2019-2020 Credit Moot Program
Moot Descriptions & Information

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – 4:00 pm

Please submit your application, email or hard copy, to Chantal Pegg, pegg@ucalgary.ca, MFH4322.

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Please see Moot web site for updates on dates and locations of competitions.
Credit Moot Competition Descriptions

Please note included in the moot competition format is a fall introductory workshop or session relevant to the type of competition in which the student will be participating. Dates for this workshop has not been assigned but will likely be offered in September/October of 2019.

LAW 585: The Alberta Court of Appeal Moot (3 Credits)

*This moot is only available to second year law students.*

Positions available: 6

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest in civil, criminal and constitutional law.

Course description: The development of appellate advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in the Alberta Court of Appeal Moot, in the areas of criminal law, civil law (contract, property or tort law), and constitutional law. Students submit a factum and present an oral argument before a panel of judges, who are from all levels of court. This competition is open to 2Ls only and provides excellent preparation for further Mooting competitions. Coaches are seasoned practitioners with appellate experience. This competition is between the law schools of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

The Alberta Court of Appeal Moot Competition was created in 1984 between the Law Schools of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

LAW 695.01: Bennett Jones Cup in Health Law Advocacy (3 Credits)

Positions available: 4

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest in health law and health advocacy, and prior mooting experience will be of benefit.
Course description: The development of appellate advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of health law in Canada. Students submit a written factum and present oral argument before a panel of judges and/or seasoned practitioners. Coaches are assigned by Bennett Jones. This competition is between the law schools of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

Winning Team/School: Perpetual Trophy
Top Oralist of Calgary Team: $1,000 Prize

UofC Team Corporate Sponsor: Bennett Jones LLP Calgary
Competition Organizer and Sponsor: Bennett Jones LLP Calgary/Edmonton Offices

The Bennett Jones Cup in Health Law Advocacy was created in 2011 by Bennett Jones LLP, and is an annual competition between the Law Schools of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

LAW 693.XX: Canadian Client Consultation Competition (3 Credits)

Participation pending confirmation of faculty funding.

http://www.clientconsultationcomp.ca/

Positions available: 2

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest developing client relations, and prior mooting experience will be of benefit.

Course description: [excerpt from website] “The Competition simulates a law office consultation in which two law students, acting as lawyers, are presented with a client matter. The students are given a brief written memorandum that identifies the general nature of the client’s problem before the interviews are held. The students conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. Students are expected to elicit the relevant information from the client, explain the relevant laws, present the client with their options, and assist the client to select their preferred resolution. The interview with the client is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the students analyze the interview and discuss the work to be undertaken. The interview and post-consultation period last a total of 45 minutes. The students are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview.”

Note: potential for international component
The University of Calgary began participating in this competition in 1996. The University of Calgary won the Canadian competition in 2019, and went on to compete in the International Client Consultation Competition in Dublin, Ireland.

LAW 677: Canadian Corporate Securities Law Moot Court Competition (3 Credits)

Positions available: 4 + 1 Student Researcher  
Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Satisfaction of Faculty of Law requirements: Completion of the Canadian Corporate Securities Law Moot Court Competition will satisfy the Faculty of Law’s Upper Year Writing Requirement and subject to instructor approval by the Faculty Advisor.

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest in corporate and securities law and prior mooting experience will also be of benefit.

Course description: [excerpt from Davies’ website] “Recognized as the leading event of its kind in Canada, Davies’ annual Corporate/Securities Law Moot … provides an opportunity for top students from Canadian law schools to debate current legal issues in corporate and securities law with senior practitioners from Toronto law firms and corporations, regulators from the Ontario Securities Commission and judges from several courts. The students [are] tested on their written advocacy (presented in a factum delivered prior to the competition) and their oral advocacy. Each student [is] required to argue twice during the competition, once on behalf of the appellant and once on behalf of the respondent.” The top two teams compete in a final round of argument. Prizes are given for top team, oralist and factum.

