

# SPEED MOOTING PRESENTS:

## THE ADVOCACY CLUB



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**ARE YOU AN ASPIRING ADVOCATE?**

**DO YOU WANT TO ENHANCE YOUR  
ADVOCACY SKILLS AND NETWORK  
WITH YOUR PEERS? THEN THE  
ADVOCACY CLUB IS A FANTASTIC  
OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT.**

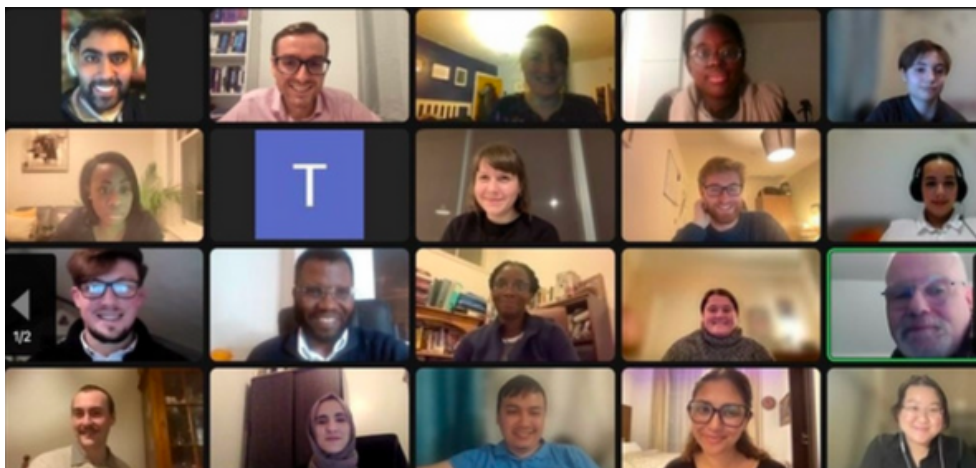
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## **What is the Advocacy Club?**

The advocacy club is a friendly, non-judgmental club for aspiring lawyers to practise and improve their advocacy. The club is open to those who are new to advocacy and looking to make a start through to those who are very experienced in mooting and advocacy.

You will have the chance to meet new people at each meeting. It is a great way to network with your peers within the legal field, have fun and enhance your advocacy at the same time!

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# WHO CAN JOIN THE ADVOCACY CLUB?

In a word: **anyone.**

The club is open to:

- Law undergraduates and graduates;
- GDL students and graduates;
- Masters, BPTC, LPC & SQE students and graduates
- Pupils, trainee solicitors and those in practise
- Aspiring lawyers yet to start their legal studies.

Our advocacy sessions are based on the law of England and Wales, but people from all over the globe are welcome to join.



*As a non-student career changer, I simply would not have had the opportunities to practice and compete without the existence of your Club.*

*The AC is one of a kind and I know I will be recommending it to any aspiring barristers I come across for many years to come.*

Advocacy Club Member and Pupil Barrister

# HOW DOES THE ADVOCACY CLUB WORK?

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There are two Advocacy Clubs. One focuses on legal submissions and the other focuses on public speaking & debating. Members are welcome to join one club or both.

The Advocacy Club will take place online via Zoom. At each meeting, the members are split into groups. Within your small group, you will perform the set advocacy challenge for that particular meeting. Once you have all performed, you will then discuss your performances within your group – both what went well and what can be improved. This gives you the chance to practise and develop your advocacy in a friendly environment!

## **The Advocacy Club meets online every month.**

The Legal Advocacy Club sessions take place on the last Tuesday of the month, save for December. Meetings last from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

The Public Speaking and Debating Advocacy Club session take place on the second to last Tuesday of the month, save for December. Meetings last from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

There will be 1 meeting in December which is open to members of all clubs. This will be a public speaking session that will take place on the third Tuesday in December.

Each meeting will be focused on a different aspect of advocacy (see the webpage [speedmooting.com/advocacy-club](http://speedmooting.com/advocacy-club) for the schedule).

# WHAT DO WE COVER?

## **SPEED MOOTING**

At the speed mooting sessions, you will be provided with all the materials needed in advance - skeleton arguments, case law and legislation. There is no drafting or research involved! All you need to do is read the material in advance. On the night, you will take part in mooting and be a judge if you like!

