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A message from the Co-Chairs of the Moot

Welcome to the 2024 Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

The Environmental Law Moot Court Competition is Canada's only national environmental law Moot Court Competition. Law school students, coaches, judges, lawyers, and academics from across the country, representing both the present and future of environmental law, come together to explore challenging environmental law issues.

The Moot presents law school students the opportunity to enhance their written and oral advocacy skills, and argue a landmark environmental law case in front of top practitioners, two Court of Appeal Justices, and a Supreme Court of Canada Justice.

The 2024 Moot final bench will be presided over by The Honourable Michelle O'Bonsawin from the Supreme Court of Canada, Justice David Stratas from the Federal Court of Appeal, and Justice Katherine van Rensburg from the Ontario Court of Appeal.

We wish all competitors the very best throughout this competition, and we look forward to witnessing the culmination of your hard work.

Thank you to the law school students, coaches, judges, lawyers, academics, committee members, volunteers, sponsors and other participants for making the Environmental Law Moot Court Competition possible once again in 2024. We hope that you enjoy and take much from today's Moot Court Competition experience.

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A message from Joanna Vince, your **Moot Administrator**

Dear Environmental Law Moot Competitors, Judges, Sponsors and other Participants

Welcome to the 2024 Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot Court Competition!

This year's Moot promises to be a rich and rewarding experience as 10 teams from across Canada moot an appeal of the British Columbia Court of Appeal's Decision in Victory Motors (Abbotsford) Ltd. v. Actton Super-Save Gas Stations Ltd.

We hope that everyone enjoys the day's events.

Thank you to all of our competitors, judges, sponsors and other participants for contributing to another exciting Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

Yours truly,



Joanna Vince Moot Administrator Partner, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP

Event Schedule

Time	Event	Sponsor	Location
7:00 am	Registration Table Opens	Green Infrastructure Partners Inc.	Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
7:30 am	Preliminary Round 1		Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
9:30 am	Morning Snack Break	Environmental Science & Engineering Magazine	Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
10:00 am	Preliminary Round 2		Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
12:00 pm	Lunch at Hilton	Premier Environmental Services	Hilton Toronto 145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON
1:00 pm	Announcement of Semi-Final Teams and Briefing for Semi-Final Judges		Hilton Toronto 145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON
1:30 pm	Semi-Final Round	Ramboll Canada Inc. Montrose Environmental	Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
3:20 pm	Afternoon Snack Break	InSitu Remediation Services	Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
3:30 pm	Announcement of Championship Match Teams and Briefing for Championship Match Judges		Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
4:00 pm	Championship Match		Federal Court of Canada 180 Queen Street West, 6 th Floor, Toronto, ON
6:00 pm	Networking Cocktail Reception	BlueFrog Environmental Consulting Inc.	Hilton Toronto 145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON
7:00 pm	Awards Dinner	Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP	Hilton Toronto 145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON

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Teams & Judges

	Appellant	Team 2024-02	Judges: Danielle Meuleman, Adam Chamberlain, Franz Lopez	
Courtroom 1	Respondent	Team 2024-03	Bailiff: Lawrence Elkhinovich Timekeeper: Elena Kusaka	
Courtroom 2	Appellant	Team 2024-04	Judges: Jennifer Fairfax, Anand Srivastava, Nicholas Adamson Bailiff: Kip Phillips	
	Respondent	Team 2024-05	Timekeeper: Nathan Adams	
Courtroom 3	Appellant	Team 2024-06	Judges: Paula Boutis, Richard Butler, Paul Manning Bailiff: Rohan Jain	
	Respondent	Team 2024-07	Timekeeper: Amanda Spitzig	
Courtroom 4	Appellant	Team 2024-08	Judges: Sarah Powell, Jacquelyn Stevens, Robert Woon Bailiff: Lisa Chung	
	Respondent	Team 2024-09	Timekeeper: James Schembri	
Courtroom 5	Appellant	Team 2024-10	Judges: Patrick Welsh, Madiha Vallani, Charles Birchall Bailiff: Lily Sebastian	
	Respondent	Team 2024-01	Timekeeper: Sydney Smith	
PRELIMINAR	Y ROUND 2 • 1	10:00 AM TO 11:45	AM	
Courtroom 1	Appellant	Team 2024-07	Judges: Danielle Meuleman, Adam Chamberlain, Franz Lopez Bailiff: Lawrence Elkhinovich	
	Respondent	Team 2024-08	Timekeeper: Elena Kusaka	
Courtroom 2	Appellant	Team 2024-03	Judges: Jennifer Fairfax, Anand Srivastava, Nicholas Adamson Bailiff: Kip Phillips	
	Respondent	Team 2024-06	Timekeeper: Nathan Adams	
Courtroom 3	Appellant	Team 2024-01	Judges: Paula Boutis, Richard Butler, Paul Manning Bailiff: Rohan Jain	
	Respondent	Team 2024-02	Timekeeper: Amanda Spitzig	
Courtroom 4	Appellant	Team 2024-05	Judges: Sarah Powell, Jacquelyn Stevens, Robert Woon Bailiff: Lisa Chung	
	Respondent	Team 2024-10	Timekeeper: James Schembri	
Courtroom 5	Appellant	Team 2024-09	Judges: Patrick Welsh, Madiha Vallani. Charles Birchall Bailiff: Lily Sebastian	
	Respondent	Team 2024-04	Timekeeper: Sydney Smith	
SEMI-FINAL	ROUND • 1:30	PM TO 3:00 PM		
Courtroom 3	Appellant		Judges: Ramani Nadarajah, John Buhlman, Jacquelyn Stevens Bailiff: Lily Sebastian	
COUNTOUTTS	Respondent		Timekeeper: Sydney Smith	
Courtroom 4	Appellant		Judges: Richard Butler, Tamara Farber, Madiha Vallani Bailiff: Lisa Chung	
	Respondent		Timekeeper: Amanda Spitzig	
CHAMPION	SHIP MATCH •	4:00 PM TO 5:45 P/	W	
Courtroom 3	Appellant		Judges: Justice Michelle O'Bonsawin, Justice David Stratas,	
	Respondent		Justice Katherine van Rensburg Baliff: Amanda Spitzig, Timekeeper: Elena Kusaka	
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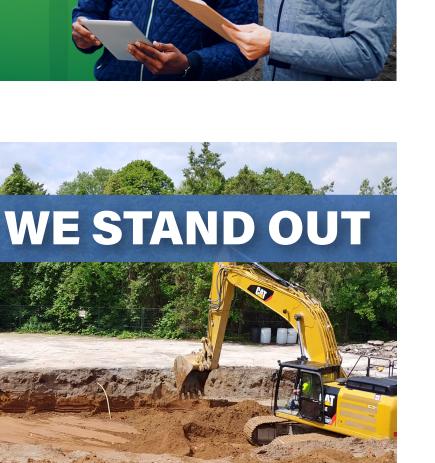