UofC Team Corporate Sponsor: Bennett Jones LLP Calgary  
Competition Organizer and Sponsor: Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, Toronto

The University of Calgary began participating in this competition in 1996. The University of Calgary won the competition in 1997 and 2014.

LAW 695.03: Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot (3 Credits)

http://bowmantaxmoot.com/ March 1-2, 2019
Positions available: 4 + 1 Student Researcher

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: Passed, or enrolled in Tax course in the fall term

Course description: [excerpt adapted from website] The Donald G.H. Bowman National Tax Moot is Canada’s first competitive moot on taxation. The Moot is named after the Honourable Donald G.H. Bowman, former Chief Justice of the Tax Court of Canada. It was founded by Dr. Emir Crowne, Associate Professor, and Professor John P. Weir, both of the University of Windsor Law School, and the partnership of Dentons Canada LLP. It is administered by a committee of jurists, practitioners, academics and students. The competition consists of preliminary rounds leading up to a final round with the two remaining teams. The chosen problem is in the area of tax law. Each student team submits a factum and presents oral argument based on that written work. The tax firm of Felesky Flynn LLP provides the coaches. More information, including the rules of the Competition can be found on the website.

Corporate Team Sponsor:  Felesky Flynn LLP
Competition Organizer and Sponsor: Dentons LLP, Toronto
Competition Co-Chair: Professor Emir Crowne, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law

The University of Calgary began participating in the Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot in 2012. University of Calgary won the competition in 2016.

LAW 678: Gale Cup Moot (3 Credits)

http://www.galecupmoot.com/

Positions available: 4 + 1 Student Researcher

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Satisfaction of Faculty of Law requirements: Completion of the Gale Cup Moot Competition will satisfy the Faculty of Law’s Upper Year Writing Requirement and subject to instructor approval by the Faculty Advisor.

Suggested pre-requisites: an interest in trial advocacy, along with criminal and constitutional law; prior mooting experience will also be of benefit.
Course description: The Gale Cup Moot is Canada’s premier national bilingual moot competition and has a criminal law topic, typically involving a constitutional question. It is held in Toronto at the Osgoode Hall Law Courts. Marks are awarded for both the factum and oral presentation. The University of Calgary team has four students; two students are designated as Appellant’s counsel and two as Respondent’s counsel. The case is usually received in mid-October, with the moot usually taking place the last weekend in February. The oral presentation consists of 2 rounds with 4 teams participating in the final mooting arguments. The event is conducted over two days and ends with a final reception and banquet. This Moot is an excellent opportunity to present and receive feedback from respected and experienced criminal law practitioners and judges.

The University of Calgary began participating in the Gale Cup Moot in 1981. University of Calgary won the competition in 2009 and participated in the international competition in Hong Kong.

LAW673: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (3 Credits)

https://www.ilsa.org/

Positions available: 4 + 1 Student Researcher

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Satisfaction of Faculty of Law requirements: Completion of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition will satisfy the Faculty of Law’s Upper Year Writing Requirement and subject to instructor approval by the Faculty Advisor, may also satisfy the Faculty of Law’s International Law requirement.

Suggested pre-requisites: It is strongly suggested that participants have previously completed the LAW549 International Law course or similar courses related to public international law. An interest in public international law and prior mooting experience will also be of benefit.

Course description: The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (“the Jessup”) is organised by the International Law Students Association (ILSA). The 2018-2019 season marks the 60th year of the competition. The Jessup is the world’s largest and arguably most prestigious moot court competition in public international law, with participants from over 680 law schools in 100 countries and jurisdictions. The Competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations.

One team is allowed to participate from the University of Calgary Faculty of Law. The University of Calgary Faculty of Law has competed in the Jessup for over 20 years. Teams compete in the Canadian National
Division qualifying tournament (typically all Canadian law schools participate in this) to select the top 100 teams that progress on to the annual Jessup World Cup in Washington D.C. each spring.

