

Mooting at Birmingham



A moot is a mock trial of a legal issue. Mooting provides students with the opportunity to argue a fictional case as if representing a client. Birmingham Law School organises a range of mooting opportunities and all students have the opportunity to participate.

Students receive full support for mooting from members of the Academic Staff and the relevant student members of the Mooting Committee, and a workshop is run each year to introduce students to mooting.

The Moot Room is a state-of-the-art court room, complete with audio-visual equipment for recording our moots. These facilities help make mooting central to the legal education which Birmingham Law School provides.

We have recently introduced an optional [mooting module \(/schools/law/courses/llb/modules/llb-mooting.aspx\)](/schools/law/courses/llb/modules/llb-mooting.aspx) into the final year of the LLB programme providing our students with another opportunity to get involved in this area.

Internal mooting

Birmingham Law School operates three mooting Competitions: the Allen and Overy First Year Competition; the Camm Cup, sponsored by No. 5 Chambers, for second and final year students and the Postgraduate Competition.

Each year many teams of students from across all years at Birmingham participate. Competitive mooting is judged by highly regarded solicitors and barristers, thanks to the generous support of alumni who also provide informal debriefs to participants at post-moot drinks receptions.

The finals of each of the competitions are judged by eminent members of the legal profession. In recent years, we have welcomed members of the House of Lords, Lord Justices of Appeal and leading barristers as our judges.

External mooting

Birmingham Students regularly represent the University at regional and national competitions, with some notable success. In recent years, we have entered the Oxford University Press, Weekly Law Reports, Inner Temple and the Midlands Mooting Competitions. In 2013 students from Birmingham Law School won the prestigious UKELA moot competition and details of this can be seen through our [news story \(/schools/law/news/2013/07/ukela-moot-win.aspx\)](/schools/law/news/2013/07/ukela-moot-win.aspx) of this event.

There are also opportunities to enter the University in international competitions, such as the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Students compete in national and regional competitions (mostly held in January-March) to earn the right to advance to the White & Case International Rounds held every spring in Washington, D.C.

If you have any questions about mooting, please contact [Miss Theresa Lynch \(/staff/profiles/law/lynch-theresa.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/lynch-theresa.aspx).