Society of Construction Law Australia

2027 CHARRETT MOOT

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

The Society of Construction Law Australia (**SoCLA**) Young Constructors Committee is excited to launch the Charrett Moot 2027 for young practitioners in the construction industry. The Charrett Moot 2027 will be conducted from April to June 2027.

Set out below is a brief overview of the moot, followed by a request for expressions of interest in participating in the moot.

OBJECTIVE

A key objective of the moot is to encourage young practitioners with limited public speaking experience to get involved in advocacy. The moot is designed to be a relaxed learning opportunity, while giving participants the chance to step out of their comfort zones in a supportive environment. The Grand Final will be held in front of leading industry figures, offering significant exposure to junior practitioners.

CRITERIA

Moot participants should be junior practitioners in the construction industry. Those at 4PQE or earlier, in all construction related industries are invited to participate. Students are also highly encouraged to participate (noting the 2024 winners were a team of university students).

Please note that you do not need to be a member of the Society of Construction Law Australia to participate.

FORMAT

Where teams may be based in different states, territories or countries, video conferencing facilities will be utilised. There will be at least one judge present in each state for the duration of a moot.

STRUCTURE

Subject to demand, the structure of the competition will be as follows:

- Teams will consist of 3 or 4 participants (2 counsel and 1 or 2 solicitors). It is highly recommended that participants express interest as a team of 3 or 4. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up and we will do our best to place you in a team, subject to availability.
- The competition will be split into three rounds (Round 1, Round 2 (semi-finals) and a Grand Final).
- Subject to demand, Round 1 is anticipated to consist of 8 teams competing against each other.
- The 4 winning teams will proceed to Round 2 to compete against each other.
- The Grand Final will consist of the 2 winning teams from the previous round.
- Team members within a team can swap positions at any time during the competition.

MOOTING PROBLEM

The moot problem will be based on the AS4902-2000 Standard Conditions for Design and Construct (with amendments) and will involve a construction dispute referred to arbitration. The problem will test participants' knowledge of construction law and contract interpretation, as well as their advocacy skills.

The same moot problem will be used for all rounds. The moot problem will test your knowledge of construction law and showcase your advocacy skills.

HEARING FORMAT

Each party will be represented by a Senior Counsel and a Junior Counsel, each with 15 minutes of oral submissions (30 minutes per party in total). No written submissions, outlines or chronologies are to be handed to the arbitrator. Participants are to appear in business attire and standard conventions of courtroom courtesy apply.

ADJUDICATION

We anticipate adjudication of the moots will be conducted by members of SoCLA, who are senior legal practitioners in the industry.

DATES AND VENUES

EOIs Close:	22 January 2027 (EOIs will not be accepted after this date)
Problem Released:	6 February 2027
Round 1:	Early April 2027
Round 2:	Late April 2027
Grand Final:	SoCLA Conference in Perth
Locations:	TBA – we will facilitate videoconference moots if necessary

Dates, times and venues are subject to confirmation.

Would you like to participate in the Moot? Expressions of interest close on 22 January 2027.

Registration is now open and **closes at 11:59pm (AEDT) on 22 January 2027**. Expressions of interest will not be accepted after this date. Spots are limited and will be assigned on a "*first in, first served*" basis. Teams of 3 or 4 are highly recommended; individuals are also encouraged to sign up and we will endeavour to place you in a team.

If you would like to participate, please email Joseph Xuereb (joseph.xuereb@minterellison.com); Cormac Mercer (cormac.mercer@pinsentmasons.com); Amy Barrie (amy.barrie@rimkus.com) and provide the following information:

1. **Your Name**
2. **Preliminary Details:**
    a. Contact email address
    b. Residing state
3. **If you are entering as a student:**
    a. The name of your university

b. Your field of study

c. Your year level

4. **If you are not a student:**

    a. Your position and place of employment (if applicable)

    b. Your PQE

5. **Whether you are entering individually or in a team:**

    a. If you are entering as a team, please list all other team members

    b. The information above is required for all team members.

Joseph, Sarsha, Cormac and Amy are the 2027 Charrett Moot Convenors.

For further enquiries, please contact Joseph, Cormac and Amy.