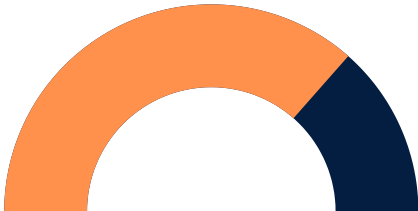


Internal competition participants:

Student Status

73% Undergraduate

27% Postgraduate

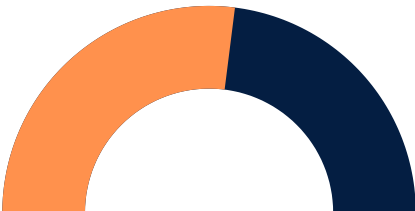


External competition participants:

Gender

54% Male

46% Female

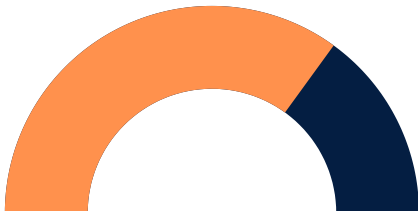


External competition participants:

Student Status

70% Undergraduate

30% Postgraduate





STUDENT EXPERIENCES AND TESTIMONIES

Experiences and Testimonies

"Cuppers was significantly different this year, being held virtually, and therefore required Ruth and I to adapt our approach and style. However, many of the staple characteristics remained to make Cuppers as interesting as always. For example, the breadth of issues covered throughout the rounds remained, ranging from Criminal to Tort and Contract. We were still required to work together to analyse novel and uncertain points of law, and find a way to utilise these to support our case; and of course the high-calibre competitors and challenging judicial interrogations remained to push us throughout!"



**- Bethany Arrowsmith (BA Jurisprudence, New)
- Winner, Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate (Cuppers) Moot Competition 2020-21**



"Doing an international moot virtually brought a unique set of challenges, including adjusting to different time zones. The Oxford-based team members (we had two members physically away from Oxford at the time) met up at 04:30am on the days of the moot to account for the time difference with Australia, which was much earlier than we were used to. It was slightly jarring to wake up and go straight into legal submissions, without much time to warm-up and prepare, and being interrogated by the judges felt more off-putting than normal as it was such a sudden increase of attention and focus."

**- Athena Kam (BA Jurisprudence, Pembroke)
- Runner Up for Best Written Submissions, UNSW Private Law Moot 2021**

"Participating in Cuppers was a fantastic, but very challenging, experience. Each round presented a new legal issue, requiring in-depth legal research. Despite being in the midst of the pandemic, we had access to online resources which made the process a lot easier. When it came to making oral arguments, mooting virtually was quite an adjustment! It was more difficult to convey passion and expression through a screen, as well as presenting the obvious technical difficulties. Overall, this was a wonderful experience that taught me so much about advocacy."



**- Ruth Flame (BA Jurisprudence, New)
- Winner, Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate (Cuppers) Moot Competition 2020-21**

Experiences and Testimonies Cont.

"The Derby moot was centred on a short and deceptively simple fact pattern, which in reality tested the limits of existing principles for disregarding corporate personality. In our research, my partner Ben and I discovered that the problem was modelled around a curious recent academic contribution concerning a novel way of applying trust principles in the context of secret commissions. The highlight for us was seeing both teams in the final hail from Oxford and having the opportunity to litigate such thought-provoking questions with our friends, Alexander and Athena. All in all, an enriching experience!"



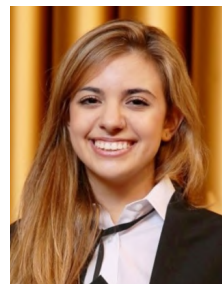
**- John Yap (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield)
- Winner, University of Derby Westlaw Moot Competition 2021**



"Virtual mooting took a bit of getting used to, since I quite enjoy making submissions on my feet – but even Supreme Court hearings were being conducted remotely, so there was no choice but to adapt! Beth and I really enjoyed taking part in the Landmark Chambers Property Moot, which involved mooting four abstruse problems on land law that went far beyond the undergraduate syllabus. The highlight for me was the final against Cambridge, where we argued a complicated case based on the medieval origins of prescriptive easements in front of a High Court judge."

**- Alexander Yean (BA Jurisprudence, Exeter)
- Winner, Landmark Chambers Property Moot Competition 2020-21**

"2020 was the first year that Oxford participated in the DCU National Moot Court Competition. The online format clearly contributed to the moot's growth, as we were told that we were attending the largest mooting competition in Irish law to have ever taken place. Mr Justice MacMenamin of the Supreme Court of Ireland even dropped in to judge the Grand Final from his living room! It was enlightening to study Irish cases in preparation for the competition, and to compare with the approach taken in England."



**- Christina Kartali (BA Jurisprudence, Jesus)
- Winner, DCU National Moot Competition 2020**

Experiences and Testimonies Cont.

"Making submissions online is a very odd experience, especially when you are speaking into a computer screen with the judges' and your learned friends' faces shifting around the screen. Despite missing out on a trip to Geneva this year because of COVID-19, I really enjoyed mooting in the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot, particularly since the moot question touched on topical and intriguing human rights issues, such as lockdown measures. It was a privilege to be judged by some of the leading human rights experts in the world and to go head-to-head with brilliant minds from across the globe."



- Ernest Leung (BCL, St Catherine's)

- Semi Finalist, Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021



"The IRLM was an exciting opportunity to engage with some of the most difficult and interesting areas of Roman law scholarship. As a team, we enjoyed the process of creatively using Roman sources to draft courtroom arguments. We were also very lucky to have the support of Dr Joe Sampson. While the customary travel to the host university was impossible during the pandemic, the University of Tübingen worked hard to provide us with a substitute cultural programme which made participation an across-the-board enjoyable experience and definitely a welcome distraction from lockdown."

- Kacper Kryk (BA Law with Legal Studies in Europe, Corpus Christi)

- Winner, International Roman Law Moot Court Competition 2021

"I really enjoyed the Postgraduate Mooting Championship this year. It was a great way to continue mooting after I finished my undergraduate degree, which was a welcome break from the intensity of the BCL! The online format worked very well and allowed people to participate from all over the world. I especially appreciated that a wide variety of topics were covered through the different rounds. As I had never studied some of the areas of law before, the competition definitely pushed me outside my comfort zone."



- Riya Bhatt (BCL, Merton)

- Winner, Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship 2020-21

Experiences and Testimonies Cont.

"Participating in the FTB Kingsland Cup and Prize Moot gave me an opportunity to explore planning law, an area that I was previously unfamiliar with. The moot problem grappled with challenges caused by COVID-19 and Brexit which will undoubtedly make their way into real cases in the near future. Although mooting over Zoom posed some challenges, it was also very convenient to be able to participate in the competition from the comfort of my own house in Oxford. I enjoyed competing in the in-person final in September in Lincoln's Inn alongside Amy!"



- Daniil Ukhorskiy (BCL, Jesus)

- Finalist, FTB Kingsland Cup and Prize Moot 2020-21



"Coaching Oxford's team for the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition was an incredibly rewarding experience for me. Having participated at the same moot previously, I was pleased to be able to share what I learnt from the competition and offer constructive criticism so that the team could improve. Not only did I have the opportunity to hone the mooting skills of the team, but I felt I learnt from their research and respective oral advocacy styles. The role of coach wonderfully complemented my DPhil studies, and kept me engaged and enthusiastic."

- Ayushi Agarwal (DPhil Law, Exeter)

- Coach, Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021

"It was a pleasure to judge several rounds of the Cuppers Moot Competition over the past academic year. It was a privilege to witness the outstanding quality of presentation from the competitors and to have the chance to challenge their sharp legal minds. My only regret is needing to choose a winner each time! The competitions were organised well, all practical arrangements were taken care of, and the moots ran smoothly. I encourage all interested postgraduate students to get involved and volunteer to judge."



- Alex Matheson (DPhil Law, St Cross)

- Judge, Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate (Cuppers) Moot Competition 2020-21



INTERNAL MOOTS

Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate (Cuppers) Moot Competition 2020-21

In the 2020-2021 Maitland Chambers Intercollegiate (Cuppers) Moot Competition, 26 teams, consisting of 75 undergraduate students, represented their Colleges in this five-stage contest. The eight top-ranked teams in the preliminary rounds advanced to the elimination stage, consisting of the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Grand Final. Moot problems covered a range of issues including criminal and contract law. The Competition is the largest Mooting Competition held by the Law Faculty, and is proudly sponsored by Maitland Chambers.

