

### **Style & Format**

Skeleton arguments should not exceed 3,000 words. This includes front cover, table of contents, and footnotes.

Competitors are free to adopt any recognized method of citation.

Competitors are advised to adopt the [guidelines on writing skeleton arguments](#) set out by Sir John Mummery, Sir James Hunt, and Edmund Lawson QC.

### **Marking Criteria**

The following criteria will be used to assess skeleton arguments:

- Knowledge and use of facts (/20)
- Recognition of issues and structure of argument (/20)
- Quality of legal analysis (/20)
- Quality and extent of research (/20)
- Overall Presentation (Language, structure, format, citations) (/20)

### **Submission & Deadline**

While all teams are invited to participate in the oral rounds, each team must submit a skeleton argument by 17:00 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Failure to do so may result in a team being penalized or disqualified from the competition.

Skeleton arguments must be submitted in Word or PDF format.

Teams must attach copies, in PDF or Word format, of all authorities cited in their skeleton arguments.

All submissions must be anonymized. The only way of identifying a team's submissions should be by team number.

All teams must bring 3 copies of their skeleton argument and authorities in ring binder folder ('a bundle') to be presented to judges at oral rounds.

### **Purpose of Skeleton Argument**

Scores for the skeleton arguments will be combined with scores from the oral rounds to determine the competition's quarter-finalists. From the quarter-finals onwards only scores from oral rounds will be considered.