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PRESENTS:**

**THE 2025
PLEA IN
MITIGATION
COMPETITION**



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ABOUT US

For over a decade, we have been assisting aspiring barristers and solicitors join the legal profession by providing valuable opportunities and experiences. We have strong connections with law schools, solicitor's firms, barrister's chambers and the judiciary which allows us to organise quality events.

We host various innovative advocacy and mooting competitions throughout the year, judged by practitioners. Our competitions are open to all from undergraduates and GDL students through to BPTC/LPC graduates.

We have an Advocacy Club that meets several times per month. Members practise and develop their advocacy in a low-pressure environment.

We attend academic institutions and law firms to provide courses and workshops on advocacy. These are interactive and catered to those at all levels.

We regularly host talks and Q&A sessions with panellists featuring barristers, solicitors and other lawyers from various fields of practise. Further we have a podcast and regularly share helpful videos on our YouTube channel.

We are committed to doing all that we can to help the next generation of lawyers on their journey into the profession!



WHAT WE DO

AT A GLANCE

ADVOCACY & MOOTING
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A MONTHLY ADVOCACY
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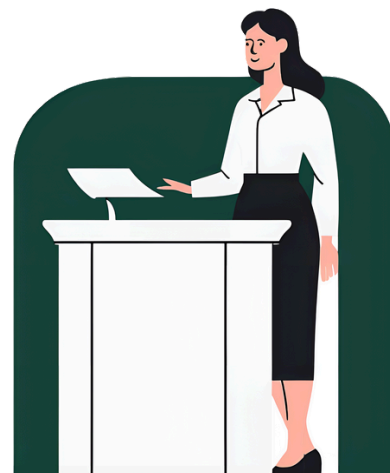


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A WEEKLY PODCAST AND DAILY
YOUTUBE VIDEOS ON THE LAW
AND ADVOCACY



THE 2025 PLEA IN MITIGATION COMPETITION



Are you an aspiring advocate? Do you want first hand experience of life as advocate? The Plea in Mitigation Competition is a fantastic opportunity to do just that.

What is a 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. This is a type of advocacy that is undertaken regularly by criminal barristers and solicitors.



THE DETAILS

WHEN AND WHERE: THE 2025 PLEA IN MITIGATION COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE ON SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025. THE COMPETITION WILL RUN FROM 9AM UNTIL 4PM.

FORMAT

THE SINGLE DAY COMPETITION WILL FEATURE 200 COMPETITORS IN TOTAL. THE COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025 FROM 9 AM UNTIL 4 PM ONLINE ON ZOOM.

THE BUNDLE FOR THE COMPETITION IS SENT THE DAY BEFORE TO REPLICATE LIFE IN PRACTICE WHERE AN ADVOCATE RECEIVES A LAST MINUTE CASE.

PREPARATION TIME

NO LEGAL RESEARCH OR DRAFTING IS REQUIRED; YOU WILL BE JUDGED PURELY ON YOUR ORAL ADVOCACY. ALL MATERIALS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE.

PRIZE

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN IPAD. THE RUNNER UP WILL RECEIVE A £100.00 VOUCHER.

HOW IT WORKS

THE TARGET SIZE FOR THE COMPETITION IS 200 PARTICIPANTS. EVERYONE THAT SIGNS UP WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION.

THE 200 COMPETITORS WILL BE SPLIT INTO 20 GROUPS OF 10. EACH GROUP WILL HAVE THEIR OWN JUDGE(S). ONE BY ONE, EACH COMPETITOR IN A GROUP WILL PERFORM THE PLEA IN MITIGATION IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE(S). THE JUDGE(S) WILL DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THE GROUP AND THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL GO THROUGH TO ROUND 2, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON.

IN ROUND 2, THE 20 COMPETITORS THAT PROGRESSED WILL BE SPLIT INTO 5 GROUPS OF 4. ONE BY ONE, THEY WILL PERFORM THE PLEA IN MITIGATION IN FRONT OF THEIR JUDGE(S). THE JUDGE(S) FROM EACH GROUP WILL DECIDE THE WINNER FROM THAT GROUP.

THE FIVE WINNERS OF THE GROUPS WILL THEN PRESENT ONE LAST TIME TO THE FULL PANEL OF JUDGES.

THE WINNER AND RUNNER UP WILL THEN BE DECIDED BY THE PANEL.

WHO CAN SIGN UP?

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO:

- A LEVEL STUDENTS;**
- LAW UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES;**
- NON-LAW STUDENTS AND GRADUATES;**
- GDL STUDENTS AND GRADUATES;**
- MASTERS, BPTC AND LPC STUDENTS AND GRADUATES**
- THOSE FALLING OUTSIDE OF THE ABOVE PARAMETERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANISERS**

PARTICIPANTS REPRESENT THEMSELVES RATHER THAN THEIR UNIVERSITY. PARTICIPANTS SIGN UP INDEPENDENTLY THROUGH THE WEBSITE. UNIVERSITIES THEREFORE DO NOT NEED TO FORMULATE TEAMS.

DON'T MISS OUT SIGN UP NOW!



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THIS COMPETITION WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHERS SOLELY AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND BE JUDGED PURELY ON YOUR SKILLS AS AN ADVOCATE.

THE COMPETITION FROM START TO FINISH WILL TAKE LESS THAN 24 HOURS OF YOUR TIME; FROM RECEIVING THE BRIEF TO THE FINAL ROUND (SHOULD YOU MAKE IT THAT FAR).

SIGN UP AND GIVE YOURSELF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY SET YOURSELF APART BY PUTTING THIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE ON YOUR CV.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES FEEL FREE TO EMAIL INFO@SPEEDMOOTING.COM.

COST

ENTRY FOR THE COMPETITION IS £36.00.



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