The Jessup involves a fictional public international law dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. The annual problem is both academically complex and challenging. The Jessup preparation process is time consuming and intensive. Numerous drafts of submissions are required with a rigorous timeline for submissions of documents set by the competition. Preparation for the Jessup rounds comprises of intensive written and oral preparation, including extensive oral rounds before the coaches, legal practitioners and members of the Faculty of Law. Members of final benches in the national rounds typically include serving judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal and senior members of the judiciary, as well as distinguished academics and prominent international law practitioners. The caliber of judges for the Jessup World Cup in Washington D.C. is a “who is who” of the public international law world, typically comprising of sitting members of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Please see the Global Jessup website for further details.

The Jessup Moot Coaches are distinguished legal practitioners from Calgary who have themselves competed in the Jessup. Your coaches and the faculty advisor take exceptional pride in your work and will guide you in managing the steep learning curve of the competition. It is an experience that you will never forget.


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**LAW 587: Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Circle Moot (3 credits)**

**Positions available:** 4

**Time commitment:** October to April

**Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor:** High

**Suggested pre-requisites:** an interest in Aboriginal law and negotiation skills.

**Course description:** [excerpt from https://www.mcgill.ca/kawaskimhon/]

“The Kawaskimhon Moot was first held at the University of Toronto in 1994 and welcomes students from nearly every law faculty across Canada each year. Kawaskimhon – a word of Cree origin roughly translated to “speaking with knowledge” – is a consensus-based, non-adversarial moot that incorporates Indigenous legal traditions alongside federal, provincial and international law. There are no winners or losers. Instead, mooters participate in roundtable negotiations on a particular topic in Indigenous law, representing their assigned party.
This Moot develops advocacy, consensus building, and other lawyering skills in the context of a non-competitive moot conducted in a circle arrangement and using a moot problem based on contemporary issues in Aboriginal-Government relations. Includes a writing requirement. It is a unique and meaningful experience and an excellent opportunity to further understanding of values, practices and laws of Indigenous peoples.”

The University of Calgary has participated in this competition since 1996 and have hosted this competition in 2004 and 2017.

LAW 693.XX: The Laskin Moot (3 credits)

Participation pending confirmation of faculty funding.

http://laskin.ca/

Positions available: 4

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: Bilingual competition. An interest in administrative and constitutional law, and prior mooting experience will be of benefit.

Course description: [excerpt from website] “The Laskin is an annual national bilingual moot court competition in Canadian administrative and constitutional law. The competition is named in memory of one of Canada’s greatest legal scholars and jurists, the late Chief Justice of Canada, Bora Laskin. The Laskin is designed to provide a unique opportunity for law students, judges, law professors and practitioners from across Canada to meet and debate problems of current importance in the law. The Laskin seeks to foster a deeper and better understanding of the law and to support and encourage legal education and bilingualism while at the at the same time promoting in the legal community a spirit of cooperation and understanding that transcends linguistic and provincial boundaries. Many students who participate in the Laskin describe the experience as the most rewarding of their law school education.

Each school sends a team of four student mooters, who argue in pairs — two students representing the appellant, and two representing the respondent. At least one of the four students must argue the case (and write the corresponding portion of the factum) in English, and at least one must do the same in French. All judges assessing the factums are bilingual, and all judges in oral rounds are proficient in the language(s) being used in that round.

The Laskin begins with a mandatory general meeting on a Thursday evening. Oral rounds take place all day Friday and on Saturday morning. Each pair of mooters will participate in two matches, and in each
match the mooters appear before a panel of three judges. On Saturday afternoon, two final rounds take place — one featuring the best appellant pair from the preliminary rounds against the second-best respondent pair, and the other featuring the second-best appellant pair against the best respondent pair. Both final rounds take place before the same panel of five judges. Both written and oral advocacy is assessed and marked for final award placements.

The Laskin also emphasizes social interaction among all participants, including students, coaches, judges and organizers. There is a hospitality suite open on all three evenings, as well as a reception on Friday evening.