The Grand Final took place virtually on 2 March 2021. The moot problem concerned an appeal to the Supreme Court in a possible case of medical negligence, specifically, the determination of 'reasonable treatment options' following *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board* [2015] UKSC 11 and *Gregg v Scott* [2005] UKHL 2.

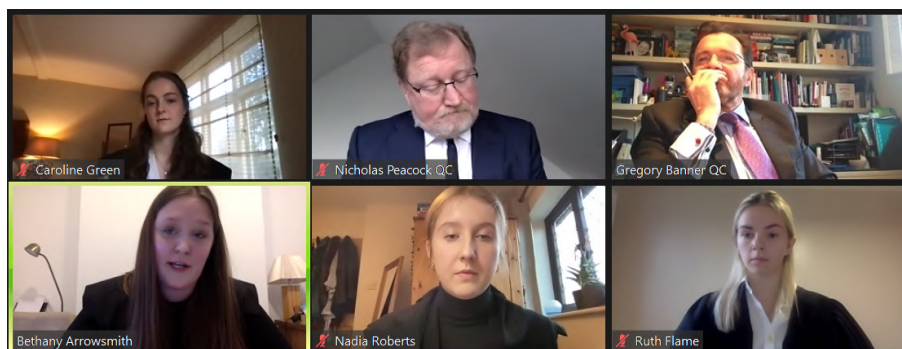
The Grand Final took place between Nadia Roberts and Caroline Green (both BA Jurisprudence, St Anne's) and Bethany Arrowsmith and Ruth Flame (both BA Jurisprudence, New).

The Grand Final was judged by Christopher Parker QC, Nicholas Peacock QC and Gregory Banner QC of Maitland Chambers. After the moot, three further members of Chambers - James Aldridge QC, Narinder Jhittay and Maxim Cardew - held a Q&A about life at the commercial chancery bar and Maitland.

Christopher Parker QC returned to deliver a judgment on the merits of the case. Nicholas Peacock QC announced New College the winners by a 2-1 majority judgement.

Top left to bottom right:

Caroline Green, Nicholas Peacock QC, Gregory Banner QC, Bethany Arrowsmith, Nadia Roberts, Ruth Flame



Herbert Smith Freehills Disability Mooting Championship 2020

The Herbert Smith Freehills Disability Mooting Championship focuses on legal issues affecting persons with disabilities. First established in 2014, the competition expanded to become an Oxford v Cambridge tournament in 2019.

On 14 November 2020 six teams from Oxford and six teams from Cambridge competed in the preliminary rounds. The four top-ranked teams advanced to the Semi Finals and Grand Final, held later that day. The moot problem throughout the competition concerned an appeal to the Supreme Court, and considered both whether a prosthetic limb can be considered an imitation firearm, and whether damage to a mobility aid can amount to actual bodily harm.



In the Grand Final, Amy Gregg (DPhil Law, Exeter) and Patrick Hall (BCL, St Cross) of Oxford University went up against Maya Edelstein and Michael Tucker (both BA Law, Pembroke) of Cambridge University. In a close decision, Cambridge were victorious.

The Grand Final was judged by Professor Jonathan Herring (DM Wolfe-Clarendon Fellow in Law and Vice Dean of Exeter College, Oxford), Dr Brian Sloan (Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Robinson College, Cambridge), Zoe Johnson QC (barrister at QEB Hollis Whiteman Chambers) and Daniel Hudson (Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills).

The Grand Final was followed by a panel discussion on the theme "The Right to Health: has the COVID-19 pandemic eroded the health equality and access to adequate healthcare for disabled people in the UK?" Recordings of both the Grand Final and panel discussion can be viewed on the Oxford Law Faculty's YouTube Channel.

The Organising Committee consisted of Dr Marie Tidball (Chair), Dr Luke Rostill (Vice Chair), Dr Rachel Clement Tolley (Vice Chair), Sekela Ngamilo (Student Chair), Katie Bacon (Student Vice Chair), Bryony Toon (Student Vice Chair), Selin Cavdar, George Twinn and Avantika Sengupta (Student Committee).

Left to right:

Amy Gregg, Patrick Hall

Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship 2020-21

In 2020-2021 the Law Faculty launched the inaugural Blackstone Chambers Postgraduate Mooting Championship, proudly sponsored by Blackstone Chambers. The eight top-ranked teams in the two preliminary rounds advanced to the elimination rounds of the competition, consisting of the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Grand Final.

The inaugural 2020-21 competition saw 30 participants from 15 different Colleges take part. Earlier rounds covered a range of issues including those within public international law and contract law.

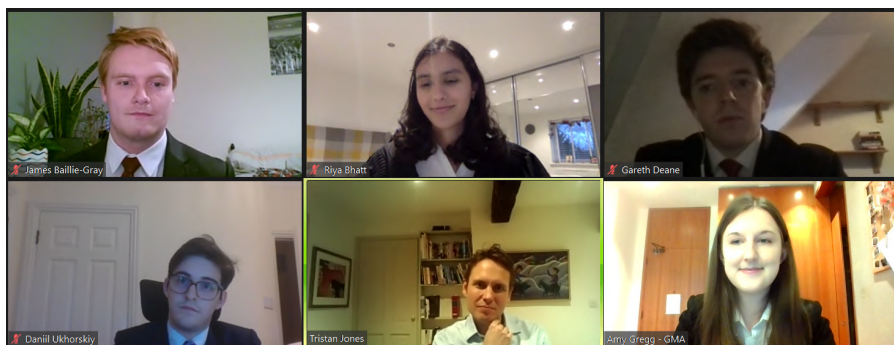
The Grand Final took place on 11 March 2021 between the Jesus team, comprising of BCL students [Daniil Ukhorskiy](#) and [Gareth Deane](#), and the composite Merton/St Anne's team, comprising of BCL students [Riya Bhatt](#) (BCL) and [James Baillie-Gray](#) (BCL).

The moot problem for this year's Grand Final concerned an appeal to the Supreme Court, addressing whether the Respondent detainee was within the UK's jurisdiction for the purpose of Article 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and whether the circumstances of the Respondent's detention were incompatible with Article 5(4) of the Convention.

The Grand Final was judged by members of Blackstone Chambers. Having retired to consider the arguments made before them, the judges returned to announce the Merton/St Anne's team the winners, commending all mooters on the quality of their submissions and advocacy.

Top left to bottom right:

James Baillie-Gray, Riya Bhatt, Gareth Deane, Daniil Ukhorskiy, Tristan Jones, Amy Gregg



Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021

Oxford Lawyers without Borders, the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and the Oxford Mooting Programme joined forces again this year to organise the Blackstone Human Rights Moot on 6 March 2021. This year's competition, generously supported by Blackstone Chambers, saw five teams argue a hypothetical case concerning the right to take part in public affairs, freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly.

In the preliminary rounds, teams argued once as Applicant and once as Respondent.

Top left to bottom right:

Alvin Cheung, Ernest Leung, Ivan Hare QC, Firdaus Mohandas, Alexander Yean, Sanya Samtani, Tom Lowenthal, Ayushi Agarwal, Professor Kate O'Regan

The two teams that proceeded to the Final were Alexander Yean (BA Jurisprudence, Exeter) and Firdaus Mohandas (BA Jurisprudence, St John's) for the Applicant, and Alvin Cheung (BCL, University) and Ernest Leung (BCL, St Catherine's) for the Respondent. The finalists made their submissions before a panel of esteemed judges including Professor Kate O'Regan (Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights), Ivan Hare QC and Tom Lowenthal (Blackstone Chambers), and Sanya Samtani and Ayushi Agarwal (DPhil Law students).

The winners were the Respondent, Alvin and Ernest. Alvin and Alexander were also awarded "Best Speaker, Final Round" and "Best Speaker, Preliminary Rounds" respectively.





EXTERNAL MOOTS

Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2020-21

The Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition was established in 2008 by the Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy at the University of Oxford, and is currently organised by the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights.

