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# The WTO Moot Court Training Program

Empowering Future Advocates: Mastering  
WTO Law in the Moot Court Arena

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# About the Moot Court Bench

The Moot Court Bench is Sri Lanka's first fully integrated legal advocacy training platform. The main aim of the MCB is enhancing the standard of the legal profession, by delivering education of global standards for Sri Lankan law students focusing on International Trade Law, International Commercial Mediation and Negotiation and International Commercial Arbitration.

With the introduction of the Jackson H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law to Sri Lanka in 2020, a growing cohort of students, graduates and professionals have built up a strong knowledge pool of knowledge on this area of law through consistent and high-calibre performances at the Moot. In the very first year (2020 – 2021), the MCB produced the Global Champions of the John H. Jackson Moot, marking the first instance that a Sri Lankan team has won a global mooting competition.

A natural next step for the MCB was after this win was to launch the International Trade Law Program, which targets the capacity-building of young professionals, graduates, and undergraduates in international trade law and policy. Mooting is central to the capacity building work that we do. To date, we have trained 8 teams and 28 students in WTO law, oral and written advocacy.

## *Hear from our past participants*



"Overall, the MCB training program was an enlightening and enriching experience that significantly contributed to my professional development. It deepened my understanding of international trade law, refined my advocacy skills, and provided me with a competitive edge. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to have been part of such a remarkable program."

**Sandun Batagoda, part of the 2020/21 winning team**

# Previous Success Stories

A few of our achievements in the past few years



## 2020/21

Champions in the Global Final Rounds of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition  
Best speakers in the Global Finals and the Global Quarterfinals  
Best Written Submission on Behalf of the Respondent at the Global Final Rounds  
Semi-finalists in the West and South Asian Regional Rounds



## 2021/22

Quarter-finalists in the Global Final Rounds of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition  
Best speaker in the Preliminary Rounds of the Global Final Rounds  
Finalists in the West and South Asian Regional Rounds  
Best speaker in the Preliminary, Semi-final, and Final of the West and South Asian Regional Rounds



## 2021/22

Best Written Submission on Behalf of the Respondent at the West and South Asian Regional Rounds

# What is the WTO Moot Court Training Program?

Understanding that many students and teams lack access to training in the unique art of advocacy in WTO Law Moot Court Competitions, the International Trade Law Program of the MCB is launching the WTO Moot Court Training Program. Through this program, students from universities across the globe will be given the chance to learn and practice WTO advocacy, with teaching and feedback from trainers experienced in this field. Students will also get the chance to meet with like-minded students and experts, and expand their network of resources.

The WTO Moot Court Training Program will set students up for success in WTO Law Moots, and in a future career as a WTO Lawyer.

- 1 Introduction to basic concepts in WTO Law
- 2 How to research WTO Law
- 3 The art of written advocacy
- 4 Mastering oral advocacy
- 5 The opportunity to practice and get feedback



# Structure and Details

The WTO Law Moot Court Training will consist of **ten sessions, held on weekends in August and September.**

Sessions will be held online, from 5-7pm (IST).

- 01**      **12th August**  
Introduction to the WTO
- 02**      **13th August**  
Researching WTO Law
- 03**      **19th August**  
The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
- 04**      **20th August**  
Basic Principles in WTO Law
- 05**      **26th August**  
Mastering Written Advocacy
- 06**      **27th August**  
Mastering Written Advocacy
- 07**      **2nd September**  
The Art of Oral Advocacy
- 08**      **3rd September**  
The Art of Oral Advocacy
- 09**      **9th September**  
Oral Advocacy Practice Sessions
- 10**      **10th September**  
Oral Advocacy Practice Sessions

# Pricing

Category	Early Registration	Regular Registration
Local	LKR 22,000/-	LKR 25,000/-
Participants of the International Trade Law Summer Program	LKR 10,000/-	LKR 12,000/-
International Participants	USD 150	USD 200

## Fee Reductions:

Understanding that some students may have difficulties with payments, we offer a scheme of fee reductions to facilitate wider participation.

The process for applying for a fee reduction is as follows:

1. Fill out the form available here, including providing a letter explaining your interest in this field.
2. Send in a letter of recommendation from a lecturer at your university.

Please consult the rules for the WTO Moot Court Training for further details.

## Institutional Agreements

We are also happy to discuss institutional discounts with universities and organizations, particularly those who wish to send multiple participants. To explore the opportunity to come to an Institutional Agreement, please email Saheli Wikramanayake, at [saheli@themootcourtbench.com](mailto:saheli@themootcourtbench.com)

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