LLB Mooting

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Module description:

A 'moot' or 'mooting' is the oral presentation of a legal issue or problem. It is perhaps the closest experience to appearing in court that a student can have whilst at university. The legal profession (be it as a barrister or as a solicitor) is an increasingly difficult one to enter. Application forms for legal professional courses, solicitors' firms and barristers' chambers often demand that a candidate has, and can provide evidence of, their advocacy or mooting experience whilst at university. In addition mooting as an exercise improves understanding and knowledge of particular areas of law and also enhances confidence in public speaking, general research, and presentation skills. In other words mooting experience can benefit every student whether or not they plan to follow a traditional legal career path upon graduation.

The module encompass's an understanding of advocacy and mooting. Students will participate in moots and argue cases on appeal to an appellate court. Oral and written communication skills will be enhanced together with the use of information technology. For example, the Moot Room in the Law School has the technology available for students to watch their own mooting performances back through a recording system and for other students to watch their fellow student mooters on big screens. The module will involve legal research skills, teamwork and self-management skills. There will be emphasis upon the preparation necessary for mooting with the presentation skills inherent therein. Furthermore, students will enhance their knowledge in a legal subject offered by the Law School as they research and prepare a moot on an advanced area.

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