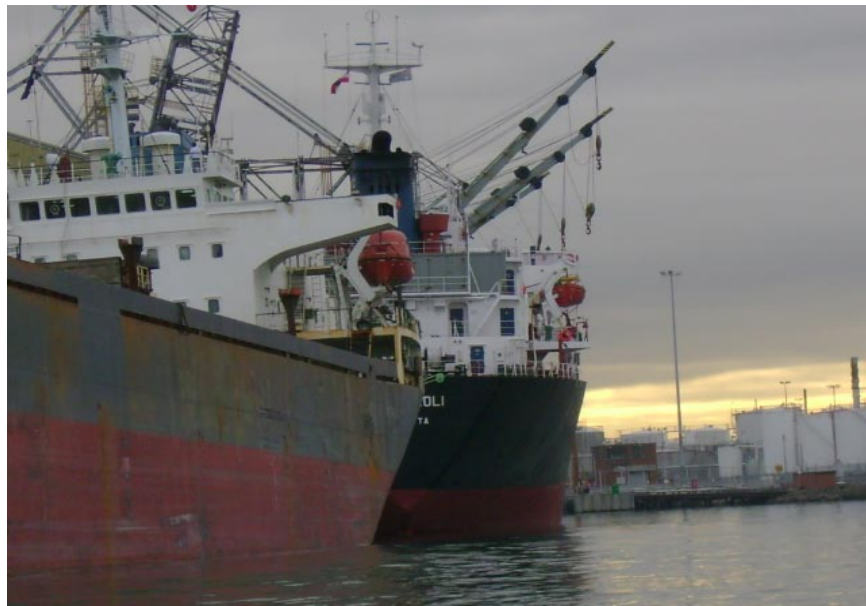




The International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition (IMLAM) 2014



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Introduction

The prestigious International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition [IMLAM] was established in 2000 by the University of Queensland. The IMLAM is a competition for law students, either undergraduate or postgraduate. Students from all countries are eligible. In 2006, Murdoch University School of Law took over the organisation of this moot.

The moot problem typically involves a commercial shipping dispute, which is to be determined by an arbitral panel according to the LMAA Terms or other equivalent rules. The problem is designed to incorporate difficult but 'real world' issues of substantive maritime law in an arbitration context.

The Problem is distributed in early December, and registrations close in mid-January. Each team prepares comprehensive memoranda in support of the Claimant and the Respondent in the dispute, due for submission in April. The oral arguments typically take place, depending on the host University for the year, in the last week of June or first week of July. In the general rounds each team argues twice for each side. The top scoring 8 teams proceed to a knockout final series culminating in the grand final.

The following institutions have hosted the competition since 2006:

2006 - Murdoch University
2007 - Victoria University Melbourne
2008 - Murdoch University
2009 - The University of Queensland
2010 - University of Technology Sydney
2011 - National University of Singapore
2012 – Queensland University of Technology
2013 – University of Southampton

The IMLAM Moot has been extremely well supported by the judiciary, the legal profession and maritime lawyers in Australia and Asia since its inception. In particular, the Federal and Supreme Courts in Australia have donated the use of their courtrooms for the grand final, as have Maxwell Chambers, Singapore. The past Grand final panels have included eminent jurists such as:

The Honourable Lord Phillips, former President of the Supreme Court of England;

His Honour Robert French Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia (then a Federal Court judge);

His Honour Justice James Allsop on multiple occasions (former President of the NSW Court of Appeal and now Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia);

Her Honour Justice Judith Prakash, Supreme Court of Singapore;

His Honour Justice Steven Rares, Federal Court of Australia;

His Honour Justice Andrew Greenwood, Federal Court of Australia.

Also part of the grand final panel are members of the profession and distinguished maritime arbitrators. David Martin-Clark of Stone Chambers has been a regular and respected member of the grand final panels, travelling from London to take part every year bar one during the 13 year history of the moot.

The 2013 competition, hosted by the University of Southampton, was the first time the competition had been hosted outside the Australia & Asia-Pacific region. It was extremely successful, with a record 24 teams taking place including 5 new teams from Europe.