The competition challenges students to engage in comparative research at the national, regional and international levels, and to develop their arguments on cutting-edge questions in media and international human rights law. In particular, the competition aims to cultivate interest in freedom of expression and the role of the media and information technologies.

Oxford's team for the 2020-21 competition comprised of four BCL students, [Ernest Leung](#) (St Catherine's), [Samuel Bailey](#) (Balliol), [Samira Mathias](#) (Somerville), and [William Wong](#) (Keble). They were coached by [Aparajita Arya](#) (BCL, Trinity, 2019).

The 2020-21 moot problem addressed topical issues concerning disinformation on social media sites and restrictions imposed on individuals when tackling a public health crisis.

The competition is comprised of seven Regional Rounds, followed by the International Rounds. The 2020-21 Northern European Regional Rounds were held online from 8 to 10 February 2021. The Oxford team argued in two Regional Rounds, competing as both the Applicant and the Respondent, and won both rounds.

Whilst the Oxford team did not qualify for the International Rounds, they were awarded the "Best Memorial". Samuel was additionally awarded the "Best Oralist Prize" for his excellent advocacy.

Left to right:

Samira Mathias, William Wong, Samuel Bailey, Ernest Leung



European Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2020-21

The European Human Rights Moot Court Competition is organised annually by the European Law Student Association, in cooperation with the Council of Europe.

The competition provides a unique opportunity for students to experience the principles and implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights firsthand, and simulates the experience of pleading a case before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Oxford's team for the 2020-21 competition consisted of both undergraduate and postgraduate students: [Olivia Railton](#) (BA Law with Law Studies in Europe, Wadham); [Alvin Cheung](#) (BCL, University); [Amna Ali](#) (BCL, New); and [Austin Chan](#) (BCL, Keble). The team was coached and supported by [Roman Tokaryk](#) (MJur, St Hugh's).

Left to right:

Olivia Railton, Alvin Cheung, Amna Ali, Austin Chan

This year's problem case concerned alleged violations committed by the fictitious State Alethea during the MALIT-5 pandemic. The core issues were alleged violations of the ECHR, including the right to a fair trial under Article 6, the right to privacy under Article 8, the right to freedom of assembly under Article 11, and the right to an effective remedy under Article 13. It broadly dealt with the theme of human rights during public health emergencies.

Oxford competed in the Cluj-Napoca Virtual Eastern Regional Round held in March 2021. Oxford were awarded the "Best Applicant" and the "Best Respondent" prize, and became one of only 18 out of 69 participating teams to qualify for the international Virtual Final Round.

Oxford competed in the Virtual Final Round in June 2021, where they argued the case before academics and practitioners. The team finished as Quarter Finalists.



ESU-Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition 2020 and 2021

The ESU-Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition is one of the longest established national mooting competitions, in which 64 teams from across UK universities participate.

Oxford's team for the 2021 competition consisted of Sushrut Royyuru (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), Sidal Daghan (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), and George Twinn (BA Jurisprudence, St Hilda's). The team defeated universities from across the UK in four knockout rounds, before competing in the Semi Finals on 11 June 2021.

Teams moot a different problem each round, and in the earlier rounds the team tackled contractual consideration, the Terrorism Act and human rights violations. The Semi Final problem addressed a difficult contractual question concerning cost of cure damages and account of profits.

Oxford finished as Semi Finalists in the 2021 moot, ranking in the final four teams.

In addition, the 2020 competition concluded in January 2021, having been delayed due to COVID-19. Oxford's 2020 team consisted of Cassandra Somers-Joce (BA, Jurisprudence, Magdalen), Szabrina Lethenyey (BA Jurisprudence, Oriel), and Jiaqi Yu (BA Jurisprudence, Oriel).

The team reached the Quarter Finals after winning three knockout rounds. Earlier rounds tackled the scope of vicarious liability, legislative competence under devolution, and the right to privacy. In the Quarter Finals the team tackled a challenging public law problem, examining the exercise of discretion by the Attorney-General, and the circumstances in which a tort action for misfeasance in public office is available when the victim of the misfeasance is the State.

Oxford finished as Quarter Finalists in the 2020 moot, ranking in the final eight teams.

Left to right:

Sushrut Royyuru, Sidal Daghan, George Twinn, Szabrina Lethenyey, Cassandra Somers-Joce, Jiaqi Yu



Landmark Chambers Judicial Review Moot Competition 2020-21

Chaitanya Kediya (BCL, Exeter) and Petra Stojnic (BA Jurisprudence, Merton) competed in the annual Landmark Chambers Judicial Review Moot Competition.

Left to right:

Petra Stojnic and Chaitanya Kediya



The problem in the first round dealt with a revocation decision under s100 of the Town and Country Planning Act and the duty to give reasons. The problem in the second round dealt with whether a planning permission condition served a proper purpose and was related to the permitted development.

Oxford made up one of 35 teams participating in the first round of the competition, and ranked in the top 8 teams which then advanced to the second round. Oxford bowed out in the second round to the eventual winners, City Law School.

Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot 2020-21

The Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot is organised annually by the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre, and is now in its 18th year. After the oral rounds of the 2020 competition were cancelled, the 2021 online competition became the largest to date, with 32 teams participating globally.

Oxford own team was Marina Hou (BA Jurisprudence, St Peter's), Rueban Manokara (BCL, Linacre) and Lauren Ensign (BCL, Balliol).

Teams were required to tackle a challenging moot problem that addressed compulsory licences for pharmaceutical patents, cancellation of deceptive trademarks, and copyright infringement by releasing documents supplied by a whistleblower.

After preparing written submissions, the Oxford team competed in the four oral preliminary rounds, mooting twice as the Appellant and twice as the Respondent.

International Roman Law Moot Court Competition 2021

The International Roman Law Moot Court Competition brings together students and academics to promote the study of Roman law. In teams of four, undergraduate students from eight leading universities conduct research and present legal arguments on complex issues of Roman private law.

This year's competition was held online from 7 to 9 April 2021. Hosted by the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, it featured a problem question set in the former Roman province of Raetia, centred around an horse breeder's quarrels with the local population.

Teams debated his contractual rights against an Alemannic equestrian and a local sculptor under the *actio praescriptis verbis* and the *actio locati* respectively. Students were challenged to determine these by reference to Emperor Justinian's *Corpus Iuris Civilis*, compiled in the 6th century AD.

Coached by Dr Joe Sampson, Yun Kei Chow (BA Jurisprudence, Christ Church) and Benedict Stanley (BA Jurisprudence, St John's) appeared for the plaintiff, while Kacper Kryk (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi) and Henry Fahrenkamp (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) argued for the defendants.

Following the preliminary rounds, the defendants were victorious in their Semi Final against the University of Liège. The plaintiffs then faced the University of Naples Federico II in the Grand Final.

The plaintiffs claimed the *palma victoriae* for Oxford. In addition, Kacper was awarded the "Hart Publishing Prize for Best Legal Analysis". The University of Oxford now ranks first in the total number of competition victories.

Top left to bottom right:

Benedict Stanley, Yun Kei Chow, Henry Fahrenkamp, Kacper Kryk



Landmark Chambers Property Moot Competition 2020-2021

The Landmark Chambers Property Moot Competition provides students who are particularly interested in property law with an opportunity to develop their understanding of the subject. In the 2020-2021 competition, Oxford was represented by [Alexander Yean](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Exeter) and [Bethany Arrowsmith](#) (BA Jurisprudence, New).

In their preliminary round, held in November 2020, Oxford came up against Queen Mary University of London. The problem focused on the interpretation of a commercial lease and in particular, the meaning of “demand” and “vacant possession”. The Oxford team was ranked within the highest-scoring eight teams out of over two dozen competing teams.

Having succeeded in their preliminary round, Oxford progressed to the Quarter Finals in early December 2020. Here, Oxford was triumphant against the London School of Economics, in a moot that focused on the law on implied terms and the question of whether a lease could be determined by repudiatory breach.

The Semi Finals were held in early January 2021, and the problem involved examining a specific provision of the Housing Act and its application. Despite the highly technical problem, the team was victorious over City Law School.

