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9TH ANNUAL IMLAM COMPETITION – 2008 PERTH

Murdoch University School of Law is proud to have hosted and organised the 9th annual IMLAM competition. The event was a great success, with 17 teams competing, including a team from Texas, USA. The standard of the competition was, as always, extremely high. The students had clearly devoted an enormous amount of effort to their research and preparation, and their advocacy skills were incredible.

University of Notre Dame Australia, and University of Queensland fought their way to the grand final. The grand final was held in the Federal Court of Australia on 1 July 2008 before the Hon Justice Robert French of the Federal Court, David Martin-Clark, a London Arbitrator, and David Thomas, Partner at Minter Ellison (Brisbane) and Adjunct Professor of Murdoch University.

In an extremely close finish, the winning team of the oral rounds was University of Queensland.

The following prizes were presented at the awards dinner:

- Winner, Oral hearings sponsored by Blake Dawson – University of Queensland
- Runner-Up Oral Hearings sponsored by DLA Phillips Fox – University of Notre Dame, Australia
- Best Written Memo for the Claimant sponsored by Informa Publishing – equal first, NUJS Calcutta and Auckland University
- Best Written Memo for the Respondent sponsored by Informa Publishing – Universitas Indonesia
- Best Speaker General Rounds sponsored by Middletons – Vince Holland, Murdoch University
- Best Speaker in the Finals- sponsored by Jaya Prakash – Justin Geoghegan, University of Notre Dame, Australia
- Highest Ranked Team in the General Rounds sponsored by Minter Ellison- Murdoch University
- The Sarah Derrington Achievement Award, sponsored by Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand: Gujarat National Law University, India
The following Universities were represented at the competition:

The University of Notre Dame Australia  
The University of Queensland  
The University of Hong Kong  
Universitas Pelita Harapan, Indonesia  
The University of Auckland  
Queensland University of Technology  
Murdoch University  
Gujarat National Law University, India  
La Trobe University  
Victoria University  
Padjadjaran University, Indonesia  
National Law University, Jodhpur  
Universitas Indonesia  
National University of Juridical Sciences, Calcutta  
Hidayatullah National Law University, India  
South Texas College of Law, USA  
MARA University of Technology, Malaysia

A competition such as this cannot be run without significant support from the legal profession and the maritime industry. Thanks must go to the grand final panel, all the arbitrators for giving of their time so generously (particularly those who travelled to Perth for the occasion), the Federal Court for providing the grand final venue, the sponsors for providing the prizes to the teams and sponsoring the many visiting arbitrators, and the Australian Maritime and Transport Arbitration Commission for sponsoring the opening function. The anonymous judges of the memoranda performed a largely thankless task with good grace and a great deal of expertise. We must also thank the student helpers who acted as timekeepers and court officials, and the Moot Court Bench students from Murdoch University who ensured the event ran smoothly. Likewise I would like to thank the Murdoch School of Law team of Dr Vernon Nase (Assistant Moot Director), Miriam Everall and Brigitte Russman.

All of these people were integral to the success of the event.

In 2009, the Competition will be hosted by the University of Queensland in Brisbane and organised by Murdoch University School of Law.

We all look forward to another excellent competition!

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Moot Director