



## NATIONAL SPEED MOOTING COMPETITION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Are you an aspiring advocate? Do you want firsthand experience of life as a trial lawyer? Then the National Speed Mooting Competition in partnership with BPP is a fantastic opportunity to do just that.

### **What is it?**

The National Speed Mooting Competition is a competition unlike any other. It will take place over a single day in a straight head to head knockout format, with a winner crowned at the end of the day. The competition will be judged by practising lawyers.

### **Format**

The main competition will have 128 competitors.

Mooters will have seven minutes to present their submissions in the early rounds and 10 minutes in the semi final and final; hence the name speed mooting. This places huge emphasis on succinct, powerful arguments and avoiding verbosity. Throughout the day participants will be asked to present the case for either the Appellant or the Respondent and this will vary for participants from round to round. Judgments will be given at the end of each moot and some judges may even give feedback, which will allow participants to hone their advocacy skills throughout the day.

### **Preparation time**

The National Speed Mooting Competition is designed to replicate the scenario in practice when a barrister or solicitor advocate receives instructions at short notice to appear in court the following day. No legal research or drafting is required; you will be judged purely on your oral advocacy. The moot problem and accompanying brief will be sent out the day before the competition by email. All authorities and pre-drafted skeleton arguments will be included in the brief.

## **Who can sign up?**

The National Speed Mooting Competition is open to:

- Law undergraduates 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.

## **Where and when is it?**

The National Speed Mooting Competition will take place at **BPP Manchester** on **1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**. The competition will run from 9am until 6pm.

## **Cost**

Entry for the competition is £35.00. You will receive lunch and refreshments on the day.

## **Prize**

The winner of the competition will receive a trophy and an iPad. The runner up will receive a £75.00 Amazon voucher.

## **Why should you take part?**

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 moot (should you make it that far).

Should you be eliminated from the competition, there will be other events throughout the day to ensure that you have a worthwhile experience. There will be a Q&A session with lawyers of varying degrees of experience that can provide advice on application, interviews and life in practice. There will also be an advocacy exhibition on the day to allow you to pick up useful tips on court advocacy.

So sign up and give yourself the opportunity to really set yourself apart by putting this unique experience on your CV.

## **How to sign up**

To sign up, visit [speedmooting.com/speed-moot-2023](https://speedmooting.com/speed-moot-2023)

Further information is available on the website or if you have any queries feel free to email [nationalspeedmoot@gmail.com](mailto:nationalspeedmoot@gmail.com).