

16th International Rounds

Price Media
Law **Mo**nt Court
Competition

2022-2023

Welcome

to the 16th edition of the Price Media Moot

Sincere congratulations to all of you who have qualified for the final international rounds of the Price Media Moot, which will once again take place online this year. We are sorry not to be welcoming you to Oxford but I want to emphasise what a great achievement it is to have reached the final rounds. May the competition be both fierce and fun, and may it deepen our understanding of the importance of freedom of speech and the media in these difficult times.



2022/2023 has been another very difficult year for some of our mooting community, particularly those in Ukraine because of the ongoing invasion of their country. For many years, the North-Eastern Europe rounds of the Moot were hosted in Kyiv, which has not been possible in 2022 and 2023. I would like again to express our solidarity with Ukrainian colleagues, students, and their loved ones, who have been severely affected by the invasion, repeat the Price Media Moot's commitment to the system of international law and human rights, and hope that peace will soon return to Ukraine.

I would also like to record my sincere thanks and admiration to all who made the Price Media Moot happen this year. Some of our regional rounds and our final round have again been online this

year, and some in person, all made possible by the wonderful regional teams in Budapest (Central Eastern Europe), Beijing (Asia Pacific), Cairo (the Middle East), Delhi (South Asia), Johannesburg (Africa), New York (the Americas) and Paris (Northern Europe) and by the stellar team in Oxford (well at least virtually!) who organised the final rounds. We are also grateful to the members of our Advisory Council who continued to provide us with wise counsel throughout the year.

We know that the Moot could not happen without the dedication of our wonderful organising teams in all the regions and in Oxford, the commitment of all of you who entered, as well as the hard work and guidance of your coaches, and of course the support of all the volunteer judges who give of their scarce time to participate in the Moot.

The Price Media Moot is, at the end of the day, about teamwork and that teamwork is evident in the participating teams, as well as in the organising teams, many of whom are Price Media Moot alumni. Thank you all.

The continued level of commitment and dedication shown by competitors, coaches, judges, and the organisational team illustrates that the Price Media Law Moot Court Programme is more than a moot court. It is a global community. The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford is very proud to be the home of this wonderful mooting community, even if for the last few years that has been a virtual home. We hope that you have been able to attend some of the online events that we hosted at the Bonavero to enrich your experience as mooters this year,

including the Eric Barendt Memorial Lecture which will be delivered this year by the former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Robert Spano.

We thank you for the spirit of co-operation and commitment that you have shown in this the 16th year of the Price Media Moot. We wish you well as you compete in the final rounds. Until next year, when we hope the Moot might take place in Oxford, stay safe and well.

Professor Kate O'Regan,
Bonavero Institute of Human Rights,
University of Oxford

Meet the team

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Kamille Adair Morgan

Kamille is an attorney-at-law and legal consultant in Jamaica. She completed her DPhil in International Law at Hertford College, University of Oxford, in 2021. She describes herself as a moot court enthusiast, having participated in various moots as a competitor, judge, coach, and organiser. Kamille provides technical support for the Price Moot Court Regional Rounds and co-ordinates the International Rounds in Oxford.



Nevena Krivokapic Martinovic

Nevena, Attorney-at-Law, is the Moot Court Co-ordinator of the Price Moot Court Competition. She was a member of the University of Belgrade's winning team of the Price Moot in 2011. In addition, she holds the position of Co-ordinator for Online Media and Freedom of Expression in the Digital Environment at SHARE foundation, Serbia. Her activities are mostly focused on the regulation of online media and free speech in digital environment.



Sarah Norman

Sarah has been on the Price Moot Court Team since 2016 and is also the Programmes Administrator for the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. She has been involved in education for nearly 30 years, first as a history teacher and Head of Department, and then as an Assistant Principal Examiner on public examinations. She has also worked in digital resources for schools and higher education institutions. Based in Oxford, she works with the team on the organisation of the International Rounds, as well as providing support for the Regional Rounds.



Sanya Samtani

Sanya has been part of the Price Moot Court Team since 2018. She completed her DPhil in intellectual property and human rights law at Magdalen College, University of Oxford, funded by the Rhodes Scholarships in 2021. She is currently a Senior Researcher at the Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Sanya has participated, judged, coached, and organised several international law moots over the years. In addition to the international rounds of the Price Moot, Sanya coordinates the African regional rounds of the Moot.



