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National Advocacy /Moot Competition Report

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Winners: Queen's University Belfast



The Right Honourable the Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers with the finalists and the competition organisers at the Supreme Court

This year's competition was joined by 38 educational institutions from across the UK, including Universities and the Inns of Court.

Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
BPP University
City University
Coventry University
Dundee University
Durham University
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The Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn
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University of Birmingham
University of Cambridge
University of Derby
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Hertfordshire
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrew's
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

Early rounds

The early rounds of the competition were held across the UK to make the competition more accessible to all UK Law Schools and Institutions. Page 4 contains a map of the competition, showing the order of the moots.

Quarter Finals

The Quarter Finals were held on the 12th February 2016 and hosted by institutions across the UK. The moot problem was drafted by Alex Matheson (Barrister) and judges included Isaac Maka (Barrister), and Fatos Selita (Barrister and New York Attorney).

Semi Finals

The Semi Finals were held on the 11th March 2016 at the Lincoln's Inn Bench Rooms and were judged by Anthony Metzger QC and Stephanie Harrison QC.

The moot problem was drafted by Katarina Schwarz, with the help of Prof Jean Allain and Dr Robin Hickey, and touched on the issues of slavery that one may encounter in the 21st century.

The venue was sponsored by The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and following the conclusion of the Semi Finals there was a drinks reception at the Members Common Room.



Semi Final at Lincoln's Inn Bench Rooms

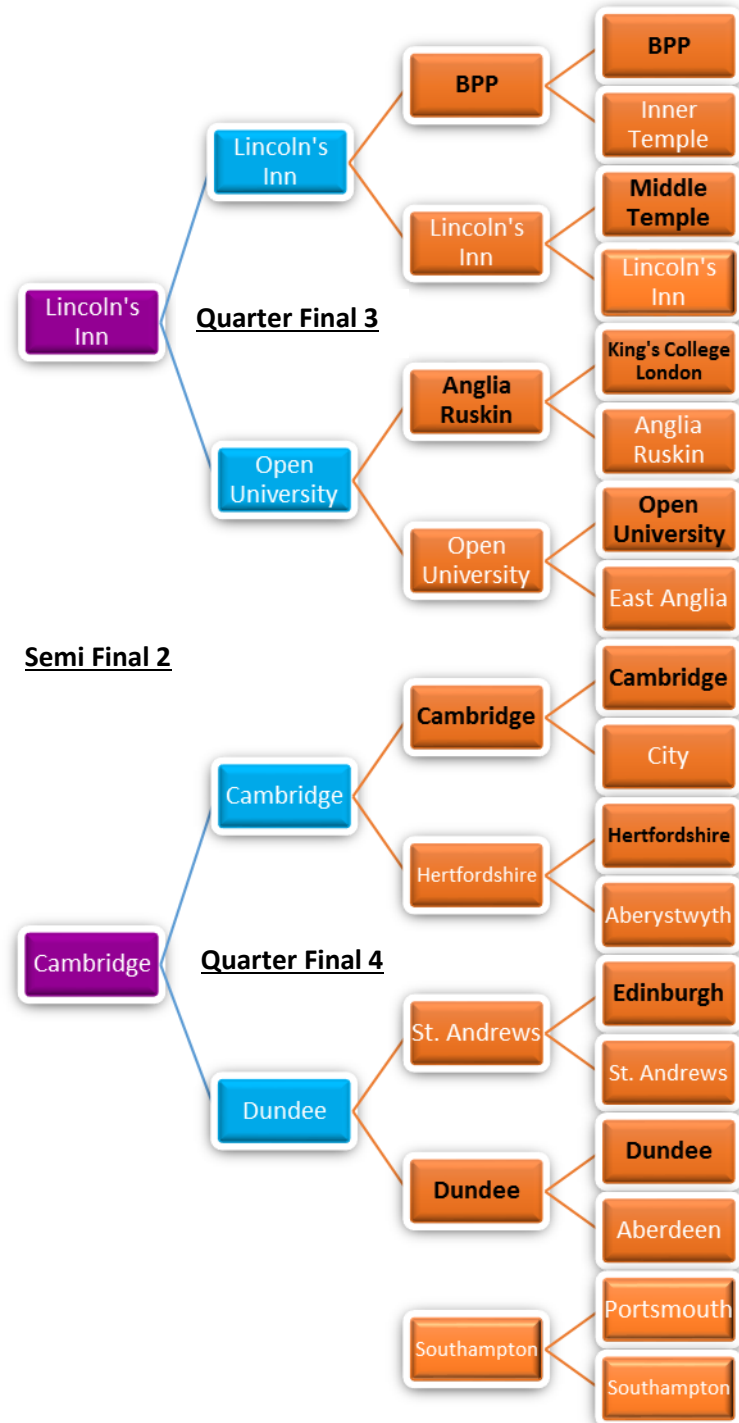
The Final

The Final was between Queen's University Belfast and the University of Sheffield. It was held on the 30th March 2016 at the Supreme Court, and was judged by Lord Phillips, the first President of the Supreme Court. He provided a fair challenge to both teams and gave them an invaluable mooting experience.

The mooters and the attendees provided excellent feedback on the event and emphasised that they were lucky to benefit from Lord Phillips' exceptional engagement with the mooters and advocacy tips at the drinks reception following the moot.



Queen's University, Belfast with Lord Phillips



Contributors and Sponsors

This year's competition was a great success, which would not have been possible without the help and contribution of numerous professionals and institutions. We thank all those who contributed to judging the competition, including Lord Phillips, Anthony Metzer QC, Stephanie Harrison QC, Isaac Maka and Fatos Selita. We also thank Alexander Rozycki, Katarina Schwarz, Prof Jean Allain, Dr Robin Hickeand, Alex Matheson and Her Honour Judge Dowding for providing us with excellent moot problems.

We would also like to thank the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn for their support with sponsoring the venue for the Semi Finals of the competition, and the Supreme Court for hosting the Grand Final.

We would also like to thank those who helped with organising the competition, which required a significant amount of effort and time.

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