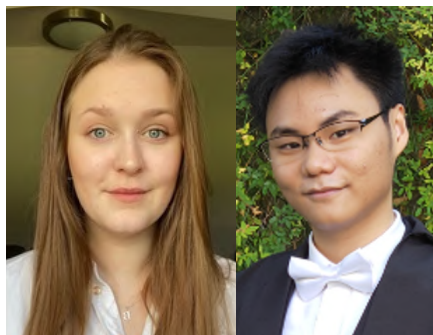
The Grand Final problem focused on the ambit of prescriptive easements and the test for unlawful intensification. Unlike in previous rounds, the problem was an appeal to the Supreme Court, and the Oxford team (acting as counsel for the Appellants) were tasked with overruling a legal test that has stood for over half a century.

The Grand Final was held on 4 February 2021 between Oxford and Cambridge, and was presided over by HH Judge Dight.

Oxford were crowned the overall winners of the competition, which in 2020-21 saw teams participate from 28 different UK universities. Alexander and Bethany were awarded £500 and invited to undertake mini-pupillages at Landmark Chambers.

Left to right:

Bethany Arrowsmith, Alexander Yean



Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Roman Law Moot Court Competition 2021

The Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Roman Law Moot is an annual competition designed to bring together students who have an interest in Roman law. The 2021 competition took place online on 23 July 2021, and was judged by the Regius Professors of Civil Law at Oxford and Cambridge, Professor Ernst and Professor Ibbetson.

The team representing Oxford consisted of [Oliver Clement](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), [Jake Emerson](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), [Fallon O'Neill](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) and [Joseph Khaw](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Wadham). The team was coached by Professor Joe Sampson (Magdalen).

The 2021 moot problem told the story of a slave, Pepo, attending an extravagant dining club, who took part in an ancient drinking game: denariatio. He forgot to return the coin used in the game, and in his inebriated state, took the express route down a flight of stairs, suffering serious damage to the knee.

The moot problem required deep analysis of Roman law in the time of Justinian as it related to furtum (theft) and liability under the lex Aquilia (wrongful damage). The Oxford team came to the moot armed with passages from the Digest and the Codex, ranging from the foolish slave who wanders onto a javelin pitch, to the man who cowers in his house for fear of being killed by the thief.

Middle row, left to right:

Joseph Khaw, Jake Emerson, Oliver Clement, Fallon O'Neill

Cambridge were victorious, although Oxford did not leave empty handed: Oliver was awarded the "Best Oralist" prize.



Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021

The annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition is organised by the University of Pretoria, the United Nations Human Rights Council Branch, and the American University Washington College of Law. The 2021 competition saw 50 teams participate, representing five UN regions and three languages.

Oxford's team consisted of [Ernest Leung](#) (BCL, St Catherine's) and [Alvin Cheung](#) (BCL, University), who were selected following their success in Oxford's Blackstone Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2021. The team was coached by [Ayushi Agarwal](#) (DPhil Law, Exeter), a past competition winner.

Top left to bottom right:

Ayushi Agarwal, Ernest Leung, Alvin Cheung

This year's problem discussed contemporary issues, examining measures to combat the pandemic and the rise of authoritarian regimes. In particular, the moot addressed constitutional rights and their compatibility with lockdown measures, including freedom of assembly, compulsory vaccination, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion.

The competition runs in two phases: first, a qualification round based on written memorials; and second, oral rounds. Oxford qualified in the written round, and went on to succeed in the Preliminary Oral Rounds, which took place online from 4 to 11 July 2021.

The team later competed in the Advanced Oral Rounds from 14 to 16 July 2021, finishing as Semi Finalists.



Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot 2021

The Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Mooting Competition is a long-standing one-day competition hosted by the Inner Temple Mooting Society. Participants compete in front of barristers and members of the judiciary in multiple rounds of mooting, providing a valuable opportunity to showcase advocacy skills and gain feedback.

Oxford's team in 2021 consisted of Cassandra Somers-Joce (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) and Mihir Rajamane (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen).

This year's competition took place online on 17 January 2021, and saw Oxford compete alongside teams from 20 other universities from across the UK.

Left to right:

Mihir Rajamane, Cassandra Somers-Joce

The team competed in a total of six rounds of mooting throughout the day. The team were required to argue both sides of two moot problems based on linked questions of family law and criminal law pertaining to domestic abuse. They were required to switch between different sides and across the different moot problems between rounds.

After five successful preliminary rounds, Oxford reached the Final of the competition. Here, the team faced probing questions from moot judges that included the Treasurer of Inner Temple Guy Fetherstonhaugh QC, and Masters of the Bench Richard Benson QC, Diya Sen Gupta QC, Alastair Hodge, and the Honourable Mr Justice Bodey.

After a closely fought Final, Oxford placed second. Cassandra Somers-Joce was additionally awarded "Best Speaker" in four of the six rounds, including the Semi Finals.



HRLA Judicial Review Moot Competition 2020

The Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA) Judicial Review Competition is an annual competition run by the Young Lawyers' Committee. It involves teams of two submitting paper applications for permission for judicial review. From the applicants, eight teams are chosen to make an oral application for permission in front of practising human rights lawyers.

The 2020 competition saw over 90 teams make paper submissions, on a problem that concerned the denial of face-to-face hearings for a disabled individual during COVID-19. Oxford was represented by Emma Rowland (BA Jurisprudence, Exeter, 2020) and Yan Shen Tan (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield).

Emma and Yan were one of the eight teams selected to compete in the oral rounds of the competition, and finished as Semi Finalists.

The Final was won by Oxford alumni James Lamming (BA PPE, Exeter, 2020) and Rosa Thomas (BA History and Politics, St Anne's, 2019), current students at City Law School.



Left to right:
Emma Rowland, Yan Shen Tan

Pictured:

Competitors in the Semi Final rounds



NLIU-Justice R. K. Tankha Memorial International Moot Court Competition

The NLIU-Justice R. K. Tankha Memorial International Moot Court Competition, held annually, is organised in partnership with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and L&L Partners Law Offices. Now in its 6th year, it is one of the largest and most prestigious international arbitration moots in India.

Mercy Milgo (BCL, St Peter's), Chaitanya Kediya (BCL, Exeter), Karolina Kopczynska (BCL, Oriel), and Joseph Khaw (BA Jurisprudence, Wadham) represented Oxford at this year's competition.

The team was required to prepare memorials for both the claimant and defendant. Following this, they were selected to compete in the oral rounds of the competition, which took place online from 5 to 7 March 2021.

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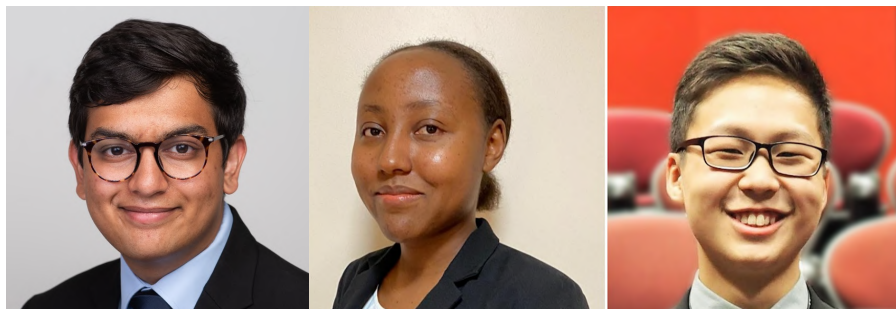
Chaitanya Kediya, Mercy Milgo, Joseph Khaw

50 teams from five countries spent the weekend arbitrating a fictional cross-border commercial dispute over the partial delivery of goods as a result of a lockdown imposed in response to the global pandemic.

Teams were also expected to make submissions on the jurisdiction of the tribunal. This required teams to examine the law applicable to the arbitration agreement, its extension to a non-signatory party, and the enforceability of a multi-tier dispute resolution procedure.

After the preliminary rounds, the Oxford team was ranked in the top eight teams. Oxford then bowed out in a closely fought Quarter Final round.

Oxford was declared the "Best International Team", and Chaitanya was adjudged the "Best Oralist" in the competition.



DCU National Moot Court Competition 2020

The DCU National Moot Court Competition, hosted by Dublin City University, is the biggest university-level mooting competition in Irish law. Held virtually for the first time in 2020, it attracted entries from 40 teams from higher education institutions across Ireland and the UK.

This year's moot problem focused on the law surrounding the tort of medical negligence. Students prepared written submissions for both the claimant and defendant, and were expected to cite leading Irish authorities in the area, although could also draw upon cases from across the common law world.