Juliana Mota

Juliana is a DPhil candidate in Law at the University of Oxford. Her research focuses on the adjudication of the rights to privacy in Europe. Juliana is a great moot enthusiast, having argued, coached, and judged many moots over the years. She is currently the research assistant for the Price Moot. Additionally, she also acts as a judge for the Nelson Mandela World Moot, organized by the University of Pretoria.

Meet the final bench

Kate O'Regan

Kate is the inaugural Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and a former judge of the South African Constitutional Court (1994 – 2009). In the mid-1980s, she practiced as a lawyer in Johannesburg in a variety of fields, but especially labour law and land law, representing many of the emerging trade unions and their members, as well as communities threatened with eviction under apartheid land laws. In 1990, she joined the Faculty of Law at UCT, where she taught a range of courses including race, gender and the law, labour law, civil procedure and evidence.

Since her fifteen-year term at the South African Constitutional Court ended in 2009, she has amongst other things served as an ad hoc judge of the Supreme Court of Namibia (from 2010 – 2016), Chairperson of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry into allegations of police inefficiency and a breakdown in trust between the police and the community of Khayelitsha (2012 – 2014), and as a member of the boards or advisory bodies of many NGOs working in the fields of democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and equality.



Nani Jansen

Nani Jansen Reventlow is an internationally recognised human rights lawyer specialised in strategic litigation at the intersection of human rights, social justice, and technology. She is the founder of Systemic Justice, a new organisation that seeks to radically transform how the law works for communities fighting for racial, social, and economic justice. Previously, Nani founded and built the Digital Freedom Fund, which supports partners in Europe to advance digital rights through strategic litigation. There, she initiated a decolonising process for the digital rights field. She is also the initiator of the Catalysts for Collaboration project, which offers best practices and case studies encouraging activists to collaborate across disciplinary silos and use strategic litigation in digital rights campaigns.

Nani is Adjunct Professor at Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government and an Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. She has been an advisor to Harvard's Cyberlaw Clinic and an Associate Tenant at Doughty Street Chambers since 2016.



Mark Stephens

Mark Stephens specialises in international, appellate and complex human rights and media litigation, Mark Stephens has undertaken some of the highest profile cases in the country and abroad.

Mark is a solicitor with an expertise in constitutional, human rights, media & regulatory work, defamation, privacy, data protection and freedom of information.

Mark has been a Judge on the Price Media Moot since it began and has travelled the globe judging regional rounds. He also sits on the Advisory Board of Oxford University's Programme in Comparative Media Law & Social Policy, at Wolfson College and is Chairman of Internews.

Mark was made a CBE for his work in relation to law & human rights.

Meet the Semi Final judges



Freya Baetens

Freya is Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, Head of Programmes at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, and Fellow at Mansfield College. She is also affiliated with the PluriCourts Centre of Excellence (Faculty of Law, Oslo University) and the Europa Institute (Faculty of Law, Leiden University). She has been a visiting professor at several universities around the world. Freya regularly acts as counsel or expert in international and European disputes before international tribunals and courts. She is listed on the Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration), and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). She undertook her doctoral research at the University of Cambridge and holds LLB and LLM degrees from the University of Ghent (Belgium), and an LLM degree from the University of Columbia (USA).



Antonina Cherevko

Antonina is an experienced human rights lawyer and international development expert specialising in media law with a long-term professional and academic focus on the issues of freedom of expression and media policy. She has over 17 years of professional experience in international development and management of democratisation projects in the areas of human rights, media policy, and law reform. Antonina worked with organizations like the Council of Europe, International Media Support, and ARTICLE 19. She is currently a Senior Adviser with the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. Antonina's thematic areas of expertise cover human rights, rule of law, regional politics and hybrid threats, policy analysis, and needs and risk assessment.

Antonina holds an MA in Law from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine and MSt in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford. In 2020-2021, she was a member of the Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS) of the Council of Europe. Between September 2020 and May 2022, Antonina served as a Head of the Independent Media Council in Ukraine.



