LAW455
MOOTING

Application for Credit

LAW455 Mooting is a compulsory unit that must be completed by all straight LLB and combined degree students who intend to graduate from the Faculty of law.

Students who have completed a moot, other than a Faculty Moot, may make an application to the moot coordinator for credit for the moot completed elsewhere.

An application for credit must be made on the appropriate form and submitted to the moot coordinator prior to the first Monday of the relevant semester for which the student has enrolled for LAW455 Mooting.

Students intending to apply for credit for LAW455 Mooting must enrol in the unit. Students who are given credit will be advised in writing and awarded a UP Result for LAW455.

Credit will only be awarded to students who satisfy the requirements of unit LAW455. Which are currently:

1. Attendance at moot lectures. Students are required to attend a number of lectures on the subject mooting which involves techniques of advocacy, courtroom etiquette, moot preparation and research, basic principles of mooting including instruction on good oral presentation, preparation of written submissions and other relevant factors.

2. Collection of Moot Problem. Students will be required to collect their moot problem from the moot coordinator. The moot problem will be of significant weight and complexity typically involving a number of grounds of appeal and multiple issues. The moot problem will usually involve an appeal to the Supreme Court of Tasmania or its equivalent.

3. Research and Preparation. Students will normally be given five clear working days to prepare their submissions and engage in active research and consultation on the issues raised by the moot problem.

4. Selection of Counsel. The moot will normally involve both Appellants and Respondent. Students may select, or in some cases may be allocated, to be either senior or junior counsel for the respective parties.

5. Location. The moot will be held in the Supreme Court of Tasmania, Salamanca place or in an equivalent court or in a specifically designed Moot Court building such as the Moot Court at the University of Tasmania.

6. The judges. Normally there will be two judges for each moot. One judge will be a legal academic and the other judge a qualified legal practitioner in practice in Hobart. Postgraduate students studying for a Masters or Ph.D. law degree may be asked to adjudicate moots on occasions however they must be accompanied by a legal practitioner or other person with legal qualifications.
7. The Moot. Each Counsel, both senior and junior, will be required to moot – i.e address the Court for a minimum of 20 minutes. This time may be extended at the discretion of the judges if there has been extensive questioning of Counsel or for any other valid reason. A right of reply is optional at the discretion of the Court but if it is granted will be for no more than five minutes duration.

8. Scoring and feedback. Each judge will score each Counsel on their performance using established criteria. Each Counsel will receive a total mark out of 100. A mark of 50% is needed to pass the unit. Judges will provide Counsel with their marks for the moot as well as oral and/or written feedback on each Counsel’s performance.

9. Written submissions. A written submission must be lodged with the relevant moot coordinator/organiser prior to the hearing of the moot.

John Blackwood
Moot Coordinator
11th of December 2013.

Forms available from Reception, and should be returned to Reception once completed.
LAW455 Mooting

Application Form – Credit for LAW455

I hereby apply for credit for the unit LAW455 Mooting on the basis of the satisfactory completion of a moot done elsewhere. The relevant details are:

Name:

Student Number:

Email address:

Phone:

1. The Moot.

Please give a brief description of where the moot was held, the date and the circumstances or situation if relevant e.g. was the moot part of a competition e.g. ALSA.

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2. The problem

The moot problem you were set must be of sufficient weight and complexity and equivalent in all respects to a moot problem typically used in the unit LAW455.

* Attach a copy of the moot problem to this application.

3. Attendance at Moot lecture

Please give details of the moot lecture/lectures that you attended in relation to the moot for which you are claiming credit. Please indicate who gave the lectures, a brief description of the content and the place, time and duration of the lecture/s.

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4. Please indicate in the space provided the role you played in your moot. Set out the legal counsel for both the Appellants and the Respondents.

Appellants:  
Senior Counsel: .........................................................

Junior Counsel: .........................................................

Respondents:  
Senior Counsel: .........................................................

Junior Counsel: .........................................................

5. Where was the moot heard and what was the extent of your participation?

Location: .................................................................

Time of Moot: ...........................................................

Total Duration of Moot: ..............................................

Your Total Speaking Time: ...........................................

6. List the judges involved in judging your Moot and their legal qualifications if known:

Academic Judge: ....................................................... 

Practitioner Judge: ....................................................

Other Judge (if any): ............................................... 

7. Preparation and research.

Describe briefly your research, preparation and relevant consultation for your moot. This could include the amount of time you spent on research etc, over what period of time, whether at the library or elsewhere and in particular whether you worked on your own or with your partner.
8. Written submission.

Please attach a copy of the written submission that you handed in to the moot coordinator/organiser prior to your moot*

9. Results.

Please attach a copy of the marking/feedback sheet which indicates the result of your moot.*

I declare that the information contained in this application is true and accurately reflects my participation in the moot for which I am claiming credit.

Signed

Date:

The documents requested in this application form and marked in bold with an* must be submitted with this application form. Your application will not be considered unless and until all the documentation requested has been provided.