The competition involved one pre-recorded round, followed by four knockout rounds judged by academics, practitioners, and other members of the legal profession.

Three Oxford teams progressed to the knockout rounds, consisting of: (1) Alvin Cheung (BCL, University), Olivia Railton (BA Law with Law Studies in Europe, Wadham), and Laura Harray (BA Jurisprudence, Brasenose); (2) Jennifer Tse (BCL, St Peter's), John Yap (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield), and Benedict Stanley (BA Jurisprudence, St John's); and (3) Ruth Coughlan (BCL, University), Christina Kartali (BA Jurisprudence, Jesus), and Arthur Wong (BA Jurisprudence, Lady Margaret Hall).

Ruth, Christina, and Arthur progressed through the knockout rounds to the Final to face off against a team from University College, Dublin. The Final was judged by Mr Justice MacMenamin of the Supreme Court of Ireland, Judge Stewart of the High Court and Tom Casey, a Partner at A&L Goodbody.

Top left to bottom right:

Christina Kartali, Arthur Wong, Ruth Coughlan

Oxford emerged victorious, with Ruth also awarded "Best Speaker" in the Final.



CEDR National Student Negotiation Competition 2021

The Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Student Negotiation Competition takes place annually, and is designed to examine and enhance participants' negotiation skills, teamwork and legal ethics. The competition is divided into a Regional Round and National Final.

In 2021 competition, Oxford was represented by two teams consisting of: (1) Yueyi Li (MSc Law and Finance, St Peter's) and Benedict Stanley (BA Jurisprudence, St John's); and (2) Sekela Ngamilo (BA Jurisprudence, Lincoln) and Charles Ng (BCL, New).

In the Regional Round, held on 27 February 2021, the teams took part in two negotiations. The problems concerned intellectual rights and public utilities, requiring the team to analyse the material before negotiations and flexibly respond to new information in the competition.

Yueyi and Benedict were ranked within the top twelve teams out of the 60 teams in the Regional Round, and qualified for the National Final. After the announcement of Finalists, the teams attended a training session held by the CEDR committee.

In the National Final, held on 27 March 2021, Benedict and Yueyi competed in three negotiations. One of the negotiations was a neighbourhood issue among four parties. The others were two-party negotiations, focusing on a mortgage contract and a potential labour contract.

Benedict and Yueyi placed first in the National Final, and qualified to represent the UK in the International Negotiation Competition, organised by the University of Singapore.

Left to right:

Yueyi Li, Benedict Stanley, Sekela Ngamilo, Charles Ng



University of Southampton Annual National Mooting Competition 2021

The University of Southampton Annual National Mooting Competition has taken place annually since 2011. The moot includes the National Heats, Semi Finals and Grand Final.

Oxford's two teams in 2021 consisted of: (1) [Olivia Railton](#) (BA Law with Law Studies in Europe, Wadham) and [Joe Pitaluga](#) (MPhil International Relations, New); and (2) [Caroline Green](#) (BA Jurisprudence, St Anne's) and [Iona Branford](#) (BCL, Lincoln).

This year's moot problem concerned a self-employed plasterer who was exposed to asbestos dust and developed mesothelioma. Crucially, the company that wrongfully exposed him had gone bankrupt, and so the plasterer was suing their insurer.

Left to right:

Olivia Railton, Joe Pitaluga



Olivia and Joe achieved the highest score in the National Heats on 28 March 2021 out of the 32 participating teams, and progressed to the next stage of the competition.

In the Semi Finals, held on 10 April 2021, Olivia and Joe initially represented the insurer, facing off against Royal Holloway, University of London. After sustaining significant and challenging interventions from the three judges, all of whom were practicing barristers, Olivia and Joe progressed to the Grand Final.

Olivia and Joe represented the plasterer in the Grand Final. Their submissions were tested by experienced practitioners, including Chamber President of the First-tier Tribunal, Judge Sutherland Williams.

Olivia and Joe were declared the winner of the Grand Final.



NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot 2021



The NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot is the flagship mooting event of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. It provides students from across the globe with a unique opportunity to gain a working understanding of arbitration through simulated proceedings.

The Fourteenth NLS Trilegal International Arbitration Moot took place virtually from 20th to 23rd May 2021. 50 teams from six countries submitted memoranda in hopes of being one of the 28 teams to make it through to the oral rounds.

Alfred Lewis (DPhil Law, Harris Manchester), Gloria Schiavo (BCL, St Hilda's), Mihir Rajamane (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), and Qasver Khan (BA Jurisprudence, Hertford) represented Oxford. On the strength of their submitted memoranda the team proceeded to the oral rounds.

Left to right:

Alfred Lewis, Mihir Rajamane, Gloria Schiavo, Qasver Khan

During the oral rounds, teams spent the weekend arbitrating a fictional cross-border commercial dispute over claims for business interruption under an insurance contract, which occurred as a result of the lockdown imposed in response to the global pandemic. They were also expected to make submissions on the composition and jurisdiction of the tribunal, by examining the law applicable to the arbitration agreement and its extension to a non-signatory party.

In the oral rounds, Oxford placed ninth, with three wins out of four rounds, and bowed out of the competition at this stage. Oxford won the award for the "Best Memorial - Respondent". Alfred won the award for "Best Speaker", with Mihir ranking as the second "Best Speaker".

University of Derby Westlaw Moot Competition 2021

The inaugural University of Derby Westlaw Moot took place in March 2021. The competition was split into a Contract Moot for first year undergraduates, and a Company Moot for second/third year undergraduates.

Oxford's three Contract Moot teams all progressed to the Semi Finals, beating teams from SOAS, Lancaster, Derby, and Reading. The problem concerned part-payment of debt and practical benefits.

The three Oxford teams that reached the Semi Finals consisted of: (1) Rivu Chowhury (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) and Jahnvi Bhatia (BA Jurisprudence with Senior Status, Harris Manchester); (2) Frantisek Jezek (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi), Angel Chun (BA Jurisprudence, Wadham), and Kristy Chan (BA Jurisprudence, Somerville); and (3) Felix Waldman (BA Jurisprudence with Senior Status, Harris Manchester) and Benjamin Freeborn (BA Jurisprudence, Somerville).

Felix and Benjamin won their Semi Final, and were narrowly beaten in the Grand Final.

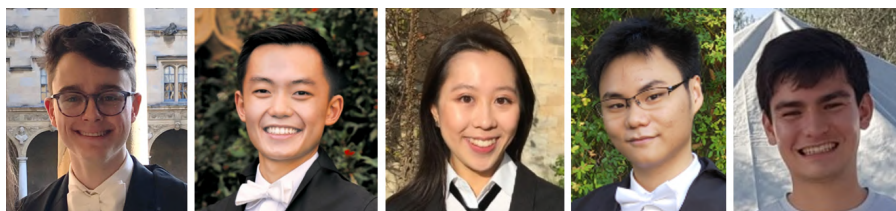
Four of Oxford's Company Moot teams progressed to the all-Oxford Semi Finals, beating teams from SOAS, Lancaster, Derby, and Swansea. The problem concerned piercing the corporate veil and constructive trusts.

The four Oxford teams that reached the Semi Finals consisted of: (1) Athena Kam (BA Jurisprudence, Pembroke) and Alexander Yean (BA Jurisprudence, Exeter); (2) Benedict Stanley (BA Jurisprudence, St John's) and John Yap (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield); (3) Sampada Venkatesh (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi) and Henry Fahrenkamp (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen); and (4) Belinda Larasati (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) and Marcin Pisanski (BA Jurisprudence, St Anne's).

Athena, Alexander, Benedict and John won their Semi Final rounds, and faced one another in the Grand Final. Benedict and John were the overall winners of the Company Moot.

Left to right:

Benedict Stanley, John Yap, Athena Kam, Alexander Yean, Benjamin Freeborn



PAX Moot Competition 2021

The PAX Moot Competition is a specialized competition focused on private international law, organised by a number of leading European universities.

The 2021 competition, which took place from 21 to 23 April 2021, saw over 20 teams compete in the oral rounds. They were judged by practitioners and academics from multiple jurisdictions.

In the 2021 competition, Oxford was represented by William Wong (BCL, Keble), Kacper Kryk (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi), Alvin Cheung (BCL, University) and Ernest Leung (BCL, St Catherine's).