Richard Danbury

Richard has been judging the Moot for over a decade, and is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Price Moot Competition. He is the Director of the MA in Investigative Journalism at City, University of London, and before that trained investigative journalists for the UK TV network Channel 4. A long time ago he was a barrister, then for a decade a staff journalist at the BBC, before he went freelance. His undergraduate degree is in philosophy from Cambridge, and his doctorate is in media law from Oxford, considering the place of institutional journalism in media law. He undertook post-doctoral research back at Cambridge into copyright and news. He is a member of the advisory board of Cambridge's Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy, an academic member of the Global Network Initiative, and a trustee of Internews Europe.

Meet the Semi Final judges



Maksym Dvorovyi

Maksym is the Head of Digital Rights for Digital Security Lab Ukraine, an NGO advocating for a human-rights-centered digital environment in Ukraine. He is involved in several working groups drafting Ukrainian media and digital rights legislative amendments, from AVMSD implementation to online political ads regulation. Most recently, he co-drafted the Law on Media, an all-encompassing piece of legislation aimed at approximating Ukrainian media legislation to the EU and CoE standards. Previously, he worked as a parliamentary assistant to the Chair of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Information Policy Committee and interned in the Parliament of Canada. Maksym has been with Price Moot since the 2014/15 season, progressing from the participant to the organizer role. He coached the International Rounds Runner-Up Team in 2018/19 from his alma mater, the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



Gillian Phillips

Gillian is the Director of Editorial Legal Services for Guardian News & Media Limited (publishers of the Guardian and Observer newspapers and theguardian.com). She was educated at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and qualified as a solicitor in 1984 with the law firm Coward (now Clifford) Chance. She joined the BBC as an in-house lawyer in 1987, later working for News Group Newspapers and Times Newspapers. She moved to GNM in May 2009 and has advised on phone-hacking, Wikileaks, the Leveson Inquiry, the NSA leaks from Edward Snowden, and more recently the Panama Papers, the Pegasus Project, and the Uber files. She also sits as a part-time Employment Tribunal Judge and co-authors the College of Law Employment Law handbook. She is a non-resident fellow of the Centre for Media, Data and Society at the Central European University School of Public Policy, and holds an honorary law doctorate from London South Bank University.



Satyajit Sarna

Satyajit is a practising lawyer who has spent over a decade appearing before the courts in India in a wide range of matters. He has extensive first-hand experience defending against SLAPPs in courts in India, as part of a media law focused practice. He has defended publishers, writers, newspapers, and journalists against large businesses, motivated government actions, and powerful private organizations.

Sarna graduated from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India and holds an Advanced LLM in European and International Human Rights Law from Leiden University in the Netherlands.

He is a 2022-23 Re:Constitution Fellow, focusing on researching SLAPPs and the freedom of expression, as part of a wider project on democracy and the rule of law in Europe. He has recently completed a study visit to the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg. He is also a published writer and poet.



TRASH IT THEIR NEST!

OCCUPY ALL UNIVERSITY PREMISES

Case
summary

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The Campaign for Private Education (CPE), an organisation of civil society activists and academics, argues that the state is denying citizens the right to tertiary education by preventing the establishment of private universities. The CPE and its head, Professor Swarna Shikra, a tenured professor at the National University of Kurulu (NUK), demand

that the University Standards Board Law be amended to permit privately-owned universities. Kanthi Besra, a successful entrepreneur and Shikra's partner, is one of the CPE's largest benefactors and has promised to found the first private university if the law is reformed.

The Inter-University Students Union (IUSU) is a nation-wide organisation comprising student unions of 39 of the 40 state universities in Kurulu. The Student Association of the National University of Kurulu (SANUK) was expelled from the IUSU for its overt support of the CPE. A rival student union called the National University of Kurulu Students Union (NUKSU) was formed in 2020 and has publicly

opposed Shikra and SANUK. Its membership in IUSU is currently under consideration. The IUSU has consistently opposed private universities and has actively lobbied the government to maintain a monopoly over university education.

Chirp is Kurulu's most popular social media platform. In 2022, *Chirp* had over 23 million users in Kurulu. On *Chirp*, users can post images and videos along with a caption, and others users can 'follow' them and post comments in response. Users can also 'like' another user's post or comment and can share a post with others.

Chirp's Community Guidelines provide for the removal of content

that contains credible threats, content that targets private individuals to degrade or shame them, and personal information meant to blackmail or harass someone.