LAW 693.XX: (NEW) Western Walsh Family Law Negotiation (3 Credits)

This is a new initiative involving western Canadian law schools and is in the planning stage. Participation is therefore pending confirmation of the event. The information below pertains to the event which was nationally offered. The Western competition will be structured similarly to the national event.

https://afccontario.ca/walsh-moot/

Positions available: 2

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest in negotiation skill building. No prior mooting experience required.

Course description: [excerpt from website and competition rules] “The focus of this Competition is the effective combination of client representation and collaborative problem-solving skills.

The Walsh Family Negotiation Competition is a competition for 2nd and 3rd year law students. Working in teams of two, using facts for each partner in a family law dispute, the law students will negotiate with opposing teams in three successive rounds of increasing complexity. Students must submit a one-page written Representation Plan prior to the negotiation session.

Judges: The moots will be judged by various members of the judiciary including Superior Court of Justice and Ontario Court of Justice judges, as well as senior family law practitioners, in teams of three.”

LAW 690: Western Canada MacIntyre Cup Trial Competition (3 credits)
Positions available: 2

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites: An interest in criminal law and trial skills, and prior mooting experience will also be of benefit.

Course description: This Competition is an annual three-day simulated trial competition for the seven Western Canada Law Schools. The development of trial advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in the Western Canada Trial Competition. Students are assigned to represent the Crown or defence in a complex criminal case. At the competition, the teams prepare their witnesses, who typically are actors, and present a jury trial before a judge. The students prepare and present an opening statement and final jury address, examine and cross examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and make submissions on the admissibility of evidence. The two top teams will participate in the Sopinka Cup Trial Competition, which is the national version of this trial advocacy competition. Coaches are experienced criminal trial litigators.

The University of Calgary began participating in the Western Canada Trial MacIntyre Cup Competition in 1980 and has won the competition in 1988. This competition involves the law schools of Western Canada and uses the Sopinka Cup problem and rules. The University of Calgary has participated in the Sopinka Cup in Ottawa in 1988, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

LAW 693: Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot (3 credits)

**BI-ANNUAL MOOT COMPETITION - NEXT OFFERING: 2020-2021 academic year**

http://moot.willmsshier.com/

Positions available: 2

Time commitment: October to April

Intensity of time commitment and academic rigor: High

Suggested pre-requisites:

Course description: The development of an awareness of the growing role of environmental issues and enhancing the law students’ written and oral advocacy skills. The competition is an appeal before a Canadian court of last resort to explore environmental law issues. Each team files a factum. At the oral hearing, teams argue one side of the appeal in their first match and the other side in their second. The
playoff and final matches are judged by senior appellate judges. Awards are given for both oral and written advocacy.

**Competition Organizer and Sponsor:** Willms & Shier LLP, Toronto

The University of Calgary began participating in the Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot in 2013. In 2017, the University of Calgary were the 2nd Place Team Overall, with Best Appellant Factum and Best Distinguished Oralist.

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**Guidelines for Credit Moot Selection Process**

The Mooting and Debating Committee, in consultation with Moot Coaches, select students for the credit moot programs in consideration of the following criteria:

- Student’s participation in the McGillivray and other moot programs;
- Ranking of more than one moot choice in the credit moot program application form;
- Student’s Brief Cover Letter of Interest, including any past education and professional experience;
- Student’s Grades/GPA (i.e. unofficial transcript);
- Student’s Sample Writing Style – sample supplied by applicant (i.e. 2-3 page portion of past factum/memo/paper, etc.).

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**Travel Expenses**

All necessary travel expenses are covered (or reimbursed) by the Faculty of Law. Projected expenses include (but not limited to): Air Travel; baggage claim; Hotel (room & tax only); Meal Per Diem (Breakfast $12; Lunch $14; Dinner $25) [not applicable for any meals provided by the competition]; Daily Incidental Per Diem ($10/day); Ground Transportation.

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For further inquiries on the Credit Mooting and Debating Program, please email Lisa Silver (Committee Chair) at lisaann.silver@ucalgary.ca or Chantal Pegg at pegg@ucalgary.ca