Top left to bottom right:

Kacper Kryk, William Wong, Ernest Leung, Alvin Cheung

The 2021 competition was named after Arthur von Mehren, and involved questions relating to the recently-adopted 2019 Hague Judgements Convention which his work inspired. The moot problem was based on a highly topical fictional scenario concerning claims for injuries arising from a vaccine testing programme and for relief in respect of an infringement of a vaccine patent. The problem concerned a range of jurisdictional, choice of law, recognition, and enforcement issues.

Oxford succeeded in the preliminary rounds, and reached the Semi Finals of the competition. Alvin was also awarded the "Best Pleader Award" for his persuasive dissection of the jurisdiction and choice of law issues involved in the claim.



Herbert Smith Freehills KCL Competition Law Moot 2021

The Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot is run by the Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London, and is one of the world's most prestigious competition law moots. Entrants submit written memoranda, and the twelve teams that receive the highest marks progress to the oral rounds. In the oral rounds, teams are invited to moot before judging panels drawn from international competition law specialists.

In the 2021 competition, Oxford was represented by John Yap (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield), Kacper Kryk (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi), and Matthew Frey (BA Jurisprudence with Senior Status, Jesus). The team was supported by Thomas Reyntjens (DPhil Law, Brasenose).

Left to right:

Matthew Frey, Kacper Kryk, John Yap

This year's expansive moot problem was modelled on the ongoing European Commission investigation triggered by Spotify's complaint alleging a number of anti-competitive practices by Apple's App Store. The four referred questions concerned cutting-edge debates on the application of Article 102 TFEU to smartphone ecosystems, as well as the availability and design of national enforcement remedies.

39 teams from 14 different jurisdictions submitted written pleadings. Oxford was ranked first among all these teams, and consequently took home the award for "Best Written Pleadings". John and Kacper then competed against the 12 best teams in the oral rounds, held on 18 and 19 June 2021. In the oral rounds, Kacper was commended with an "Honourable Mention" for the high quality of his advocacy.



BPP National Speed Mooting Competition 2021

Founded in 2012, the BPP National Speed Mooting Competition is the largest single-day moot competition in the UK. The moot problem is based on a simple point of law, and submissions are limited to seven minutes per mooter. The six rounds operate on a knockout basis, with each competitor either progressing onto the next stage or leaving the competition. The court bundle is provided to competitors only shortly before the competition, designed to replicate the common occurrence in practice when a brief is received the day before trial.

The 2021 competition was divided into two strands: a competition for undergraduate students held on 1 May 2021 and a competition for postgraduate students held on 29 May 2021. Each competition involved 80 registered mooters from across the UK.

Over 20 Oxford undergraduate students and five Oxford postgraduate students participated in the 2021 competition.

In each round, mooters were required to argue a randomly assigned side of a criminal law moot problem. This year's moot problem concerned the ability to consent to GBH, in a case concerning a doctor carrying out a voluntary amputation of a cricketer's finger. Competitors were judged by a range of judges, some of whom had worked on the 1993 case of *R v Brown*, which offered mooters a rare insight into an issue of direct relevance to the moot problem.

Arthur Wong (BA Jurisprudence, Lady Margaret Hall) reached the Semi Finals and Heather Ramsey (BA Jurisprudence, St Hilda's) reached the Quarter Finals of the undergraduate competition.

Oxford's participation in the 2021 competition was made possible by a generous donation from Blackstone Chambers.

Left to right:

Arthur Wong, Heather Ramsey



UNSW Private Law Moot 2021

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Private Law Moot is the first and only private law Australian mooting competition. The seventh competition took place online from 22 to 24 May 2021, and saw 18 teams from seven different countries compete.

Oxford was represented by [Athena Kam](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Pembroke), [Caroline Green](#) (BA Jurisprudence, St Anne's), [Joseph Khaw](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Wadham), and [Sabrina Lethenyey](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Oriol). The team was coached by Harry Stratton (BCL 2019, Magdalen).

The moot problem this year spanned issues of tort, contract, and unjust enrichment, with specific questions including whether the tort of false imprisonment could be committed negligently, as well as the availability of claims of non-contractual quantum meruit.

Left to right:

Caroline Green, Athena Kam, Joseph Khaw, Sabrina Lethenyey

After preparing 20 pages of written submissions over two months, the Oxford team competed against the University of Tasmania, Jindal Global University, the University of New South Wales, and the National University of Singapore across two intense days of four 90-minute-long moots.

Oxford emerged as the runner-up for "Best Appellant Written Submissions" and "Best Respondent Written Submissions". Sabrina emerged as the runner-up for "Best Speaker - Preliminary Rounds".

Left to right:

Athena Kam, Caroline Green



Michael Corkery QC Criminal Law Moot Competition 2020-21

Ruth Flame (BA Jurisprudence, New), and Ceara Tonna-Barthet (BCL, St Hilda's) competed in the Michael Corkery QC Criminal Law Moot Competition 2020-21, organised by 5 Paper Buildings.



The moot problem concerned criminal damage, in particular whether Article 10 of the ECHR would provide the Appellant with a defence. The problem further questioned whether the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 were compatible with Article 10 ECHR.

Oxford was one of 32 teams that participated in the first round, held on 5 December 2020.

Left to right:

Ruth Flame, Ceara Tonna-Barthet

Children's Rights Moot Court Competition 2021

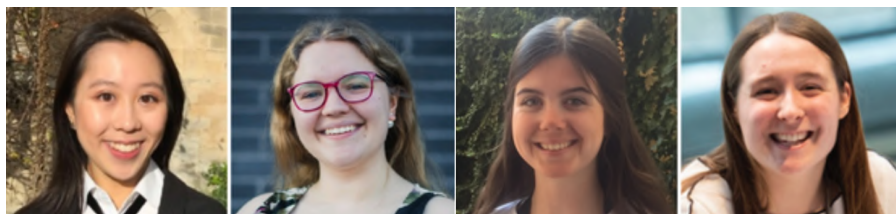
Elizabeth Tuck (MSc Comparative Social Policy, Linacre), Katie Bacon (BA Jurisprudence, Balliol), Lucy McCaughan (BA Jurisprudence, New), and Athena Kam (BA Jurisprudence, Pembroke) competed in the Children's Rights Moot Court Competition 2021, organised by the University of Leiden.

Left to right:

Athena Kam, Elizabeth Tuck, Lucy McCaughan, Katie Bacon

The team prepared two 10,000-word memorials on a problem concerning the obligations of a fictional state to repatriate and provide relief. It raised questions of public international law, including the meaning of the best interest of a child under Article 3 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Oxford was selected to compete in the oral rounds, held online from 7 to 16 June 2021.



FTB Kingsland Cup and Prize Moot 2020-21

The FTB (Francis Taylor Building) Kingsland Cup and Prize Moot is a prestigious mooting competition, held annually since 2011, covering public, environmental, and planning law. Teams prepare skeleton arguments, drafting submissions both in favour of the Applicant and the Respondent, with four teams then selected to progress to the oral Semi Finals. The winners then progress to the Grand Final, where they are tasked with tackling a new moot problem.

The 2020-21 iteration of the moot received the highest number of entries in the history of the competition. A team from Oxford, consisting of Daniil Ukhorskiy (BCL, Jesus) and Amy Gregg (DPhil Law, Exeter), was one of four teams nationwide selected to progress to the oral rounds and compete in the Semi Finals.

Daniil and Amy were selected on the strength of their skeleton arguments, tackling a planning problem addressing the circumstances under which use can be abandoned, and whether a Lawful Development Certificate can be granted for "nil use".

Daniil and Amy took part in their Semi Final round online on 14 April 2021, competing against a team from City Law School in front of Mr Justice Lane. After challenging judicial interventions, Daniil and Amy were declared the winner.

Amy and Daniil competed in the Grand Final of the competition on 30 September 2021, which was held in-person in Lincoln's Inn. The moot problem considered the protection of political speech, and whether "consistency" exists as a freestanding ground of review, in a scenario loosely modelled on the notorious meeting of Jackie Weaver and the Handforth Parish Council.

The Grand Final was judged by Sir Keith Lindblom, Senior President of Tribunals, and Professor Alison Young, Sir David Williams Professor of Public Law at the University of Cambridge.

