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On Thursday 20th April, the annual Hammond Cup advocacy competition, was set to begin at Nottingham Law School.

President Janine McKinney welcomed all those involved beginning with the distinguished judges, HHJ Coe QC, HHJ Coupland and JP Simon Massarella OBE. The Hammond family were also in attendance.

This year's four finalists were Katie Hall from MJC Law, Aleena Kazmi from Freeths, Emily Millard and Zoe Aindow, both from the University of Law.

The Hammond Cup consists of two mock criminal trials, with a finalist acting as either the prosecution or the defence.

To assist the trials, we have the witness and defendant, this year Jane Ching from Nottingham Law School starring Bennifer Truss and finally the defendant, Simon Trinh played by Drew Dennis from Gateley Legal.

For the records General Thrus did not appear in this presentation.



Mock Trial 1

Prosecutor: Emily Millard (University of Law)

Defence: Katie Hall (MJC Law)

Emily and Katie participated in the first mock trial. Acting as prosecutor, Emily opened the case with an outline and then called her first witness Bennifer Thruss (alias Jane Ching) to the stand.

To set the scene, the trial was based on an assault, with Simon Trinth being accused of entering a property and sitting or lying in bed with Ms. Bennifer Thruss...

Social media posts, relationship break-up and alcohol were the cocktail ingredients to this case of attempted sexual assault! Both finalists, displayed excellent advocacy skills in questioning and controlling the statements put before them.



HHJ Coe KC, JP Massarella OBE & Court Steward, Sarah Singh



Emily Millard cross examining Bennifer Thruss



Simon Trinth (alias Drew Dennis)



Katie Hall (MJC Law)



Emily Millard (University of Law)

Mock Trial 2

Prosecutor: Aleena Kazmi (Freeths LLP)

Defence: Zoe Aindow (University of Law)

Aleena and Zoe participated in the second mock trial. Acting as prosecutor, Aleena began with the opening prosecution speech and cross-examined Simon Trinh and true to form, the second trial had slight changes to the evidence given!

Another fantastic display of advocacy, great eye contact, well steered and clear questioning by both Zoe and Aleena.

All the finalists and actors gave amazing and humorous performances. After two timed mock trials, court rose, the judges left to deliberate the had won the Hammond Cup 2023.



HHJ Coupland, HHJ Coe KC and JP Massarella



Aleena Kazmi cross examining Simon Trinh



Bennifer Thrus (alias Jane Ching)



Zoe Aindow (University of Law)



The Sentencing...

The Results

On returning into the court room, HHJ Coupland thanked everyone for their involvement, the excellent acting skills, drama and especially the level of advocacy shown.

The judges, marked each finalist on preparation, advocacy style, structure, witness handling and the ability to be flexible.

HHJ Coe QC, delivered the feedback on all the finalists, congratulating them all for their display of excellent advocacy skills.

The placings were announced...

1st place Emily Millard

Runners up – Zoe Aindow, Katie Hall & Aleena Kazmi

Thank you to everyone that helped with the 2023 Hammond Cup, Nottingham Law School, Nottinghamshire Junior Lawyers Division, actors and the distinguished judges.



Ralph Hammond presents Emily Millard with the Hammond Cup Trophy



Sarah Singh, Professor Jane Jarman & Jane Ching



Drew Dennis



Hammond Cup Winner 2023 – Emily Millard





Hammond Cup 2023 Finalist – Zoe Aindow



Hammond Cup 2023 Finalist – Katie Hall



Hammond Cup 2023 Finalist – Aleena Kazmi



President, Janine McKinney with Hammond Cup winner Emily Millard



Distinguished Judges: JP Massarella OBE, HHJ Coe KC & HHJ Coupland