Chirp has two mechanisms in place to deal with content that violates its Community Guidelines. First, since 2018, it uses an Artificial Intelligence (AI) mechanism to scan and analyse all content on *Chirp* for violations. An in-depth review of the AI mechanism's performance in 2020 concluded that the mechanism had an 88% 'accuracy rate' of correctly classifying content as either complying or violating the Community Guidelines. The mechanism was tweaked in September 2021 to ensure 'more robust debates on public issues' and improve accuracy rates. Secondly, *Chirp* employs 500 human content reviewers (downsized from 1000+ in April 2022) who perform reviews

of all user complaints. A user can 'report' any post or comment, indicating which Community Guideline was allegedly violated by the content.

While there is currently no legislation regulating social media platforms in Kurulu, the Constitutional Court held that private sector companies operating social media platforms have duties and responsibilities under the Constitution. In a 2016 case, the Court found that *Chirp* had violated a user's right to privacy where it failed to proactively detect and take down content harmful to the user.

Events of 9 July 2022

At 9:00 am on 9 July 2022, Shikra, who has over 200,000 followers on *Chirp* and whose posts can be viewed by all *Chirp* users, made a post about the lack of access to university education. **She posted:**

“It’s time for all academics and students to take a stand. Until change comes: REFUSE to teach or attend classes; OCCUPY all university premises. DO NOT TOLERATE traitors to the cause.”

The post received over 15,000 'likes' and was shared several thousand times. However, a vast majority of those who commented on the post disagreed with Shikra. Many of the comments were hostile and were made by anonymous users.

On the same day, SANUK issued a statement on *Chirp* and on its official website endorsing Shikra's call for strike action. SANUK required all its members to comply with the directive for strike action and stated that "Strict action will be taken against non-compliance". The IUSU, on the other hand, condemned Shikra's post and demanded that she be removed from her university post for violating the university's Academic Code of Conduct.

At 8:00 pm that day, an anonymous user 'IUSU_RedKite' posted: "This entire campaign is being funded by Shikra's lover, that evil neoliberal Kanthi Besra". Another user named 'BarnOwl_NUKSU' posted immediately below: "What a pair of birdbrains. Trash their nest!" *Chirp's* AI mechanism removed around 40 comments which called for physical harm against Shikra and Besra and their property. The posts by 'IUSU_Redkite' and 'BarnOwl_NUKSU' were not removed, and no user complained about them.

At 3 am the next morning, Shikra and Besra's home was broken into and vandalised. CCTV footage showed three individuals breaking open a window and entering the premises. One suspect spray painted 'BIRDBRAINS!' on a wall.

Complaints and Inquiries

On 10 July, Besra filed a complaint with the police and provided a screenshot of the comment by 'BarnOwl_NUKSU', suggesting that this user might have been involved in the break-in. Besra also alleged that *Chirp* had failed to take reasonable action to prevent the crime from taking place. Following investigations, the investigating police officer concluded that *Chirp* had taken reasonable precautions and that liability, if any, would rest with the users concerned. The police applied for a warrant to obtain from *Chirp* any information regarding the identity of the user 'BarnOwl_NUKSU', but the Magistrate Court denied the request. The police continued to investigate by other means, but without success.



On the same day, the Office of the Vice Chancellor at NUK wrote to Shikra informing her that she was under investigation for a breach of the Academic Code of Conduct and that an inquiry would be held in a week. At the inquiry, which was conducted by a panel of three senior academics appointed in accordance with the Code of Conduct approved by the University Standards Board, Shikra defended her post on the basis of 'academic freedom' protected under the Constitution.

The panel determined that Shikra's post violated the Code and recommended that she be suspended for a week, and that the lifting of her suspension be conditional on a written undertaking to refrain from issuing similar statements in the future. Shikra was subsequently suspended.

Proceedings before the Constitutional Court

On 20 July, Shikra and Besra filed a joint petition before the Constitutional Court against the State of Kurulu and *Chirp*. They alleged that the State of Kurulu failed to provide them an effective remedy against the violation of their rights to privacy and freedom of opinion and expression under the constitution by private actors by failing to properly investigate the crime that had taken place on 10 July and failing to direct *Chirp* Enterprises to disclose the personal details of suspects involved in the crime. They also alleged that the State violated their rights by failing to impose reasonable statutory duties on private actors such as *Chirp* Enterprises to remove harmful online content.

