



THE PARALEGAL CUP
2015

November 21-22
Humber College Lakeshore Campus

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COMPETITION & EVENT
GUIDE

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Quarter-Finals

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____

Win/Loss: _____

Semifinals

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____

Win/Loss: _____

Round Three

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____

Round Four

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____

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Competition Tracking Sheet

Round One

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____

Round Two

Appellant Team: _____

Respondent Team: _____

Room: _____

Judge(s): _____



Silver Partners



Bronze Partners



WELCOME TO THE PARALEGAL CUP 2015!

A Message from the Student Steering Committee

The Paralegal Cup is the only mooting competition in Ontario that is exclusive to paralegal students enrolled in a Certificate or Diploma program.

The purpose of the competition is to strengthen student advocacy and critical thinking skills by focusing on oral and written advocacy, professionalism, and resiliency.

This year, the competition is open to all students enrolled in a Paralegal Diploma or Certificate program, recognized by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

What to Expect

The theme of this year's Paralegal Cup is **Professionalism and Civility**.

The first day consists of four mooting rounds followed by a networking hour and the highly anticipated evening dinner used to celebrate the students' achievements from the day's competition. On the second day, the top eight teams, based on total oral and written scores from the preliminary rounds, compete in the quarterfinal, semi-final, and final rounds. In the finalist rounds, the team with the higher score advances.

Building on the success of 2014, this year the Steering Committee is focused on strengthening our community involvement. For example, we have initiated a program to reach out to local high schools in an effort to build awareness of the paralegal profession. By getting involved as volunteers, we can offer a unique experience for high school students. This is an opportunity for them to connect with leaders in the legal community while gaining hands-on experience and gain valuable insight into the paralegal profession.

At its heart, the Paralegal Cup is about students. Students are the future of the paralegal profession. The students who participate in the competition become stronger and more confident advocates. As they graduate into the profession, they are better prepared to deliver Ontarians increased access to justice.

Thank you for participating in our non-profit event. The competition offers you a unique opportunity to encourage extra-curricular academic skill development and support experiential paralegal education in Ontario.

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The History of Mooting

Mooting as a Competition

A moot court is an extracurricular activity at many law schools in which participants take part in simulated court proceedings, which involves drafting a written component and participating in oral argument.

The term derives from Anglo-Saxon times, when a moot (*gmot* or *emot*) was a gathering of prominent men in a locality to discuss matters of local importance.

The modern activity differs from a mock trial, as moot court usually refers to a simulated appellate court or arbitral case, while a mock trial usually refers to a simulated jury trial or bench trial. Moot court does not involve actual testimony by witnesses, cross-examination, or the presentation of evidence, but is focused solely on the application of the law to a common set of evidentiary assumptions to which the competitors must be introduced. In most countries, the phrase "a moot court" may be shortened to simply "a moot" and the activity may be called "mooting".

“In my view, the profession of advocacy may be the last bastion of real humanity in the practice of law.”

- Hon. R. Roy McMurtry OC, O.Ont, QC LSM, The Advocates' Society
Spring Symposium 2000, Advocacy in the 21st Century

Community Partner Program

Thank you to the generosity of our Community Partner Program participants.

Community Partner Program participants are important supporters of the non-profit mission and goals of The Paralegal Cup. Moreover, Community Partners support higher education through student participation and their commitment speaks to their desire to give back to the community and enhance the competition's success.

It is through the primary support of our Community Partners that The Paralegal Cup Moot is able to bring this academic event to paralegal students across the province.



Gold Partners





David Wright, LSUC Tribunal Chair, HRTO Adjudicator

In June 2003, the Law Society announced that David A. Wright would serve as the organization's first full time independent non-bencher Tribunal Chair.

Mr. Wright holds an LLM from the New York University School of Law (2000) as well as an LLB and BCL from the McGill University Faculty of Law (1998). He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2001. Most recently, he served as associate chair of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO), Social Justice Tribunals Ontario. Prior to that, he was interim chair of the HRTO (2009-11) and vice chair (2007-09).

Prior to his appointment as an adjudicator, he practiced as a bilingual litigation and labour lawyer, appearing before a variety of administrative tribunals and all levels of courts. He was law clerk to Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1998-99.

