Dear Colleague,

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION
22 – 26 JUNE 2007
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

The Murdoch University School of Law and the Faculty of Law, Victoria University are pleased to invite your law school to compete in the Eighth International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot. Kate Lewins of Murdoch University is Director of the moot again in 2007, with the actual event being hosted by Victoria University.

In 2006 the competition was run by The Murdoch University School of Law and was conducted in Perth. 15 teams from 8 nations competed in the event:

- The University of Hong Kong
- University of Technology, Sydney
- Santa Clara University (USA.)
- Thammasat University (Thailand)
- Universitas Indonesia
- Murdoch University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Victoria University
- Hidayatullah National Law University (India)
- Mara University of Technology (Malaysia)
- The University of Notre Dame Australia
- National Law University, Jodhpur (India)
- The University of Queensland
- International Islamic University of Malaysia
- University of Southampton (UK)

The competition was won by Queensland University of Technology.

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 and shipping industry participate as arbitrators.

Awards are presented in the following categories:
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 mid 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 (2002).

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 2007, can be found at: [http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/](http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/)

The website also contains the problem from 2006 and the winning memoranda.

I hope your Law School will be able to participate and I look forward to welcoming your team for the 2007 competition.

Yours sincerely

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