

UKELA (The UK Environmental Law Association) is pleased to announce the opening of entries for the 2024 Environmental Law Mooting Competitions sponsored by No5 Chambers and ENDS Report.

Entering the UKELA moots is a great opportunity for those interested in developing their advocacy skills. You don't have to be an environmental law expert to enter, but you do need to be an enthusiast for mooting. For advice on mooting see [here](#).

There are two competitions:

The Lord Slynn of Hadley Moot (Senior Competition)

Open to those who, as of 1 September 2024, are in pupillage, a trainee solicitor, on a professional training course for qualification as a barrister or a solicitor such as the bar training course (BTC) or the legal practice course (LPC), or those who have completed such a professional training course, but have not yet secured a pupillage or training contract.

The Dame Frances Patterson Moot (Junior Competition)

Open to those who, as of 1 September 2024, do not qualify for the Lord Slynn Moot but who are studying for a degree (including a graduate degree such as an LLM or a non-law degree) or taking the GDL. A person who has completed a professional training course for the qualification as a barrister or a solicitor, such as the BTC or the LPC, is not eligible to enter the Junior Competition.

If there is any uncertainty as to whether an individual qualifies for either the senior or junior competition, the matter will be referred to the Master of the Moot for a final determination.

Key Dates:

- 18 November (before 23.59hrs) - submit skeleton argument and entry form;
- 2 December - all applicants notified if through to semi-finals;
- 6 December - deadline for semi-finalists to provide bundles;
- 13 December - semi-finals / finals in-person, No5 Chambers (London), UKELA will provide financial assistance for reasonable travel expenses.

Prizes:

- Free membership of UKELA for all applicants for one year;
- A trophy for each winning team;
- A prize of £150 from No5 Chambers for each winning team;
- A free 3 month ENDS subscription for the four winners.

The Rules

1. Teams consist of two members. An institution may enter more than one team. Teams may be composed of competitors from different institutions.
2. If one member of a team that has made it through to the semi-finals drops out before finals day, the Master of the Moot may substitute another team, or an individual from another team to make up a new team. We encourage you to try to keep the same team members throughout the process.
3. Each team should submit two skeleton arguments, one on behalf of the Claimant and one on behalf of the Defendant. No more than two authorities may be cited in each skeleton. Authorities include legislation, cases, journal articles, and text book references.
4. The legislation, cases, and guidance cited in the problem do not count towards the two authority limit.
5. Each skeleton argument should be no more than six pages of A4 paper. The font should be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and in Word format. Paragraphs and pages should be numbered. The skeleton arguments should not include any contact name or name of an institute to which you belong. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that judges can assess the skeletons without associating the skeleton with a particular person or institution.
6. Please download and complete the student competitions [entry form](#) sheet which must be received, together with a copy of the skeleton argument, by email to info@ukela.org before **23.59hrs on Monday 18 November 2024**.
7. The semi-finalists will be selected on the basis of the skeleton arguments. All competitors will be notified of the selection outcome on **Monday 2 December 2024**.
8. The semi-finals and finals will be held in person at No5 Chambers in London on **Friday 13 December 2024**.