Mr. Wright is a member of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, the Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario, the Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators and the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals.

The Law Society regulates lawyers and paralegals in Ontario in the public interest. The Law Society has a mandate to protect the public interest, to maintain and advance the cause of justice and the rule of law, to facilitate access to justice for the people of Ontario and act in a timely, open and efficient manner.

Our History and Background

Why Moot?

The purpose of the extra-curricular Paralegal Cup intercollegiate mooting competition is to create a unique academic opportunity for paralegal students to practice and refine their research, analytical and reasoning skills. All of these career-based skills are invaluable in the legal profession.



"I cannot possibly say enough about this event. We have seen the top students from around the province who have thoroughly impressed the paralegal and academic communities alike. This event has grown in popularity and this year there will be some esteemed volunteer judges. I am proud to have been part of this event in past years and am looking forward to volunteering again this year."

- Michelle Haigh, Owner of Precision Paralegal, Chair of the LSUC Paralegal Standing Committee
LSUC Bencher and OPA member.

The competition provides a safe environment to develop these skills. In addition to preparing and submitting a written component using a prescribed format, students are required to present ten-minute oral submissions.

Each student team competes in four mooting rounds, alternating between representing the appellant and the respondent. The mooting competition asks student teams to identify and address the legal issues for both the appellant and the respondent in a selected contemporary Canadian case.



2013 Paralegal Cup Champions, Canadian Business College



2014 Final Moot Round Competitors, Centennial and Seneca College



2014 Paralegal Cup Champions, Seneca College

History of The Paralegal Cup

Since the beginning of the Paralegal Cup in 2013, the paralegal community has shown overwhelming support for the event's continued success. The Cup is truly an event that brings together the entire paralegal community, students, and professionals alike.

Over the last few years, the Paralegal Cup has engaged a unique and focused group of professionals. Licensees, members of the judiciary, educators, and administrators attend to mentor students as they practice and refine their research, analytical, and reasoning skills.

The Paralegal Cup has garnered media attention, including featured articles in Lawyer's Weekly, SLAW, the LSUC Gazette, and AdvocateDaily.com.

The first day's mooting rounds are followed by a networking hour and the highly anticipated evening dinner used to celebrate the students' achievements from the day's competition. In past years, the evening has featured a number of influential keynote speakers and distinguished guests from the legal community. The event serves to be an invaluable opportunity for students to connect with mentors, industry leaders, and future colleagues. Furthermore, it helps us to thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to the success of the event.

The Paralegal Cup organizers have transformed the format of traditional mooting competitions by being on the leading front of technology integration. The goal is to offer extended support and engagement opportunities for judges and for individuals who are unable to attend or are located in remote areas of the Province. In addition to the Chief Justice's debrief video, the evening dinner and final moot rounds are live-streamed to the Paralegal Cup's YouTube Channel:

 www.youtube.com/user/paralegalcup



Raj Anand, LSUC Benchler, Partner at WeirFoulds

Mr. Anand practices in the areas of human rights, constitutional and administrative law, labour relations, civil litigation, professional negligence and discipline. He is a former Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission and presently acts for complainants and respondents in internal investigations and Ontario and federal applications. He has acted as a Board of Inquiry under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Police Services Act, as Co-Chair of the University of Toronto Tribunal and as counsel to a number of administrative tribunals.

Mr. Anand has spoken and written on diverse subjects including trial, appellate and administrative advocacy and human rights. He graduated with the Dean's Key in 1978 from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He served in 1986-1987 as a Task Force to the Ontario Government on the Law Concerning Trespass to Publicly-used Property as it Affects Youth and Minorities.

In 1997, Mr. Anand was the first recipient of The Advocates' Society Award of Justice. His experience as an adjunct professor includes "The New Administrative Law" in the LL.M. program at Osgoode Hall Law School and "Diversity and the Legal Profession" at U of T's Faculty of Law. He has acted for a variety of parties in public interest litigation and commissions of inquiry. For seven years he was the Advocates' Society representative on the Equity Advisory Group of the Law Society. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Boards of Directors of two community clinics and Legal Aid Ontario, the Advocates' Society and Pro Bono Law Ontario, and as President of the latter organization and the University of Toronto Law Alumni Council. He is presently a member of the Equality Rights Panel of the Federal Court Challenges Programme.

