

BC LAW SCHOOLS MOOT 2025-2026 Application Fact Sheet

Note: This document provides information regarding the application process for a 2025-2026 position with the BC Law Schools Moot. For additional information regarding the BC Law Schools Moot, please see their Program Description on the <u>Allard Law Upper Year Moots webpage</u>.

1. Application Package

Students must include the following materials in their application package:

- (a) 🖂 Legal Writing Sample
- (b) \boxtimes Completion of the In-Person Moot Tryout
- (c) 🛛 Completion of the Mandatory Experiential Application Survey
- (d) Cother: Enter any other required materials here.

Please see the <u>Allard Law Upper Year Moots webpage</u> for additional guidance on preparing these materials. All application package materials should be submitted via <u>ACE</u>. All experiential opportunities are labelled "ExL 2025 - 2026: Moot Name" on ACE.

2. Grades

The BC Law Schools Moot will review the following grades in their recruitment process:

- (a) 🖾 Law school grades that are available up to the date of the Application Deadline will be reviewed
- (b) \Box Law school grades will NOT be reviewed

If Option A is Selected:

Students must include a copy of their official Allard Law Transcript in their application package.

If Option B is Selected:

The BC Law Schools Moot will not receive access to students' law school grades. A student who <u>only</u> applies to the BC Law Schools Moot and does not apply to any other Allard Law experiential learning program that collects grades (including clinic and externship programs), will not have their law school grades collected or distributed to any experiential learning programs.



3. Compatibility with Clinic and Externship Programs

- (a) Students may participate in a clinic or externship and the BC Law Schools Moot at the same time.
- (b) Students should consult the BC Law Schools Moot if they receive an offer from a clinic or externship and wish to participate in those programs at the same time as participating in the BC Law Schools Moot. The appropriate contact for this purpose is Assistant Professor Samuel Beswick, at beswick@allard.ubc.ca
- (c) Students may <u>not</u> participate in a clinic or externship and the BC Law Schools Moot at the same time.

Note: In addition to the above notations, students cannot participate in the BC Law Schools Moot and in the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, the Judicial Externship, the Rise Women's Legal Centre, or the WSÁNEĆ law field course in the same academic year.

4. Program Schedule Overview

Students are responsible for managing their time and are expected to be fully engaged while participating in the program. Students should plan their affairs accordingly given the program schedule below:

Our program runs from October – February. The individual moot commitment entails researching an assigned issue of law, working in a team of four to draft written factums, and presenting oral arguments before practice judges and ultimately before the judges of the BC Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. It is an intense and rewarding commitment.

Students will receive the moot problem in mid-October after which the team will begin research and factum drafting. Over the fall term the team will meet weekly with the coaches and supervisor to review progress on factum arguments and drafting edits. Student should expect to spend some part of the winter break working together on factum drafting. Beginning the first Tuesday of the spring term there will be weekly oral practices at Allard Hall and at a law firm downtown. These in-person practice sessions will be held weekly until the competition in mid-February. Written factums are typically due in the last two weeks of January. The moot competition with UVic and TRU's teams is typically held in early February.

Team members are expected to treat the moot as their primary academic commitment for the year. Participation in the BC Law Schools Moot is not compatible with clinic or externship activities or with early-January travel for events such as Law Games.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: GRADES COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

1. Do I need to include my law school grades in my application?

All moots have their own application requirements that are set out in their fact sheets. Students should carefully review each program's fact sheet to determine whether law school grades are required to apply.

2. I did not apply for a program that requires grades. Who will get access to my grades?

If you did <u>NOT</u> apply to any experiential learning program that requires grades, your grades will not be provided to any experiential learning programs.

3. I have concerns about providing my law school grades to an experiential learning program. What should I do?

Grades are only one component of application packages. Often, grades are just used by a program as a source of additional information about a student's interest in an area of law or as a general indication of their academic progression. You do not need to have exceptional grades to be considered a strong applicant. If you have any concerns about providing your grades to a program, please contact <u>Zack Uganec</u>, Manager, Student Affairs, <u>before</u> the application deadline.