The Murdoch University School of Law is pleased to invite your law school to compete in the Ninth International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot.

In 2007 the competition was run by the Murdoch University School of Law in conjunction with the hosts, Victoria University and was conducted in Melbourne. 17 teams from 7 nations competed in the event, including, for the first time, a team from mainland China. The competitors were:

University of Queensland
University of Technology, Sydney
The University of Hong Kong
University of Newcastle
Murdoch University
Universitas Indonesia
Victoria University
National Law University, Jodhpur
La Trobe University
International Islamic University Malaysia
Queensland University of Technology
China University of Political Science and Law
Padjadjaran University,
Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, India
Gujarat National Law University, India
MARA University of Technology, Malaysia
Hidayatullah National Law University, India

In 2007, the competition was won by Universitas Indonesia, appearing before a panel consisting of the Honourable Justice Allsop (Federal Court of Australia), David Martin-Clark (distinguished London arbitrator) and Ron Salter, (consultant to DLA Phillips Fox and a senior practitioner of maritime law in Australia).

The written component of the competition requires the teams to prepare a forty page memoranda in support of either the claimant or the respondent. This aspect of the competition is judged by an international panel of maritime lawyers and arbitrators.
The oral component of the competition requires each team to argue 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 memorandum for the Claimant
- Best memorandum for the Respondent
- Highest Ranked team in the General Rounds
- Best speaker in the General Rounds
- Encouragement Award (team and 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

The moot is a competition open to any law students (either undergraduate or postgraduate) who have not been admitted to practice. The moot problem, which is released in late January, 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.

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.

Details of the competition, together with the registration form for 2008, can be found at: [http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/index.html](http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/index.html)

The website also contains the problem from 2007 and the winning memoranda.

Enquiries about registration should be forwarded to Miriam Everall: m.everall@murdoch.edu.au

I hope your Law School will be able to participate and I look forward to welcoming your team for the 2008 competition.

Yours sincerely

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