

McLaughlins Solicitors Witness Examination Competition

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The LSA's first competition for the year went off with a bang last week. The McLaughlins Solicitors Witness Examination Competition is one of the lesser known competitions in Bond Law because witness examination is quite an advanced skill. With this in mind, the LSA decided to run both the Witness Exam Competition and a Closing Remarks Competition for the younger students.

Our Closing Remarks Competition was for law students in their first or second semester and involved a five minute speech to one judge. Students had to prepare the closing remarks of either the prosecution or defence case in a criminal trial. Although many participants had little to no experience with criminal law the standard and enthusiasm was very exciting to

see. The experience stands these students in good stead for both Brian Orr coming up in week 10 and also their assessments this semester.

Our witness examination involved two participants for each session with 40 minutes individual prep, 20 minutes of time with a witness and 45 minutes in court. The court session involved opening statements, examination in chief, and cross examination for both witnesses, as well as closing statements.

We had a very tough time judging all our Closing Remarks students and eventually came out with two winners - Lucy Hopkinson and Gabrielle Morris. The Witness Examination Competition trophy was given to Matthew Hartsuyker, and Matt has won a fantastic legal work experience with McLaughlins Solicitors for two weeks.

We would like to thank McLaughlins Solicitors for their support with the competition and their generous offer of work experience for the winner. Practical experience is invaluable for law students and it is fantastic we have given one Bond law student this opportunity.



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