The Maritime Law Association of Singapore Presents

The 6th MLAS Maritime Mooting Competition

General Rounds

17 January 2024

Venue Allen & Gledhill LLP

Date

One Marina Boulevard #30-00

Quarter & Semi-Finals

19 January 2024

Allen & Gledhill LLP

One Marina Boulevard #30-00

Finals

25 January 2024

NUS Moot Court

469G Bukit Timah Road





About the Competition

The Maritime Law Association of Singapore ("MLAS") was established in 1991. The MLAS is an association that aims to promote the study and advancement of maritime law and its administration in Singapore. It is a member of the Committee Maritime International (CMI), a non-governmental international organisation devoted to the unification of maritime law across different jurisdictions. The main objective of this maritime mooting competition is to encourage law students, as well as those who are about to embark on a career in law, to study maritime law and/or to embark on a career as a maritime lawyer.

The Prize

The Champion will win a 2-week internship with 7KBW London, a leading commercial set. The prize includes a return air ticket with 2-weeks accommodation in London, and a cash prize of S\$2,500. The timing of the internship is to be agreed between the Champion and 7KBW.

The First Runner Up will receive a cash prize of S\$1,500.

There will be 2 Second Runners Up, each of whom will receive a cash prize of S\$500.

Judges

This year's Finals will be presided by a distinguished panel of judges:

- Mr Stephen Kenny KC (Chair), 7KBW (Barristers, UK)
- Ms Vivian Ang Hui Ming, Allen & Gledhill LLP (Partner, Singapore)
- Mr Prem Kumar Gurbani, Gurbani & Co LLC (Consultant, Singapore)

All earlier rounds will be judged by maritime practitioners.

Eligibility

The Competition is open to:

- a) All full-time students enrolled in the LLB or LLM or Phd programme at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law excluding any person who has been admitted to practice law in Singapore or any other jurisdiction;
- b) All full-time students enrolled in the LLB or JD programme at the Singapore Management University School of Law excluding any person who has been admitted to practice law in Singapore or any other jurisdiction;
- c) Any person who is undergoing relevant legal training under the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules, excluding any person who has been admitted to practice law in any other jurisdiction; and
- d) Any Qualified Person, as defined by the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161), who is
 - i. attending the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations; or
 - ii. serving his/her practice training period under a practice training contract, excluding any person who has been admitted to practice law in any other jurisdiction.
- e) Any Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore who has been admitted to the Singapore Bar no earlier than August 2022 ("Newly Qualified Lawyer")



Registration

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All participants are required to register for the Competition by completing the online <u>Registration Form</u>. An accompanying registration deposit fee of S\$50.00 is required with the submission of the Registration Form, which fee shall be returned to all participants, in full, after the Competition. The registration deposit fee will be forfeited in the event of an applicant's failure to participate at the competition.

If a participant is for any reason unable to intern with 7KBW, he or she is required to notify the MLAS and the cash prize may be forfeited at the sole discretion of the MLAS.

The closing date for registration is 5 January 2024.

The 5th Mooting Competition Champion on his MLAS Maritime Mooting experience:



Chua Rui Yuan with Michael Ryan taken at 7KBW

"The MLAS Maritime Mooting Competition was an enriching experience, for which I am grateful to the organisers and sponsors for. Although the prospect of engaging with a specialist area of law before panels constituted by subject-matter experts was certainly intimidating, I was met at each stage by a community who were not only learned and passionate about the law, but graciously willing to share their wealth of experience and advice.

I am also grateful to 7KBW for sponsoring my attachment at Chambers. The opportunity to meet various members of chambers and to watch them in action was a thoroughly eye-opening one. In this regard, I am especially thankful for the extra effort that was taken by Chambers to ensure variety in the advocacy to which I was exposed to, which included an appeal before the Court of Appeal, multiple hearings before the Commercial Court, and a commercial arbitration. Anyone interested in exploring and developing their interest and skill in advocacy would benefit from such an immersion in advocacy.

The Competition is nothing less than an excellent learning experience, and that fact alone means that, even speaking as someone who had no prior knowledge or experience in shipping or maritime law, it is one that I would commend to all who are eligible."

Chua Rui Yuan





