Mayer Brown Moot Final
City v UCL

T he frequently quoted “who then, in law, is my neighbour?” question was put in to practice on Wednesday 8th February 2006 when the LSESU Law Society hosted our neighbouring institutions for the final of the Mayer Brown Rowe and Maw (MBRM) University of London Moot. The competition consisted of LSE, UCL, KCL, SOAS, Queen Mary and City and after multiple moots, finally the concluding round of this prestigious competition was upon us. Each level of this moot was based on a different area of the law, ranging from criminal to contract. This final moot, based on tort law, was also fortunate enough to be judged by employers from this unique international city law firm who are at the intellectual apex of their profession and were therefore adept to competently adjudicate who won each moot on both the legal grounds and who mooted best on the day.

The final was between UCL and City and the competition between each of the speakers was tough. Each moot knew their points thoroughly and was able to display their knowledge clearly and articulately when answering any of the posed questions from the adjudicator. Indeed, both teams were so well matched, it was impossible to even presuppose who would win the overall moot. As the judge retired to make her decision, both the alcohol and the conversation between students from all institutions flowed - our rivals and hatred of each other’s establishments forgotten for one evening. However, before the decision was given by the Judge, Professor Christopher Greenwood gave one of his infamous speeches before awarding the ‘Jana Cupplin Mooting Award’ to Sarah Turnock, an LSE student who was the Law Society’s Mooting officer for 2004-2005 and who has represented the LSE at mooting competitions and won on numerous occasions. It was awarded in recognition of both her success and time devoted to mooting. But, soon after the award had been presented, the Judge from MBRM returned with her decision. The atmosphere within the room was tense, with students from both UCL and City on tenterhooks, all vying for their team to seize glory. The judge concluded that although UCL won on the law, the team from City won the overall moot for although the law was not ‘on their side’, their arguments were the most convincing.

Finally, after months of competing, this mooting competition had finished with City claiming victory as the overall winners. It was an incredible shame that LSE did not have one of its own teams in the final, but lets hope that in the foreseeable future, LSE will be able to have more proximate relations with our neighbouring institutions by holding more events producing fair, just and reasonable results. Kate Mahoney

THE NIGHT’S EVENTS IN PICTURES

(Below): City emerge triumphant but only narrowly, as UCL defeat the champions on the law.

(Above): Professor Greenwood concludes the evening’s events and praises both team’s ability.

(Above): Sarah Turnock’s prize-worthy efforts in the field of mooting are rewarded.

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Dear Readers,

Wow how time flies. Welcome to the Lent Term 2006 Edition of The LSESU Law Society’s Obiter, the law students’ termly law review. The LSESU Law Society is always striving to bring you the information about, and the debates surrounding the most gripping legal issues of the time, and this issue’s articles are no exception.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed to both this and the Michaelmas term issue; they have certainly done a brilliant job. The articles are not only thought provoking, but eloquently written.

Further, this is the perfect opportunity to remind you all about the upcoming Law Society Ball, tickets are available now from the committee’s representatives so chase them down - they won’t mind too much.

Lastly, I’d like to use this space to thank this year’s law committee who have been a pleasure to work with. Being a law student at LSE in never easy but we hope that for all our society’s members we have made the experience as enjoyable as it could possibly be.

Don’t forget to keep writing.

Warm Regards,

Chloe Strong

LSESU Law Society President.

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