## **PLEA IN MITIGATION**

The purpose of the plea in mitigation is for a barrister/solicitor to outline the mitigating factors in a case and therefore obtain the best possible sentence on behalf of their client. You will be able to present your plea in mitigation and receive feedback on your performance.

## **FAMILY LAW ADVOCACY**

At the family law advocacy session, you will have the opportunity to present a piece of civil advocacy that would commensurate with the level of advocacy typically undertaken in the family court by a pupil barrister or trainee solicitor. You will present your submissions and receive feedback on your performance.

## **CIVIL SUBMISSIONS ADVOCACY**

At the civil submissions advocacy session, you will have the opportunity to present a piece of civil advocacy that would commensurate with the level of advocacy typically undertaken in the county court by a pupil barrister or trainee solicitor. You will present your submissions and receive feedback on your performance.

## **BAIL APPLICATION**

A bail application is an oral submission made in court by a barrister/solicitor to request that their client is released on bail during the course of criminal proceedings leading up to trial rather than being remanded into custody. You will be able to present your plea in mitigation and receive feedback on your performance.

## **OPENING SPEECH**

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## **WITNESS HANDLING**

This is possibly the most fun aspect of being a lawyer. You will be able to undertake evidence in chief and cross examination. Your peers will play your witnesses. You will also have the opportunity of being a witness on the night. Effective witness handling is a vital skill for any trial lawyer!

## **CLOSING SPEECH**

At the closing speech session, you will have the opportunity to present a closing speech. This is a speech made by a lawyer to the tribunal at the end of a trial to summarise the evidence that has been presented and seek to persuade the tribunal to find in their client's favour. This can be a very fun form of advocacy.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING / PRESENTING**

This is a chance to have fun with your advocacy. You will have the chance to put together a short speech on any topic of your choosing (legal or non-legal). You will perform this to your group and receive feedback on your performance. If you feel brave, you can also undertake a short impromptu speech on the night!

### **DEBATING**

This is your opportunity to practise adversarial advocacy. You will be given a topic to prepare in advance for you to research and put across your best points on the night. You can receive intervention in your debate so you will need to be prepare for questions.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

**The Public Speaking and Debating Advocacy Club meets on the second to last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm on Zoom. The cost to be a member of this Advocacy Club is £13 per month.**

**The Legal Advocacy Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm on Zoom. The cost to be a member of this Advocacy Club is £13 per month.**

**You can be a member of both clubs and have unlimited access to all of our sessions for £19.00 per month.**

**There will be 1 meeting in December which is open to members of all clubs. This will be a public speaking session that will take place on the third Tuesday in December.**

## **HOW TO JOIN**

**VISIT [SPEEDMOOTING.COM/ADVOCACY-CLUB/](https://speedmooting.com/advocacy-club/) AND FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN UP.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT US AT [INFO@SPEEDMOOTING.COM](mailto:info@speedmooting.com)**

# TIME TABLE FOR 2024/2025

	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING CLUB</b>	<b>LEGAL ADVOCACY CLUB</b>
<b>NOV</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - BUILDING CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>SPEED MOOTING</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - HOLIDAY SPECIAL</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - HOLIDAY SPECIAL</b>
<b>JAN</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - BUILDING RAPPORT</b>	<b>SPEED MOOTING</b>
<b>FEB</b>	<b>DEBATING</b>	<b>CIVIL SUBMISSIONS ADVOCACY</b>
<b>MAR</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - USING CONVICTION</b>	<b>SPEED MOOTING</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>DEBATING</b>	<b>FAMILY LAW SUBMISSIONS ADVOCACY</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - USE OF NOTES</b>	<b>CRIMINAL LAW - PLEA IN MITIGATION</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>DEBATING</b>	<b>TRIAL ADVOCACY - THE OPENING SPEECH</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - EFFECTIVE SPEAKING</b>	<b>TRIAL ADVOCACY - WITNESS HANDLING</b>
<b>AUG</b>	<b>DEBATING</b>	<b>TRIAL ADVOCACY - THE CLOSING SPEECH</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - SPEECH STRUCTURE</b>	<b>CIVIL SUBMISSIONS ADVOCACY</b>
<b>OCT</b>	<b>DEBATING</b>	<b>SPEED MOOTING</b>
<b>NOV</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - BUILDING CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>CRIMINAL LAW - BAIL APPLICATION</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - HOLIDAY SPECIAL</b>	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING - HOLIDAY SPECIAL</b>



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