Following a tightly fought round against a team from City Law School, consisting of Oxford alumni Lois Lane (BA History, Magdalen, 2013) and Tom Lambert (BA Classics, St Benet's Hall, 2016), Amy and Daniil were awarded second place.

Left to right:

Sir Keith Lindblom, Amy Gregg, Daniil Ukhorskiy, Lois Lane, Tom Lambert, Professor Alison Young



Nuremberg Moot Court 2021

The Nuremberg Moot Court is an international moot competition focussed on international criminal law. Teams from universities across the world argue a fictitious case before a simulated International Criminal Court in a multi-stage competition.

In 2021, Oxford were represented by Daniil Ukhorskiy (BCL, Jesus), Madeleine Lusted (BCL, St Cross), William Wong (BCL, Keble), Aleksandra Ruzikowska (BA Jurisprudence, University), and Angel Chun (BA Jurisprudence, Wadham). Their coach was Amy Gregg (DPhil Law, Exeter).

This year's problem concerned the issues of enslavement as a crime against humanity and command responsibility, in a fictitious public international law case. Participants addressed these issues with reference to the Rome Statute of the ICC and case law.

Left to right:

Daniil Ukhorskiy, Madeleine Lusted, William Wong, Aleksandra Ruzikowska, Angel Chun

After preparing two 9000-word written memoranda, representing both the prosecution and the defence, Oxford were one of three teams selected to represent the UK in the competition. They joined 50 teams from universities across the world to make submissions in the Preliminary Oral Rounds.

Oxford competed in two Preliminary Oral Rounds on 6 July and 19 July 2021, and achieved the third highest score out of all participating teams. Oxford then advanced to the Last Sixteen Round. The team bowed out of the competition at this stage, following a closely fought moot held on 27 July 2021.

Unfortunately, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic meant that the team made their submissions virtually, instead of pleading in the usual competition venue: the historic Courtroom 600 in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg Trials against major Nazi war criminals took place. Nonetheless, the team gained valuable experience by conducting extensive research and developing their advocacy skills.



Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2021

Established in 1992, the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition simulates the experience of pleading a case before the International Court of Justice in the Hague and is organised by the International Institute of Space Law. The competition includes five Regional Rounds, followed by an International Final.

The team representing Oxford in 2021 consisted of Ayban Elliot-Renhard (MPhil Law, St Anthony's) and David Horvath-Franco (BCL, Linacre). The team was coached by Gayathree Kalliyat Thazhathuveetil (DPhil Law, Brasenose) and Christos Kypraios (Research Manager, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights).

The problem case concerned an orbital collision between satellites of the fictitious states of Asteria and Proclivia. The claims and counter-claims, based on the Outer Space Treaty 1967, the Liability Convention 1972, the Antarctic Treaty 1959, and customary international law, were for failure to authorise and supervise private space activities, failure to cooperate and exchange information, liability for damage to the satellites, and impeding the exercise of the freedom of scientific investigation.

Oxford's team competed in the European Rounds between 31 May and 4 June 2021, for which they prepared written memorials and delivered oral pleadings as both the Applicant and the Respondent.

The Oxford team placed seventh in Europe in the European Rounds.

Left to Right:

Ayban Elliott-Renhard, David Horvath-Franco





LEGAL RESEARCH AND MOOTING SKILLS PROGRAMME

Introduction to the Programme

The Legal Research and Mooting Skills Programme (LRMSP) is a compulsory course to develop legal research skills and provide an introduction into mooting for all first year undergraduate law students. The programme is run by the Bodleian Law Library staff – Kate Matthews and Nicola Patrick – with reporting and oversight by the Law Faculty.

The LRMSP has been running for over 12 years. Previously, the main focus of the programme was legal research, but in 2009 the course was redesigned to include a moot, to provide students with an opportunity to develop their advocacy. Each year around 220 students moot in the programme, and the last 10 years have seen approximately 2200 students complete the LRMSP moot.

The course is split up into two units.

First Unit

The first unit takes place in 1st Week of Michaelmas Term in the students' first year. It focusses on the very basic skills needed for students to be able to find legal materials quickly and become confident in retrieving cases, legislation, articles, and chapters from the various legal databases. The first unit involves some preparation work by the students and is then followed by a tutorial to check understanding and enable the students to ask questions.

Second Unit

The second unit takes place in Trinity Term in the students' first year. It concentrates on more advanced legal research skills and culminates in a compulsory moot that all first year students complete.

Students attend an advocacy workshop and legal research skills class. Within the class the students learn how to build a research plan, effectively search databases, and evaluate the information they have found. On completing this class, and in advance of the moot, the students prepare a skeleton argument.

The purpose of the second unit is firstly to allow students to develop their ability to locate and evaluate information relevant to their moot. This takes them away from their reading list and towards the sort of "cold start" research that would be expected of them within a law firm. The second purpose is to enable students to develop the skills involved in mooting, in a less pressured environment than a formal competitive moot.

Impact of COVID-19

As a result of the pandemic, research classes and moots have been held online for the last two years. Whilst the opportunity to explore new technology has been useful and some of the changes will be retained, the intention is to keep the moots in person when possible.

Content of the Moots

Moot Topics

The moot problems are within the broad topics of contract or tort, agreed in conjunction with College tutors. Commonly, the topic selected will be one the students are studying that term. The problems themselves are on questions of law that build upon the curriculum, and so involve the student doing independent research on top of their work for tutorials and essays.



Format of the Moots

The moots themselves are not structured like a normal competition. As all 200+ students need to moot, students each do just one moot with the goal of passing the course. The students do not have to "win" the moot to pass, but do need to demonstrate a reasonable standard in their research skills.

Students are all assessed individually and do not choose their moot partners. However, they are usually paired with someone from their own College. Each College has the same moot question and each pair will face someone from a different College.

Moots are set in the Supreme Court, but take place in front of one judge, to make the experience less daunting for those who have not mooted before. Each mooter has ten minutes for oral submissions, with skeleton arguments submitted the week before.

Each year there are an average of 57 moot courts. Moots are usually run over the course of three days in 7th of Trinity Term in the Law Faculty building (this year, online), with three courts running simultaneously.

The moot judges are generally Oxford postgraduate law students. They often have competitive mooting experience, have judged other formal moots, and have experience teaching undergraduates.



FURTHER MOOTS IN OXFORD

Introduction

Several student societies also offer students the opportunity to hone their advocacy skills through mooting competitions, mock trials, and advocacy workshops. These events further demonstrate the high demand for mooting among the student body, and the volume and diversity of opportunities available to both law and non-law students at Oxford.



Oxford Bar Society Mock Trials 2021

The inaugural Oxford Bar Society Mock Trial was held in Hilary 2021, and has developed into a termly event. It was designed to offer an experience of trial advocacy, including opening and closing submissions, examination-in-chief, and cross-examination.

In 2021, participants took part in teams of three, and were judged predominantly by law postgraduate students. As a mock trial aimed at skill development, judges did not select winners, but offered feedback and tips for improvement.

Oxford Bar Society Non-Law Moots 2020-21

To encourage students from other disciplines to take part in advocacy, the Oxford Bar Society runs a termly non-law Moot competition. In 2020-21, approximately 20 individuals participated each term.

Each team includes a non-law student, who is paired up with a law student who is an experienced mooter. Teams prepare a skeleton argument and give speeches in front of a judge, usually a postgraduate law student.

In each moot "courtroom", two teams mooted against one another. Moots covered a range of legal topics: the most recent moot problem concerned issues of bodily harm in the context of COVID-19, and included passages from a fictional cross-examination.

While judges did announce a winning team in each courtroom, they focussed primarily on giving feedback to help non-law students improve their mooting abilities.

Oxford Women* in Law Student Society 4 New Square Human Rights Moot 2021

The Oxford Women* in Law Student Society (OWLSS) was founded in 2019, to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of women in the UK entering the legal profession. The objective of OWLSS is to promote gender equality and diversity in the legal sector.

On 5 March 2021, OWLSS hosted its inaugural Human Rights Moot in partnership with 4 New Square Chambers. The moot was open to students of all years and abilities, to encourage novices and less confident mooters to participate.

16 students prepared written submissions, before appearing in front of barrister Jonathan Worboys of 4 New Square. Participants competed in teams of two, with a total of four court hearings held.

