

## UCT LAW STUDENT MOOT NEWS 2023



### FACULTY OF LAW

#### Willem C. Vis Moot (Feb – April 2023)

Following participation in the Vis Moot regional competition held in Kenya in February, UCT students participated in the international Willem C. Vis Moot in Vienna between 31 March and 6 April 2023. Final year students **Art Wynberg** and **Daniel Erasmus** represented UCT in the international commercial arbitration moot. While the team did not qualify for the elimination rounds, the Vis Moot is highly competitive and our students received good feedback following their preliminary rounds. The full Vis Moot team in 2023 **comprised Art Wynberg, Daniel Erasmus, Khanya Dambuza, Haydon Andersen, Jered Shorkend, and Ropafadzo Zharare** (supported by the UCT Moot Society). UCT's participation in the competition was facilitated by *Africa in the Moot*, and partly sponsored by McCarter & English. MarcAnthony Bonanno from McCarter & English served as coach for the team.



*The team (from left to right): Ropa, daniel, Khanya, Haydon, Art, and Jered*



*Left: A breakaway education session.  
Right: Haydon contributing a creative interpretation of 'aircraft' in terms of Art. 3.2.5 of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.*



*Appearing oralists after the hearing with Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)*

### **UCT Internal Moot (May 2023)**

The UCT Moot Society hosted an internal moot competition on 6 May 2023 at the Law Faculty, sponsored by Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr. The event sought to foster a culture of competitive mooting within the Faculty. A number of Faculty members as well as external guests served as adjudicators for the moot.

### The 2023 Kate O'Regan Intersvarsity Moot Competition (August 2023)

The Centre for Law & Society and the UCT Moot Society have just hosted this year's prestigious Kate O'Regan Intersvarsity Moot Competition. A range of alums and Faculty friends served as judges in the early rounds on Saturday morning, 26 August, with Justice Albie Sachs, Ashraf Mahomed, Professor Chirwa, Justice Bess Nkabinde and Justice David Unterhalter serving variously as the judges for the semi-finals and finals. The finals were held in a packed Moot Court, with the UCT team (**Hlumani Ndlovu & Matthew Field**) winning the competition and being awarded the Cup. Runners up were the team from UJ (**Kyle Mouton & Nasiha Jajbhay**). It was a great competition, with participants from eight universities around the country.



*Justice David Unterhalter, Matthew Field, Justice Bess Nkabinde, Hlumani Ndlovu, Justice Albie Sachs, UCT Law Dean Professor Danwood Chirwa*

### All Africa Moot (September 2023)

Two of our LLB students, **Talitha Wayne** and **Rachel Weisz**, travelled to Ghana for the 2023 All Africa Moot Competition held at KNUST in Kumasi, Ghana from 3-9 September 2023. Coached by **Salona Lutchman** and **Sapna Mesthrie**, and accompanied to the competition by Private Law lecturer **Ibtisaam Ahmed**, the UCT Law student moot team missed the *Christoff Heyns African Human Rights Moot Competition* semi-finals by one point, but were nevertheless awarded overall **best speaker (Rachel Weisz)** and **third-best speaker (Talitha Wayne)** for the competition. The Faculty's Moot Committee, chaired by **Nurina Ally**, had much to do with this success. This is testament to the renewed energy being focused toward student mooting and competition participation, and is a taste of the kind of excellent performance we can expect going forward.

## Child Law Moot (September 2023)

The Faculty is very proud of the great strides being made by our moot competitors this year. This next accolade, following swiftly on the heels of the *Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition*, was received by moot team **Khanya Dambuza and Jay Krok** at the *University of Pretoria's 12th Annual Child Law Moot Court Competition*. With 12 teams representing their respective universities, the UCT Law team took first prize! Congratulations to the students, and to the colleagues who coached, supported, and accompanied the team for this competition.



## Inaugural Intaka Cyber Lex Moot Court Competition (October 2023)

*iNtaka Centre for Law & Technology* has just hosted its inaugural *Intaka Cyber Lex Moot Court Competition*. The Competition aims to foster a space where students can engage in meaningful discourse about contemporary issues surrounding law and technology while sharpening their advocacy skills. This year's moot focused on *AI, authorship, inventorship, and liability when AI goes awry*, sparking insightful arguments that will shape the future. Participating teams battled valiantly, and it was a true testament to the dedication of these young minds. In the end, only one team emerged victorious, ie. **Matthew Straughan and Denzil Mhlongo**. The *iNtaka Moot Team* extended its heartfelt thanks to sponsors *Legal Interact, Michalsons, BriefCo and South African Legal Technology Network* (and the Faculty) for making this event possible. A special thanks is also extended to competition judges **Maureen Nonhlanhla Ndlovu, Caroline B Ncube, Desmond Oriakhogba**, and PhD **Mariette Van Wyk**.

