



## Administrative Appeals Tribunal

### 2021 Adjudication guide for competitors

#### Conduct of the moot

The moots are abridged versions of Tribunal hearings. However, teams are not required to hand up exhibits or copies of cases. Teams are to assume that counsel has addressed all the facts in the fact scenario and all relevant evidence has been presented.

#### Written Submissions

Please refer to Rules 6.2 and 6.3 of the [2021 Competition Rules](#) relating to the provision of written submissions.

#### Oral Submissions

The teams will present closing submissions. The applicant team will present for 30 minutes and the respondent team will present for 40 minutes.

This time is divided equally between senior counsel and junior counsel.

The applicant team will then present submissions in reply (rebuttal) for no more than 10 minutes.

Please note however that the applicant team may choose to waive its right to reply.

#### *The applicant team*

During closing submissions by the applicant team, the hearing attendant will sound a bell at the following intervals for each speaker:

- One bell will be sounded after 10 minutes of submissions.
- Two bells will be sounded at 14 minutes.
- The bell will be sounded continuously after 15 minutes.

#### *The respondent team*

During closing submissions for the respondent team, the hearing attendant will sound a bell at the following intervals for each speaker:

- One bell will be sounded after 15 minutes of submissions.
- Two bells will be sounded at 19 minutes.
- The bell will be sounded continuously after 20 minutes.

Despite the strict time structure, adjudicators may, at their discretion, extend the duration of oral submissions.

#### Failure to appear

If a team fails to appear for a moot it is deemed to have forfeited and the team that has appeared will be declared the winner of the moot. Adjudicators may, at their discretion, invite the team that has appeared to present oral submissions.

## Scoring

The adjudicator(s) will assess each team's performance on the criteria set out below and use a marking system out of 100:

Area	Mark
Content of argument	30
Questions from the bench	20
Speaking ability and delivery	30
Written submissions	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

The scores will not be shared with the team; they are simply a tool for the adjudicator/s to decide the winner of the moot.

### **Announcing the winner and providing feedback to the teams**

At the conclusion of the moot the adjudicator(s) may leave the hearing room to deliberate. Once a winner has been decided, the adjudicator(s) will return to the room and hand down their decision in the case, provide feedback, and announce the winning team.

The scores assigned to each team will not be disclosed.