Shikra and Besra also contended that *Chirp* Enterprises failed to proactively detect and take down harmful content resulting in real world physical harm to them, which amounted to a violation of their freedom from interference with their privacy and home and affected the exercise of their freedom of opinion and expression.

In a separate petition, Shikra complained that the National University of Kurulu had violated her constitutional rights to freedom of opinion and expression and academic freedom through her suspension and the conditions attached to the removal of her suspension.

The Constitutional Court dismissed both petitions.

Having exhausted all domestic remedies, Shikra and Besra now seek declarations from the Universal Court of Human Rights that their rights under Article 17 and Article 19, read with Article 2(3) of the ICCPR, have been violated.

2022-2023

Regional results

This year saw a total of 85 teams registering their participation across 7 regions (Africa, Central Eastern Europe, Asia Pacific, South Asia, Northern Europe, Americas, Middle East). Teams participated with enthusiasm with some rounds taking place in person and some virtually and we received tremendous support from our regional coordinators and judges around the world. Once again, without them the Competition could not take place.

A total of 29 teams qualified for the International Rounds of the Moot. We had hoped to welcome teams, coaches, and judges from around the world to Oxford but this was not possible - we hope that the experience remains just as valuable and exciting on our virtual platform.

Regional Rounds results 1.

Central Eastern Europe

This year South East Europe and North East Europe Rounds have merged for 2022/2023 Competition Year. The 11th Annual Rounds now called Central Eastern Europe Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with the Eötvös Loránd University and Digital Security Lab Ukraine, was **held in person in Budapest, Hungary**, from 1st to 3rd December 2022.

Results

Winner - University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Runner up - University of Bucharest, Romania

Best Memorial - Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine

Runner up Memorial - Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary

Best Oralist - Eszter Pribula, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary

Runner up Oralist - Georgiana-Raluca Hondor, University of Bucharest, Romania

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary

University of Bucharest, Romania

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

University of Vienna, Austria

Asia-Pacific

The 10th Annual Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with Renmin University of China, were **held online** from 19 to 21 December, 2022.

Results

Winner - Singapore Management University

Runner up - University of San Agustin, College of Law, Philippines

Best Oralist Finals - Yzabel T. Layson, University of San Agustin, College of Law

Best Memorial - Singapore Management University

Runner up Memorial - University of San Agustin, College of Law, Philippines

Best Oralist - Cheng Fangfei, Peking University School of Transnational Law

Runner up Oralist - Yzabel T. Layson (3 matches), University of San Agustin, College of Law

Runner up Oralist - Natalia Mai Do Ngoc, Singapore Management University

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

Peking University School of Transnational Law, China

Singapore Management University

University of International Business and Economics, China

University of Philippines

University of San Agustin, College of Law, Philippines

Northern Europe

The 4th Northern European Rounds, hosted in partnership with the University of Paris, was **held in person in Paris, France**, from 1 to 3 February, 2023.

Results

Winner - University of Oxford

Runner up - King's College London

Best Oralist in Finals - Lucy Ryder, University of Oxford

Best Memorial - City, University of London

Runner up Memorial - University of Oxford

Best Oralist - Lucy Ryder, University of Oxford

Runner up Oralist - Gavin Dowd, Law Society of Ireland

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

City, University of London

King's College London

Queen Mary University of London

University of Oxford

Africa

This year, the 6th Africa regional rounds took place as a Pre-Moot with the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa and Makerere University, Uganda participating in the moot. The Pre-Moot was **held online** on 6 March 2023 and was judged by Ben Winks, Richard Danbury, and Chaani Srivastava.

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Makerere University, Uganda

Regional Rounds results 2.

Americas
The 10th Annual Americas Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, were held in person in New York, USA , from 15 to 19 February 2023.
Results
Winner - Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada
Runner up - University of São Paulo, Brazil
Best Memorial - Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada
Runner up Memorial - University of São Paulo, Brazil
Best Oralist - Victoria Maria Tamini Bullamah, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Runner up Oralist - Disha Mittal, Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, USA
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, USA
Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada
University of São Paulo, Brazil