In 2003, Mr. Anand received the Law Society Medal, the highest honour awarded by the governing body of the legal profession in Ontario, and in 2007 and 2011 he was elected by the profession to four-year terms as a benchler of the Law Society. In June 2007, he was awarded Professional Man of the Year by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce. In April 2008, he was appointed by the Province of Ontario as the Founding Chair of its Human Rights Legal Support Centre. In 2010, Mr. Anand received the award for Distinguished Career from the South Asian Bar Association. In 2013, he was awarded the inaugural Roy McMurtry Fellowship at Osgoode Hall Law School to teach ethics and professionalism.

Featured Special Guest Biographies



Robert Lapper, CEO of the Law Society of Upper Canada

Robert G.W. Lapper, Q.C., joined the Law Society of Upper Canada as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on February 1, 2012.

Mr. Lapper was formerly the Deputy Minister of Labour for the Province of British Columbia, a post he held since 2009. From 2007 to 2009, he served as the Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Associate Deputy Minister, Cabinet Operations and Inter-governmental Relations, in the Office of the Premier.

For seven years, beginning in 2001, Mr. Lapper was the Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Legal Services Branch, for the Province of British Columbia. He oversaw a complete organizational and service transformation in the Legal Service Branch during his tenure there. He was honoured with a Queen's Counsel appointment in December 2002.

After clerking with the British Columbia Supreme Court, he practiced law as an associate and later partner in a firm in Sidney, British Columbia for 10 years. During that time, his practice included a variety of areas. One: Emerging aboriginal law issues—engaged his interest in particular. Mr. Lapper joined the Province of British Columbia as a lawyer in the Legal Services Branch, Ministry of Attorney General, in 1994 to focus on these aboriginal law issues. His work included acting as one of the counsel to the Nisga'a Treaty negotiations, which concluded the first "modern" treaty in British Columbia. In 1998, he was appointed to head the Aboriginal Law Practice Group in the Legal Services Branch.

Mr. Lapper has a passion for legal and justice issues and wide-ranging experience in legal policy and operations, and is a frequent speaker, lecturer and writer on public law, aboriginal law, commercial law and related issues. He also has a long history of volunteer engagements with community organizations.

 [Follow Robert Lapper on Twitter @wlap](#)

2015 Participants

Participating Schools

The Paralegal Cup Steering Committee extends our gratitude to all the participating Colleges for supporting their student mooting teams in the 2015 Paralegal Cup. Welcome to our participating schools:



The Paralegal Cup volunteer judges are experienced and knowledgeable professionals with a reputation that is both commendable and highly respected in the legal community. Additionally, they have demonstrated throughout their career that they support paralegal education in Ontario. Their experience is invaluable and their participation in the competition adds to the success and enhancement of the learning experience.

On behalf of all the competitors, the student Steering Committee extends our appreciation to our volunteer judges. We recognize the competition takes personal time out of their busy professional schedules.

Final Judging Panel for the Supreme Court of The Paralegal Cup

Chief Justice: **Albert Ferranti**
Elaine Page
Leni Yang

Marian Lippa
Darryl Singer

Distinguished Judges

Robert Lapper
Raj Anand
David Wright

LSUC CEO
LSUC Benchler, Partner at WeirFoulds
LSUC Tribunal Chair, HRTO Adjudicator

Preliminary Round Judges

Raj Anand	Lawyer
Bernie Aron	Deputy Judge
Michelle Bernardi	Paralegal
Kristin Bisbee	Paralegal
Minda Bowman	Paralegal
George Brown	Paralegal
Robert Burd	Paralegal
Monica Deacock	Paralegal
Albert Ferranti	Deputy Judge
Claude Gelbard	Paralegal
Samantha Glass	Paralegal
Andrew Hyland	Paralegal
Joe Kippax	Paralegal
Susan Koprach	Paralegal
Robert Lapper	Lawyer
Marian Lippa	Paralegal
Michelle Meighoo	Lawyer
Nancy Miller	Paralegal
Jim Moak	Paralegal
Andrew Monkhouse	Lawyer
Elaine Page	Paralegal
Stephen Parker	Paralegal
Judit Schonwald	Paralegal
Cheryl Sereny	Paralegal
Darryl Singer	Lawyer
Nav K Singh	Lawyer
Judit Schonwald	Paralegal
John Tzanis	Paralegal
Nickolas Tzoulas	Lawyer
David Wright	Lawyer
Leni Yang	Paralegal