Left to right:

Taherah Rahman, Gill Berlad, Rhea Chopra, Caroline Green

The moot problem concerned the application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, focusing particularly on Article 9 and Article 14. The problem revolved around human rights activists who were campaigning to reveal systematic violations of women's rights in Ruritania. When leaving Ruritania and returning to their home country, Maldavia, their ability to challenge their detention and see a lawyer was restricted. The problem invited students to grapple with an unfamiliar area of law, and participants produced creative and insightful submissions.

In each of the four court hearings, the judge selected a star mooter based on advocacy, research and delivery. The four mooters selected were Taherah Rahman (BA Jurisprudence, Corpus Christi), Gill Berlad (BA Jurisprudence, Somerville), Caroline Green (BA Jurisprudence, St Anne's) and Rhea Chopra (BA Jurisprudence, Lady Margaret Hall).



Gibson Dunn–OSCOLA Commercial Law Moot 2020–21

The Gibson Dunn–OSCOLA Commercial Law Moot is a biannual mooting competition organised by the Oxford Society for Commercial Law (OSCOLA) and sponsored by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

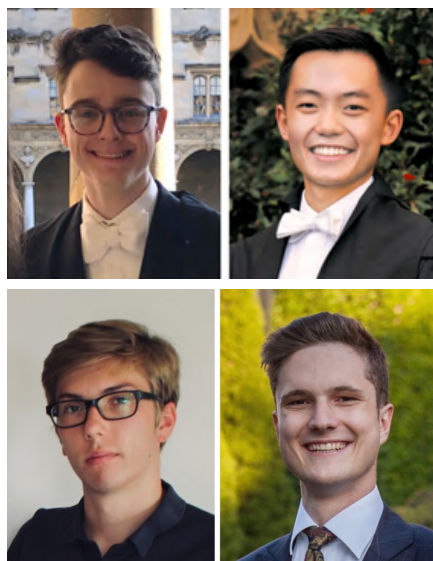
The competition focuses on issues of commercial law and competitors have the opportunity to moot in front of eminent judges from Gibson Dunn.

The inaugural competition was held in Michaelmas Term 2020. The moot problem explored the commercial issues of implied terms of good faith in contracts and contractual construction more generally. The Final was judged by The Rt Hon. Lord Falconer of Thornton QC (former Lord Chancellor and current Shadow Attorney General) and Penny Madden QC (Co-Partner-in-Charge of the London office at Gibson Dunn).

After a closely fought contest, [John Yap](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Mansfield) and [Benedict Stanley](#) (BA Jurisprudence, St John's) emerged victorious. John was commended as the best advocate.

The second competition was held in Trinity Term 2021. The moot problem explored issues surrounding knowing receipt and unjust enrichment. The Final was judged by Penny Madden QC and Moeiz Farhan (barrister at 36 Stone Chambers and former associate at Gibson Dunn).

After a narrowly contested Final, [Kacper Kryk](#) (BA Law with Law Studies in Europe, Corpus Christi) and [Henry Fahrenkamp](#) (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) emerged as the overall victors. Henry was commended as the best advocate.



Top left to right:

Benedict Stanley, John Yap

Bottom left to right:

Henry Fahrenkamp, Kacper Kryk

Oxford Bar Society Environmental Law Moot 2021

On 19 June 2021, 16 students participated in the inaugural Oxford Bar Society Environmental Law Moot, held in collaboration with Oxford Climate Society.

The moot centred around a fictional College – “St Francis’ College” – seeking legal advice about divesting from environmentally unfriendly assets in their pension fund. The moot problem contained relevant extracts of the governing pension trust, allowing students to engage in textual analysis as well as with the general legal issues at play.

The situation was topically relevant to Oxford students, as it reflected the problems facing many Colleges and their own respective pension trusts.

To ensure a welcoming transition for those non-law students competing, the judges (Oxford undergraduate law students) gave only feedback and did not select winners. However, they were impressed by the complex, creative legal arguments made on a legal topic that most mooters had never previously engaged with.

Oxford Women’s Mooting Society Virtual Moots 2020–21

The Oxford Women’s Mooting Society was set up in 2020 by Oxford graduate Rebecca Brimble. It aims to enable women to develop advocacy skills in a relaxed environment, while also overcoming the difficulties posed by the pandemic. The Society has over 30 members, including current students and alumni.

The Society hosted up to two moots each term in 2020–21, with problems covering tort, contract, public, and criminal law. The competitions were judged by practising barristers, graduates, and fellow students.

Participants competed in teams comprised of a senior (experienced mooter) and a junior (novice). In each competition, the judge announced a winner and provided detailed feedback for each participant, in order to build confidence and develop advocacy skills.

The Society also hosted several mooting workshops in 2020–21, delivered by experienced students and graduates. In particular, the workshops focussed on developing knowledge of mooting rules and techniques in novice mooters.

BPP Advocate of the Year 2020-21

BPP’s Advocate of the Year is an annual national mock trial competition open to undergraduate students of any discipline. The competition involves real-life cases and witnesses, replicating work at the junior bar, and the Grand Final is ordinarily held at the Old Bailey. Oxford’s participation in 2020-21 was coordinated by the Oxford Bar Society.

Athena Kam (BA Jurisprudence, Pembroke) and Ruth Flame (BA Jurisprudence, New) represented Oxford. They competed as a team in the Regional Round, and individually in the Grand Final.

Having won the Midlands & South West Regional Round on 12 December 2020, Athena and Ruth were two of sixteen individuals who competed in the Grand Final on 20 March 2021.

For the Grand Final, Athena and Ruth prepared for two trials over the course of a day. They undertook a civil trial relating to a breach of contract, and a criminal trial relating to a charge under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. They worked through complex evidence, conducted Examination-in-Chiefs and made Closing Speeches.

Ruth was named as the overall winner of the competition, triumphing over other finalists from Cambridge and Durham.

Bottom row, left to right:
Athena Kam, Ruth Flame



Oxford Bar Society Keating Chambers International Arbitration Moot 2021

The inaugural Oxford University Bar Society International Arbitration Moot was held in partnership with Keating Chambers in Trinity 2021. Over 35 students prepared written submissions, with the top 16 selected to compete in the oral rounds. The oral rounds took place from 22 May to 12 June 2021 and were judged by members of Keating Chambers.

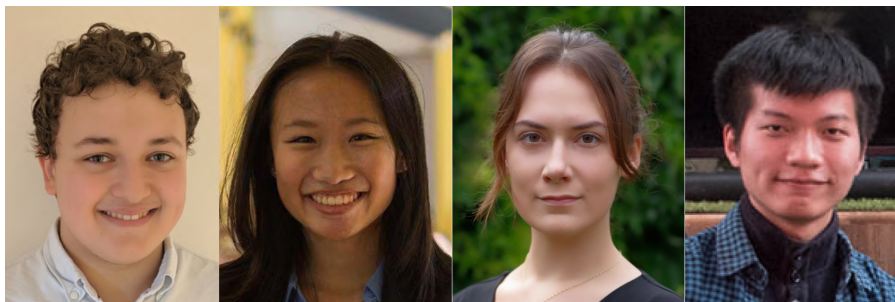
The first two oral rounds were based on an issue of jurisdiction, arising from an alleged non-payment of a contract for the design and construction of an Olympic stadium between a Russian company and a Japanese company. Mooters worked through a bundle, containing contractual provisions, supplemental agreements, and a request for arbitration made to the International Court of Arbitration. The first two rounds were judged by Krista Lee QC and Justin Mort QC of Keating Chambers.

The problem for the Final concerned a contract for the interior decoration of the fictional "Burj Keating", the tallest building in the world, where there had been significant delays and poor performance. Mooters made submissions on compliance with the contractual arbitration agreement and the independence of the arbitrator. The final was judged by Jennie Wild and Tom Coulson of Keating Chambers.

Yun Kei Chow (BA Jurisprudence, Christ Church), Yi (Raphael) Lau (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen), Weronika Galka (BA Jurisprudence, St Peter's) and Oliver Clement (BA Jurisprudence, Magdalen) competed in the Final. After all competitors made high-quality submissions, Weronika emerged as the overall winner.

Left to right:

Oliver Clement, Yun Kei Chow, Weronika Galka, Yi (Raphael) Lau



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