South Asia
The 13th Annual South Asia Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with the Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, Delhi, were held online from 9 to 12 February 2023.
Results
Winner - National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad
Runner up - Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
Best Oralist in Finals - K V Vinaya, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad
Best Memorial - National Law Institute University Bhopal
Runner up Memorial - National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad
Best Oralist - Arjun Chopra, Jindal Global Law School
Runner up Oralist - K V Vinaya, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Denning Law School, Pakistan
Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Middle East
The 11th Annual Middle East Regional Rounds were held online from 9 to 11 March 2023.
Results
Winner - German University, Cairo, Egypt
Runner up - Université La Sagesse, Lebanon
Best Oralist in Finals - Johnny Joseph El Boueri, Université La Sagesse
Best Memorial - The British University
Runner up Memorial - The German University
Best Oralist - Hania Osama, the British University
Best Oralist Runner up - Saleh Magdy, the British University and Karen Gerges, Université La Sagesse
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
The German University, Cairo, Egypt
The British University, Cairo, Egypt
Université La Sagesse, Lebanon

VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS 2021-22

Last year's Winners

The 2022 International Rounds of the 15th Annual Price Media Law Moot Court Competition was held online from 6 - 10 June 2022. The Virtual International Rounds saw teams participating live from around the globe. The Final Results of the Virtual International Rounds of the 15th Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition are as follows.



Overall Winner

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, India

Overall Runner-Up

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India

Best Oralist In The Final

Anmol Mahajan, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, India

Semi-Finalists (in alphabetical order)

Singapore Management University
University of Pretoria, South Africa

Top Teams

5th University of the Philippines
6th University of Malaya
7th Peking University, School of Transnational Law, China
8th University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
9th Phoenicia University, Lebanon
10th Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary

Best Oralist

Samuel Wong Wei Yuan, Singapore Management University

Best Oralist Runner-up

Ali Arbi, Denning Law School and Niamh Shanahan, Law Society of Ireland

Top Oralist

3rd Emaan Zahid, Denning Law School and Éilís Ní Bhraonain, Law Society of Ireland
4th Enida Dučić, University of Sarajevo
5th Chloe O'Reilly, Law Society of Ireland
6th Bryan Thomas D. Santamaria, University of the Philippines
7th Beāte Petrone, University of Latvia
8th Edward Lee Way Yang, University of Malaya
9th Luc Choong Guong Sang, University of Malaya
10th Rhea Gupta, Queen Mary University of London

Best Memorials

University of the Philippines

Best Memorials Runners-Up

University of Malaya

Best Memorials Second Runner-Up

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"

Other participating teams in Virtual International Rounds

(in alphabetical order)

Ain Shams University, Egypt
Denning Law School, Pakistan
Law Society of Ireland
Moi university, Kenya
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, USA
Queen Mary University of London, UK
The British University in Egypt,
The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, India
University of Latvia
University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Slovenia
University of Luxembourg
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, USA
University of Tehran, Iran

Video content

Monroe Price explains the Competition (2 mins)

Annual Eric Barendt Law Lecture with Damian Tambini (1 hour)

Price Media Law Moot Court Virtual Finals (1 hour 55 mins)

Price Media Law Moot Court Competition introduction (9 mins)

Price Moot Mooting Masterclass 2021/22

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We would like to extend an especially warm thank you to all of the judges who have given their time to judge the Moot Court Oral Rounds this year both in our 7 Regional Rounds and International Rounds. Without them this 16th Edition, and fourth Virtual Edition of the competition, could not have taken place. Also, thank you to those scoring the written memorials who invested their time and effort to evaluate and comment on each of the 81 memorials for the 7 Regional Rounds that we have conducted this year.

Thank you to our International Rounds memo markers who re-marked all the memorials of the teams that qualified to the International rounds, Petar Radosavljev, Chaani Srivastava, and Gehan Gunatilleke. We would also like to thank Gehan Gunatilleke for this year's case, and for his work on the Clarifications and Bench Memo.

Last, but by no means least, this competition would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We have many willing partners around the world, particularly lending support to the regional competitions. In addition to many of our long-standing regional round sponsors we are grateful for the generous support of Alan Weiler and Jon Blake. We are also very grateful to the University of Oxford for its role in facilitating the International Rounds of the Competition.

“...more astounding is the proportion of former mooters who vigorously engage in the difficult issues related to the optimal balance in their countries and in changing times between free speech and the legitimacy of other social needs like curbing hate speech and speech inciting violence.”

Jon Blake, Friend of the Moot and
Founder of the Spirit of the Competition Award