

UTS:Law

Monroe E. Price
International Media Law
Moot Competition 2016/17

Information for Applicants and
Application Form

General Information

The Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition is organized by the Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy at Oxford University's Faculty of Law and held from September to March each year.

The purpose of the competition is to expand and stimulate interest in media law and policy among students, who will develop expertise in arguing a case before an international bench of judges from different legal systems and backgrounds.

Participants in the International rounds held in Oxford operate in a world where a Universal Court of Human Rights has been established to ensure the citizens of the United Nations are enjoying the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In this world, the Universal Court of Human Rights substitutes all jurisdictions of all other regional courts and becomes the final adjudicator when all national remedies have been exhausted.

The Faculty of Law will participate in this competition in 2015-16 with a team of up to 4 students being selected to represent UTS.

The first round of the competition requires teams to develop and write extensive submissions. From this round, teams may then be invited to participate in the Orals Rounds to be held at Oxford University in April 2017 (**Please note that participation in the oral rounds at Oxford is by invitation only and will depend on the quality of the written submissions**).

Both Undergraduate and JD students are eligible to compete.

Workload

The workload involved is particularly demanding: the problems circulated are on complex and current issues of international law concerning freedom of expression and thought, privacy and other matters that impact on the media.

Detailed research into both international and comparative law is essential to prepare complex pleadings for both sides with a maximum size prescribed.

The work involved is certainly no less than that for a large research project. Each team prepares two Memorials (5,000 - 9000 words) addressing the submissions of the Applicant and Respondent Teams (due January 2017). The memorials are assessed by memorial judges, including distinguished teachers and practitioners of media and international law.

Teams invited to the oral rounds in Oxford are given the opportunity to present oral submissions in the preliminary rounds. The top eight teams move on to the final rounds.

Preparation for the competition involves an **extremely** heavy workload and will commence in October 2016 and requires students to commit themselves fully to the competition until April 2017. There will be constant academic supervision and guidance and applicants should be aware that the workload is very demanding.

Academic Requisites

Successful applicants will have an **above average academic record** and be able to demonstrate **very strong research and writing skills**.

Students selected for the team will be expected to have an understanding of basic principles of free speech, media law, human rights law and public international law that will be further developed by participation in the competition.

It would be a distinct advantage to students to have completed studies in Media Law, Public International Law and/or International Human Rights Law.

Students selected for the team may have the opportunity of gaining academic credit for participation in the competition by enrolling in the elective [76904 Price Media Law Moot](#).

Selection Process

The selection of the team will take place by way of a three round process:

1. **Written Application:** Fill in the form attached and return it as directed by the due date (Wednesday October 5 2016). These applications will be reviewed and a short list of applicants will be drawn up.

2. **Submission of written work:** Short-listed applicants may be required to submit a piece of written work that has been previously submitted for assessment in a Law subject at UTS.

In determining which written work to submit should take in to consideration the mark/grade awarded and the extent to which the work demonstrates your research and writing skills.

3. **Interview:** Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview with a selection panel. The selection panel may consist of the coach and other academics and former Price mooters.

In the interview, you will be asked questions about why you want to do the Price moot and your ability to make the necessary commitment from October 2016 to April 2017.

You may also be required to identify, and make a 10-minute presentation to the selection panel, on the issues that you can identify as being raised by the 2016/17 problem question (the Rules and question are available at <http://pricemootcourt.socleg.ox.ac.uk/rules/>)

At the discretion of the team coach and Faculty Adviser, shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend a further interview.

4. **Offers of a place in the team will be made to up to 4 students.** The selection panel will consider students' (in no particular order):

- Academic record
- Demonstrated research skills
- Demonstrated interest in and knowledge of media law, privacy and freedom of expression

- Knowledge of public international law and/or human rights law
- Mooting or public speaking experience, including the ability to express thoughts clearly
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to make a commitment to the team.

Please note that participation in the moot requires a commitment that is unlikely to be compatible with participation in the Summer Clerkship program at the same time. Students considering applying for the moot who have also applied for a Summer Clerkship are advised to wait to apply for the moot until the 2017/18 competition.

Decisions of the selection panel are final.

Other information

The Faculty of Law will fully fund fares and accommodation costs should the team make the international rounds in Oxford.

Students considering applying are encouraged to read information about the competition, including the Rules, available at <http://pricemootcourt.socleg.ox.ac.uk/>

Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Competition Application Form 2016-17 Competition

Contact Information

Name	Student ID Number
Address	Telephone: Mobile: Home or Work:
UTS Email address (please note all communications MUST be through your UTS student email account)	

Academic

Course Enrolled in	Year/Stage
The 5 Law subjects that you achieved highest mark/grade	Mark/Grade Achieved
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

<p>Have you completed or are you currently undertaking a media law subject, Public International Law, Australian Civil Liberties Law or International Human Rights Law. If so, which:</p>	<p>Detail any academic prizes won:</p>
<p>What is your GPA or WAM:</p>	

Mooting experience

<p>Detail any mooting experience:</p>
<p>1.</p>
<p>2.</p>
<p>3.</p>
<p>4.</p>
<p>5.</p>
<p>6.</p>
<p>7.</p>
<p>Detail any debating or public speaking experience:</p>
<p>1.</p>
<p>2.</p>
<p>3.</p>
<p>4.</p>
<p>5.</p>
<p>6.</p>

7.

Availability

Do you have any other commitments between October 2016 and April 2017 that may interfere with your ability to prepare and participate in the competition:

Have you applied for or have been accepted for a Summer Clerkship over Summer 2016/17:

Detail any other commitments, including work or planned holidays that may interfere with your ability to prepare for or participate in the competition:

Do you work full-time or will you have a full time job in the period October 2016 – April 2017?

Other Information

Briefly explain why you would like to compete in the Price Moot competition:

Is there any other information that you consider relevant and would like considered by the selection panel:

Please ensure you have answered ALL questions before submitting.

By submitting the application form, you are acknowledging that all information given is correct.

Return the completed application form by **5pm Wednesday October 5** to Reegan Myers
c/o the Law Reception Office on Level 3
or email to Reegan Myers at Reegan.Myers@uts.edu.au
or Geoff Holland at geoffry.holland@uts.edu.au

If you have any questions, email Geoff Holland at geoffry.holland@uts.edu.au