

## MOOT FORMAT

All moot problems are set as a case on appeal to the Court of Appeal or the House of Lords, represented by a single judge. Each round consists of two teams, with the 'Home' team in each case representing the Appellant and the 'Away' team for the Respondent. Three judges will sit at the National Final. Teams participating in the final will be allocated sides at random.

Each team consists of two speakers, a leader and a junior. The leader takes the first ground of appeal; the junior takes the second. The four speakers will be heard in the following order and for the following times:-

<b>Leader for the Appellant</b> 20 minutes
<b>Junior for the Appellant</b> 15 minutes
<b>Leader for the Respondent</b> 20 minutes
<b>Junior for the Respondent</b> 20 minutes
<b>Appellant's Right to Reply</b> 5 minutes (not obligatory)

On an occasion where the moot takes the form of an appeal and cross-appeal, the order and timing of speeches shall be as follows:

<b>Leader for the Appellant</b> 20 minutes
<b>Leader for the Respondent</b> 20 minutes
<b>Junior for the Cross-Appellant</b> 15 minutes
<b>Junior for the Cross-Respondent</b> 15 minutes
<b>Reply by the Appellant</b> 5 minutes
<b>Reply by the Cross-Appellant</b> 5 minutes

The order may be changed with the consent of all concerned. No team may concede a point of law identified in the problem as one to be argued except with the express prior consent of the other team and the judge of that round.

## AUTHORITIES

A team may rely on no more than eight authorities of its own choosing, which it must cite in a list of authorities. All authorities cited may be used by either the Appellants or the Respondents for any purpose. If an authority is cited as part of the moot problem, it is classed as a court authority which may be used by either team and which need not be included in either side's list.

A single case which has been decided in more than one court (*e.g.* a case that has started in the High Court and then gone to the Court of Appeal and then to the House of Lords) counts as one authority, although all references must be cited if a team wishes to use them.

For the purposes of this competition, only cases count as authorities. However if it is intended to cite statutes, texts or other legal literature then, notwithstanding that these do not count in the lists of eight, they must be disclosed to the opposing team at the time of the exchange of authorities.

Both lists of authorities must be exchanged by fax at least forty-eight hours before the moot. Their arrival and contents must be confirmed by the sender by telephone. Forty-eight hours is calculated on the basis of ordinary working days, and does not include weekends or bank holidays. No variation of authorities will be allowed unless the opposing team agrees.

Cases should be cited as authorities in the following descending order of priority:

<b>The Law Reports</b>
<b>The Weekly Law Reports</b>
<b>The All England Law Reports</b>
<b>Others</b>

A team that cites an 'obscure' authority (an authority which cannot within reason be obtained by their opponents) is responsible for providing copies of that authority for their opponents and the Moot Court.