

The University of Law Advocacy Committee

Our Advocacy Committee forms a pivotal role in ensuring that as many students as possible have access to advocacy opportunities during their time at The University of Law (ULaw). This is done through organising internal mooting competitions, as well as entering teams into external competitions on behalf of ULaw.

This position will enhance your CV/pupillage applications through holding a position of responsibility, organisational skills and the opportunity to network with a variety of practitioners.

This document should give you an overview of the structure of the committee and what is expected of you as a scholar.

Structure

- Each campus has their own Advocacy Committee.
- **London** - overseen directly by the Mistress or Master of Moots, who is responsible for the daily running of the London committee.
- **Outside of London** - made up of a number of scholars, with a Senior Scholar who is responsible for the daily running of the Advocacy Committee at their campus.
- All committees are overseen by the Master or Mistress of Moots.

Mistress or Master of Moots and Senior Scholars

Mistress or Master of Moots duties:

- Daily running of the London committee including internal speed moots.
- Oversight of all campuses, working as a liaison between campuses and offering advice/steering to the other campuses.
- Administering the Advocacy Committee budget for the year, which will be split pro-rata based on the number of students in each campus.
- Work with the Senior Scholar to write a report to the University every two months.

Senior Scholars duties:

- Daily running of the committee at their campus, including internal speed moots.
- Work with the Mistress or Master of Moots at the start of the year to decide which external moots will be entered by each campus, with a view to maximising the opportunities for all students around the country.
- Report to the Mistress or Master of Moots on the running of the committee in their campus. This will be included in the Mistress or Master of Moots overall report.

The Advocacy Allocation

At the start of each year an advocacy allocation event will be used to rank all those students who wish to moot on behalf of ULaw in external competitions. The running of each allocation will be the responsibility of the committee in each campus, however, each campus should work as collaboratively as possible with each other.

Whilst each campus is free to run its allocation in the way it sees fit, any allocation must run in line with any guidance given by the University.

From ULaw's past experience, it is strongly advised that advocacy scholars do not take part in the advocacy allocation as a competitor, but restrict their involvement to judging. However, should a scholar feel that they must participate with a view to competing in the external competitions, a special agreement may be arranged.

Each scholar will still be free to participate in the speed moots run on campus (although not any they are directly running due to the obvious time constraints).

Scholars are also reminded to involve themselves in the mooting programmes run by their Inns.

Finally, to ensure that all scholars have an opportunity to moot despite not being included in the Advocacy Allocation the committee are encouraged to organise a special 'Advocacy Scholars Moot'. This moot will be exclusively for advocacy scholars, providing an opportunity to moot at a very high level, and win a very prestigious mooting title.

Other duties expected of scholars

The University understands that the BPC year is incredibly busy for each student bearing in mind the studying requirements as well as practitioner evenings and Inns events. However, as part of your scholarship you will be asked to perform a few duties in addition to the running of the committee, these are listed here to help you plan your time.

- Assist with BPC Open Days and Insight Evenings, acting as an ambassador for ULaw sharing your experiences as a student. There is usually one event per term.
- Assist with promoting ULaw at Pupillage Fairs. Whilst you are present to help promote the University, this is a great opportunity to see the fair and network with the many barristers who will be present.
- Assist at BPC Selection Events across the year.

These duties are to be distributed fairly amongst all scholars and should not prove to be too burdensome. Each of these duties will be beneficial to your public speaking ability, but will also be a great opportunity to network with barristers.