**Guest Speaker***Kiran Gill, Associate*

- Called to the Ontario bar 2011
- LLB University of Windsor Law School 2010
- Honours BA in Business and Society in the Political Science and Labour Studies Streams, York University, 2007

Kiran is a member of the Lawrences Litigation Group, practicing general civil litigation. She has been involved in various files in estates litigation, real estate litigation, shareholder's disputes, real estate disputes, corporate and commercial litigation and assessments of costs.

Kiran has represented clients in factually complex matters and has drafted materials for all levels of court.

Speaking/Teaching Engagements

- OBA Institute 2013, Trusts and Estates Section
- LSUC, Solo and Small Firm Conference 2015
- OBA Trusts and Estates Section, Effective Mediation Advocacy in Estates Litigation (2015) – Case Comment on *Foley v. Foley* (ONCA)

Professional Affiliations

- Ontario Bar Association: Council Member, Executive member, Trusts and Estates Section, Executive member, Young Lawyers Division.
- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Peel Law Association
- South Asian Bar Association
- Canadian Association of South Asian Lawyers

2015 Formal Dinner

Saturday November 21, 2015. 6:00pm, L Building, L1000 Commons

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In past years, the evening has featured a number of influential keynote speakers and distinguished guests from the legal community. The event serves to be an invaluable opportunity for students to connect with mentors, industry leaders, and future colleagues. Furthermore, it helps us to thank you everyone for their hard work and commitment to the success of the event.



2013 Formal Dinner



2014 Formal Dinner



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Volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers. This year we saw many volunteers from other schools and many areas of study and numerous volunteers from the paralegal community. Volunteers are critical to the success of the Paralegal Cup. Without the countless hours of tireless efforts from numerous community volunteers, the Paralegal Cup would not be possible.

The Paralegal Cup Steering Committee Volunteers

Paralegal Cup Coordinator: Madeline Williams

- Fallon Burns** Paralegal
- Doug Taylor** Student
- Sara Liden** Student
- Tara Lisowski** Student

Media Team: Kavelle Deonanan and Humber Bachelor of Public Relations Students.

The Paralegal Cup Steering Committee extends a special thank you to the following individuals who were critical in the success of The Paralegal Cup 2015:

- Karen Fair (Paralegal)
- James Cullin (Associate Dean, Business School at Humber College)
- Omar Ha-Redeye (Lawyer)
- Michael Benoit (Paralegal)
- Leni Yang (Paralegal)
- Michelle Thompson (OJEN Program Manager for Post-Secondary Outreach & Strategic Initiatives)
- Kavelle Deonanan (Event Coordinator/Community Liaison, Lakeshore Campus at Humber College)
- Wanda Buote (Principal, Lakeshore Campus at Humber College)
- Alvina Cassianni (Dean, Business School at Humber College)
- Robert Burd, Cathy Corsetti, Michelle Haigh, Brian Lawrie & Marian Lippa (The LSUC's Paralegal Standing Committee)
- Humber College Information Technology Services
- Humber College Facilities Management
- Chartwells

Competition Schedule

Saturday November 21, 2015

8:00am-9:00am	Registration, Opening Ceremonies and Breakfast, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
8:15am-9:00am	Breakout Sessions: Competitors, Judges and Timekeepers
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
9:30am-10:45am	Round 1
10:45am-11:00am	Break
11:00am-12:15pm	Round 2
12:15pm-1:30pm	Lunch, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
1:30pm-2:45pm	Round 3
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break
3:00pm-4:15pm	Round 4
4:30pm-6:00pm	Mix and Mingle, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
6:00pm-8:30pm	Formal Dinner L Building, L1000 Commons

Sunday, November 22, 2015

8:00am-9:00am	Check-in and Breakfast, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
9:00am-10:15am	Quarter-Finals
10:15am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:45am	Semifinals
11:45am-1:00pm	Lunch, Mooter's Lounge L Building, 2nd Floor
1:00pm-2:30pm	Finals
2:30pm-3:30pm	Awards and Closing Remarks