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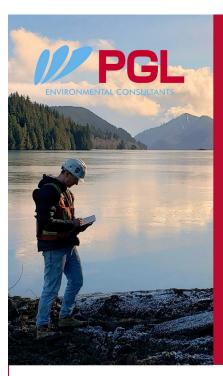
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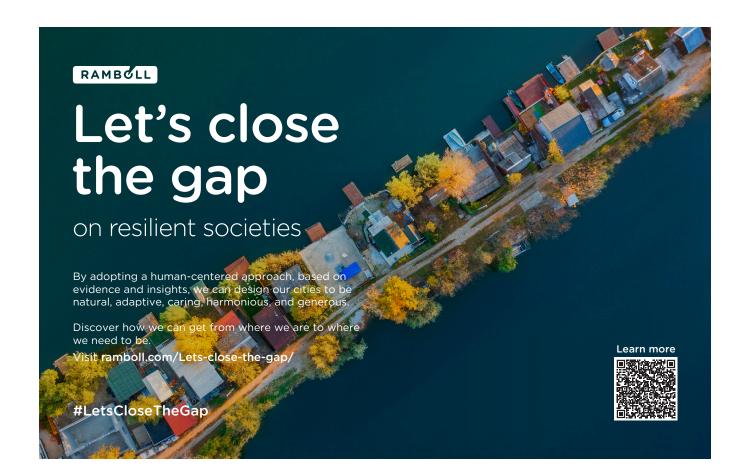
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2024 Awards

All award winners for the 2024 ELM will be announced during the Awards Dinner



First Place Team

The team that wins the Championship Match will receive the First Place Team Award and have the privilege of displaying the Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot Championship Trophy at their law school for two years.

Second Place Team

The runner up team in the Championship Match will receive the Second Place Team Award.

Third Place Team

The third place team after the semi-final round will receive the Third Place Team Award.



Factum Awards

The top-ranked Appellant and Respondent facta will receive the Barry N. Spiegel Award and the D. Paul Emond Award, respectively.

Distinguished Oralists

Preliminary round judges have the honour of selecting the recipients of the Distinguished Oralist Awards. At the end of the preliminary round, each preliminary round judge casts four Distinguished Oralist votes. The top 20% of oralists will receive Distinguished Oralist Awards.

First Place Oralist

The Championship Match panel will select the winner of the Meinhard **Doelle Award** for best oralist in the match.

ELM Trophy

Willms & Shier Environmental Law **Moot Court Competition Trophy**

The winning trophy is designed by Jamie Brick. Jamie's work has won numerous awards and is in private collections world wide. Found objects are combined with mixed media to create sculptures that are often Ethereal and sometimes whimsical. His work can be viewed on Facebook at JamieBrickStudio.



ELM Awards Artwork

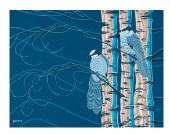
2024 Moot Awards Artwork

Robbie Craig is a professional artist working out of Yellowknife, NT. Originally from Barrie, Ontario, Robbie's adventurous nature led him to the Northwest Territories in 2006. Instantly inspired by the beauty of Canada's North, Robbie connected with his creative side and reinvigorated his childhood passion for art. His work embodies the natural rugged beauty of the landscape that surrounds him. With an impressionistic style that is truly his own, Robbie creates fluid and colourful pieces that have a unique and abstract feel. Robbie is grateful for his opportunity to create and looks forward to sharing the essence of Canada's diverse beauty through his unique and colourful pieces of art.





















