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**THE TWELVTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION
MOOT COMPETITION
1 - 5 July 2011
SINGAPORE**

The Murdoch University School of Law is pleased to invite your law school to compete in the 12th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition. The Competition will be hosted by our colleagues at the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Asia's Global Law School. Singapore is an amazing and vibrant city, of great significance for regional and global trade with the port in Singapore being the busiest in the world. The student teams are bound to have an incredible experience in this city.

In 2010 the competition was organised by the Murdoch University School of Law and hosted by the University of Technology, Sydney. Our largest field ever, 19 teams from 7 nations competed in the event. The competitors were:

University of Technology, Sydney
Queensland University of Technology
University of Queensland
University of Malaya
University of Hong Kong
The University of Notre Dame Australia
University of Melbourne
National University of Singapore
Gujarat National Law University
University of Western Sydney
City University of Hong Kong
Universitas Gadjah Mada,
Universitas Indonesia
Murdoch University
National Law University Jodhpur,
MARA University of Technology,
University of Sydney
University of Southampton
Universitas Padjadjaran

In 2010, the grand final of the competition was won by the National University Singapore..

The key elements of the competition are:

- The problem will be released in early December 2010
- The teams prepare a 25 page memoranda in support of both the claimant and the respondent, due in April. These memoranda are judged by an international panel who determine the best written memoranda prizes.
- The teams attend the oral competition at the host university. Each team argues four times in the general rounds, twice for the claimant and twice for the respondent. Distinguished members of the legal profession, judiciary and shipping industry participate as arbitrators.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- *Best written memoranda, and runners up*
- *Highest Ranked team in the General Rounds*
- *Best speaker in the General Rounds*
- *Encouragement Award(team and/or individual) and the Sarah Derrington Award*
- *Best speaker in the Finals and the Ron Salter Award*
- *Runner Up - Best speaker in the Finals*
- *Runner up Team - Orals*
- *Winning Team – Orals*
- *Spirit of the Moot award*
- *Achievement awards (individual and/or team)*

The moot is a competition open to any law students (either undergraduate or postgraduate) who have not been admitted to practice. The moot problem will involve a dispute relating to commercial maritime law and the controversy will be determined before an arbitral tribunal pursuant to the L.M.A.A. terms (2006) or other recognised terms. **Students need not have previously studied maritime law and in fact several past winning teams had no prior knowledge of maritime law before undertaking the moot.**

An enjoyable social program accompanies the competition to enable students to meet with senior members of the profession and the maritime industry and to forge contacts with students from other law schools. We pride ourselves on running a friendly but intellectually rigorous competition which gives a real insight into this fascinating area of law.

Details of the competition, together with the registration form for 2011, can be found at: <http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/index.html> The website also contains the problem from previous years and the winning memoranda.

Enquiries about registration should be forwarded to the moot's co-ordinator, Miriam Overall: m.everall@murdoch.edu.au .

I hope your Law School will consider participating in this competition. I look forward to welcoming your team to Singapore in 2011!

Yours sincerely

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