



## **2018 MCGILL AIR LAW “SPEED MOOT” COMPETITION**

### 1. Organisation:

The following rules will govern the *Institute of Air and Space Law Speed Moot Competition*, hereinafter “the Competition”. The Competition is an initiative of the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University (the “Institute”), Canada, located at *3690 Peel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*. All materials developed and published by the Institute of Air and Space Law for the purposes of the moot court competition will remain the sole property of the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, and may not be reproduced or published without express permission.

### 2. Structure of the Competition:

The competition will consist of two rounds comprising a preliminary round followed by a final for which the teams with the highest scores will qualify.

### 3. Participation – Eligibility:

The Competition is open to all students registered in the Bachelor of Laws (BCL/LLB), Master of Laws (LLM) or doctoral (DCL) programmes at McGill University. Each team must comprise two members who shall be the sole contributors to the work product of the team. No substitution of team members is permitted once the registration deadline has passed except in case of extenuating circumstances with the written permission of the Director of the Institute.

4. Registration:

Teams must register by completing and submitting the registration form (available on the website of the Institute of Air and Space Law at <https://www.mcgill.ca/iasl/airmoot>) by 5 p.m. on 7 March 2018.

5. Outside Assistance:

Teams may receive outside assistance but this is to be restricted to a general discussion of topics and help with oral presentation skills. No student who has been associated with the drafting of the problem will assist the teams in any manner. A violation of this provision will result in immediate disqualification.

6. Oral Rounds:

6.1 *Language* – The language of the competition will be English.

6.2 *Time* - Each round will comprise a total of 30 minutes of oral pleadings. Each team will prepare oral arguments for both the Applicant and the Respondent. Each team will be allotted a total of 15 minutes to present their arguments, including the time used to answer questions posed by the judges. Teams may choose to utilise an additional two minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal. While it is recommended that the two speakers utilise the time provided equally, should they choose not to, no speaker is to speak for more than 9 minutes of the total time awarded to each team.

6.3 *Judges* – Each preliminary round will be judged by a Bench of two judges who are competent in the field of air law and nominated by the Director of the Institute. The final round will be judged by a Bench comprising three judges who are distinguished authorities in the field of air law and who are also nominated by the Director of the Institute. The members of each Bench will judge each oral argument individually. The Bench may stop a speaker at any moment in an oral argument in order to pose a question

or make a comment. Each Bench may, at its discretion, decide to give a particular speaker or team extra time to finish an argument if it feels it is reasonable to do so. For all proceedings within the courtroom, the decision of the judges will be final and binding.

6.4 *Criteria* – The teams will be scored on (i) the originality of their argument, (ii) the structure and logic of their argument, (iii) their knowledge of the facts and of relevant law, (iv), their competence in answering questions, and (v) their overall presentation.

6.5 *Scores* – Each category mentioned in Paragraph 6.4 will be worth 10 points. Each speaker will be scored from a total of 50 points (so that a team can earn a maximum of 100 points between its two speakers).

6.6 *Conduct* – Teams are to be seated behind their respective tables at the time indicated to them. No oral or written communication is permitted between team members while a speaker is presenting an argument. This will not prevent a speaker from approaching his/her table to access and consulting any material required in responding to a question. No written or oral communication is permitted between the teams and the Bench without the express permission of the Bench.

6.7 *Tie-Break* – If there is a tie between one or more teams at the time the two final teams are to be determined, the team that has the greater number of win points will advance to the final round. Each round that a team wins will 10 points for that team. Win points will be added to the total score for each team only in the event of a tie. In the event that this number is equal as well, the determination will be made by the Director of the Institute in a manner that is fair and is communicated to the participants.

7. Final Decision:

All decisions regarding the rules of the Competition and any matters relating to the conduct of the Competition taken by the Director of the Institute will be final and binding.