About the Federal Court of Canada

The 2024 Willms & Shier **Environmental Law Moot Court** Competition is held at the Federal Court of Canada.

The Federal Court of Canada was created on June 1, 1971 by the Federal Court Act. Originally, the Court was composed of a Trial Division and an Appeal Division. As of July 2, 2003, the two divisions became separate courts - the Federal Court (as it is now known) and the Federal Court of Appeal.

While the Federal Court is now 52 years old, its roots go back well over a century to the creation of its predecessor, the Exchequer Court of Canada.

At Confederation in 1867, the British North America Act, 1867 (now the Constitution Act, 1867) did not establish particular courts but, in section 101, it authorized Parliament to provide for a "General Court of Appeal for Canada" and "any additional Courts for the better Administration of the Laws of Canada." Accordingly, Parliament passed legislation in 1875 creating the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada. Decisions of the Exchequer Court could be appealed to the Supreme Court and, until 1949, from there to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the United Kingdom.

At first, the Exchequer Court had a limited exclusive jurisdiction over revenue cases against the Crown. It shared jurisdiction with provincial courts in actions brought by the Crown, including proceedings to enforce federal revenue laws, and civil actions based on common law or equity.

Over the life of the Exchequer Court, its jurisdiction gradually increased and changed. Within the first twenty-five years, it had acquired exclusive jurisdiction over all actions against the Crown. Its authority also extended to admirally matters, and to suits relating to industrial property, such as patents and trade-marks. Tax and citizenship matters were also added. In 1960, the Court was recognized as a superior court of criminal jurisdiction in respect of certain offences under the Combines Investigation Act.

When created in 1971, the Federal Court of Canada inherited the Exchequer Court's jurisdiction and new areas were added. Most importantly, the Court was given the power to review decisions of all federal boards, commissions, and tribunals. It also acquired jurisdiction over claims relating to aeronautics, interprovincial undertakings, bills of exchange and promissory notes.

Significant changes were introduced in 1992. Litigants seeking relief against the Crown were granted the option of proceeding in provincial courts; the Court's exclusive jurisdiction remained where federal statutes so provided. At the same time, judicial review procedures were revised and simplified. In particular, the Trial Division was granted jurisdiction to review decisions of most federal decision-makers, except those falling expressly to the Appeal Division.

While judicial review occupies much of the Federal Court's time today, the spectrum of its subjectmatter jurisdiction is vast. It includes Crown actions, immigration, citizenship, national security, Indigenous peoples, human rights, admiralty, customs, intellectual property, tax, labour relations, transportation, communications, parole and corrections. And the Federal Court's role continues to grow. Often, consistent with the Court's original mandate to ensure the better administration of the laws of Canada, new legislation expands the Court's jurisdiction into new domains.

Source: Federal Court of Canada Website - https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/en/home

Special Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to all the participants, judges, mentors, and organizers for making this law moot a remarkable success. Your dedication has elevated this event. Thank you for your invaluable contributions and unwavering support.

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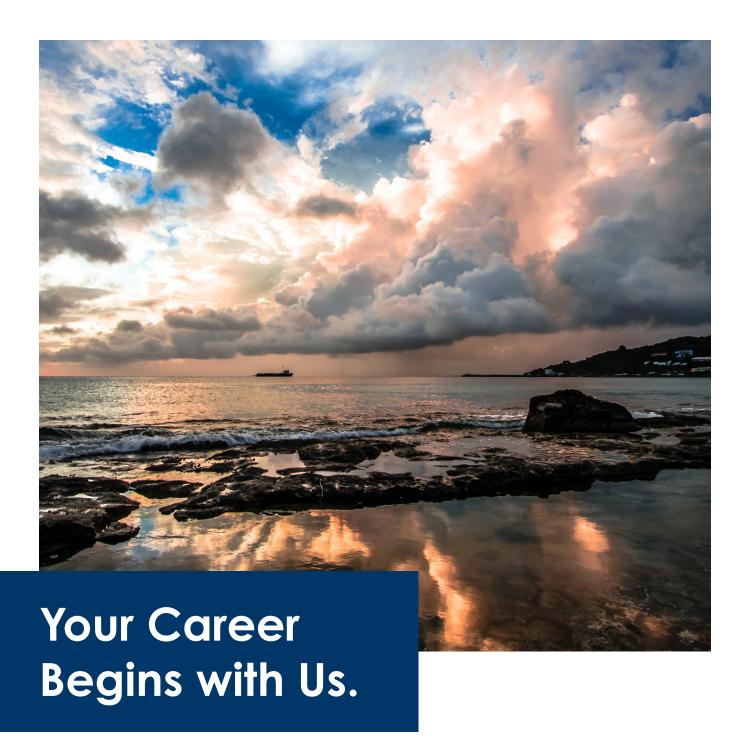
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