It is pleasing that the 2013 IMLAM competition, hosted in the country at the world centre for maritime law and arbitration, was so well received. In particular UK law firms, chambers and arbitrators all threw their support behind the competition. Many travelled to Southampton to act as arbitrators. Several firms gave financial support. Clyde & Co were kind enough to host the award function at the conclusion of the moot at their London premises.

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot 2014

The fourteenth annual International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot is hosted in 2014 by a long time participant in the moot, the University of Hong Kong. The oral rounds will take place from July 4-8 2014.

It is hoped that the excellent venue of Hong Kong will attract another bumper field of participants, particularly from that region. Further, we hope to receive the same support from the shipping industry, maritime law profession and arbitrators of Hong Kong and beyond in order to assist us in making the competition a memorable one.

Recent Supporters of the Moot

Past and present Sponsors and Major Supporters of the Competition since 2006 include:

- Arbitration Chambers, Singapore
- The Australian Maritime & Transport Arbitration Commission (AMTAC)
- Blake Dawson
- Clyde & Co
- Cocks Macnish
- Sarah & Roger Derrington
- DLA Piper
- Ebsworth & Ebsworth
- The Federal Court of Australia (*Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane Registries*)
- FOSFA
- Holman Fenwick Willan
- Informa Publishing & Informa by Routledge
- Maersk Line
- The Maritime Law Association of Australia & New Zealand (MLAANZ)
- Mr David Martin-Clark
- Maxwell Chambers, Singapore
- K&L Gates (formerly Middletons)
- Minter Ellison Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Mr Jaya Prakash
- Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau
- TT Club
- Thynne & Macartney
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, London



Right: The IMLAM 2011 opening ceremony at the National University of Singapore

Moot Finalists since 2010

Fourteenth Annual IMLAM – hosted by University Southampton, 2013

Over 110 mooters and coaches across 24 teams participated in the 14th Moot.

Finalists:

University of Queensland (winner)
National University, Singapore (runner up)
Singapore Management University
City University of Hong Kong
Universitas Gadjah Mada
Murdoch University
University of Hong Kong
University of Antwerp

Grand Final Panel:

Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, KG
Former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
Professor Charles Debattista, Barrister, Stone Chambers
Ms Jane Andrewartha, Partner, Clyde & Co Lawyers, London

Thirteenth Annual IMLAM – hosted by Queensland University of Technology, 2012

Over 83 mooters across 17 teams participated in the 13th Moot.

Finalists:

University of Queensland (Winner)
Queensland University of Technology (Runner-Up)
University of Southampton
City University of Hong Kong
National University Singapore
Murdoch University
Victoria University
Universitas Indonesia

Grand Final Panel:

The Hon. Justice Andrew Greenwood, Federal Court of Australia
Mr David Martin-Clark, LMAA Arbitrator
Mr David Thomas, Partner, Minter Ellison

Twelfth Annual IMLAM – hosted by National University of Singapore, 2011

Over 90 mooters and coaches from 23 teams participated in the 12th Moot.

Finalists:

Murdoch University (Winner)
The University of Southampton (Runner-Up)
The University of Queensland
National Law School of India University, Bangalore
Queensland University of Technology
The University of Hong Kong
National University of Singapore
City University of Hong Kong

Grand Final Panel:

The Hon. Justice Judith Prakash, Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore
Mr Lawrence Boo, Head of The Arbitration Chambers Singapore
Mr Michael Pryles, Chairman, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

Eleventh Annual IMLAM – hosted by University of Technology Sydney, 2010

Over 100 mooters and coaches from 21 teams participated in the 11th Moot.

Finalists:

National University of Singapore (Winner)
Murdoch University (Runner Up)
City University of Hong Kong
The University of Notre Dame Australia
Queensland University of Technology
University of Technology Sydney
The University of Queensland
Universitas Indonesia

The Grand Final Panel:

The Hon Justice James Allsop, President of the NSW Court of Appeal
The Hon Justice Steven Rares, Federal Court of Australia
Mr David Thomas, Partner, Minter Ellison Lawyers



The 2010 IMLAM Grand Final, Federal Court of Australia's NSW Registry

For more information about the IMLAM moot, please go to:

<http://www.murdoch.edu.au/School-of-Law/Mooting/International-Maritime-Law-Arbitration-Moot/>

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