

# WEBINAR ON **DISABILITY INCLUSION IN THE VIS MOOT AND BEYOND**

**WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2025**

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## Speakers



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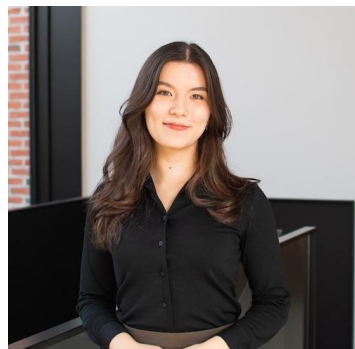
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**DAISY ISABELLA  
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Daisy Isabella Cottle-Bailey was lead counsel for the procedural issues in the 30th Vis Moot and went on to be a Junior Coach for the 31st Vis Moot. After graduating with a Bachelors in Law, she obtained a Masters in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London and a Diploma in International Law from the University of Geneva. She is currently taking the final Bar exams for England and Wales with her Medical Alert Assistance Dog.



**JUAN PABLO GÓMEZ**

Independent Consultant

Juan Pablo Gómez is an independent consultant specialising in international disputes. He has represented corporations, State entities, and sovereigns in more than 40 proceedings. He recently advised the Republic of Colombia in the renegotiation of its investment treaties and currently acts as counsel to Latin American States in over 15 arbitrations. He is a dedicated author and lecturer, and currently teaches at Universidad de los Andes. He was also a member of the ICC Task Force on Disability Inclusion in International Arbitration.



**OTTO KANNINAINEN**

University of Eastern  
Finland

Otto Kanninen participated in the 31st Vis Moot as a speaking member of the honourable mention-winning University of Eastern Finland team. Living with cerebral palsy, appraising the accessibility of different environments has been instinctual for him since his youth. With a particular interest in the intersection of international trade and human rights, he has afterwards become a twice-published author by the age of 23.



**Dr. HÉLÈNE VAN LITH**

Secretary,  
ICC Commission on  
Arbitration and ADR

Dr. Hélène van Lith is the Secretary of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR at the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Associate Professor at Université Paris Dauphine, School of Law. Her areas of expertise in the field of International Dispute Resolution include International Commercial Arbitration and other ADR techniques, Private International law, International Commercial Litigation, Cross-border Collective Redress and International Business Law.



**DAVID LEONCE NDIKA**

Attorney, Tanzania

David Leonce Ndika is an Attorney admitted to the Bar in Tanzania Mainland. He is also a Certified Professional Mediator by Mediation Training Institute (MTI) East Africa. He has over four years combined experience in various matters in both the private and public sectors in Tanzania. His collective experience includes negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation. David Leonce has volunteered as a Coach (2021-2024) at Africa in the Moot, an organisation that seeks to help unlock the potential of International Commercial Arbitration in Africa and empower future African lawyers with training and resources. He has also sat as a Judge and Arbitrator in both local and International Moot Competitions including the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot court and the Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot court Competition. David Leonce Ndika is a member of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC) serving as Vice Chairperson of the Partnership and Social Mobilization Committee and Tanzania Representative to the ICMC Board 2025/2026. He is also a member of the East Africa Law Society serving in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee 2025-2027 after having previously served in the Young Lawyers' Committee 2023-2025. David Leonce Ndika is currently finalising an LL.M. in Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement (TADS LL.M.) at Sciences Po in Paris, France. He speaks Swahili, English, and Basic French.



**ALIX POVEY**

Co-Director,  
APAC Vis Pre-Moot

Alix Povey holds an LL.M. in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution and is an Associate of the CIArb and an accredited mediator with HKMAAL and CEDR. She was the General Manager of the Vis East Moot, which she organised for eleven years. She is now a Member of the Vis East Moot Foundation Board. During her time at the Moot she started the Young International Mediation Competition. She was the Director of Partnership Development for the University of Law, as well as a Practice Development Manager for Pinsent Masons, in their International Arbitration practice. She now works for Georgiou Partnership. She is also a co-director of the APAC Vis Pre-Moot which promotes Diversity and Inclusion and works actively to encourage diversity in ADR. She is also Founder and Director at Mediation Chambers. She has had many years of experience working in the field of dispute resolution and is passionate about helping the next generation.



**Dr. RAJESH SHARMA**

Professor, RMIT University

Dr. Rajesh Sharma is currently teaching at RMIT University, Australia. Before coming to Australia, he was Assistant Professor at School of Law, City University of Hong Kong. In 2021, Dr. Rajesh Sharma established a disability and diversity inclusive arbitration moot competition, the APAC Vis Pre-Moot, in which students with disabilities get opportunities to learn and experience real-life arbitration advocacy. Dr. Rajesh Sharma is a member of the ICC Task Force on Disability Inclusion in International Commercial Arbitration.



**Dr. PATRICIA  
SHAUGHNESSY**

President,  
Vis Moot Association

Dr. Patricia Shaughnessy, an associate professor at Stockholm University, specialises in international dispute resolution and commercial law. Patricia is an active member of the ICC Court of Arbitration and the ICC Commission (since 2021), and formerly was the Vice-Chair and Board member of the SCC Arbitration Institute (2006 – 2018). She serves in leadership positions in several organisations, including as the President of the Willem C. Vis Moot Association. She serves as an arbitrator and expert, and as a senior expert in legal development projects in many countries. She previously practiced law in the United States for ten years, and has served as a US Supreme Court judicial fellow. She frequently lectures and teaches on arbitration and related topics at other universities and academies, and in practical training programs.



**GURTEJ GREWAL**

Moot Alumni Association

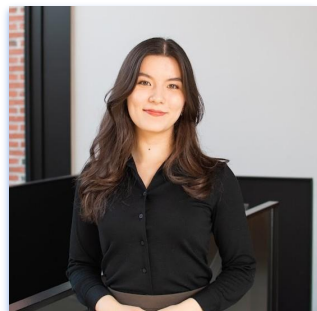
Gurtej Grewal is a recent graduate of Penn State Law. He has competed in and coached teams for the Vis Moot and other international moot competitions. Gurtej has a strong interest in international arbitration, sports and entertainment law, and cross-border dispute resolution. Outside the moot world, he has worked in both public and private sector roles and contributed to legal projects involving technological innovation, investment arbitration, and competition law. He is a member of the Moot Alumni Association’s Diversity & Inclusion Team.



**NIKOLA NIKOLIC**

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Nikola Nikolić is a visiting Foreign Lawyer at WilmerHale, and a PhD candidate at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. He holds an LL.M. degree from Saarland University (Germany) and an LL.B. from the University of Belgrade (Serbia). Nikola Nikolić is a Serbian-qualified lawyer, and he gained his arbitration experience by working internationally in Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. As a lawyer with a disability, Nikola Nikolić was a member of the ICC Disability Task Force Group representing Germany. He actively works and speaks on advancement of disability inclusion in the field of international arbitration. He is one of the Co-Chairs of the Moot Alumni Association’s Diversity & Inclusion Team.



**SARINA HARA**

Moot Alumni Association

Sarina Hara is currently pursuing a Master’s degree at the University of Eastern Finland, where she also works as a Teaching Assistant in the Commercial Trade Law team. Her interest in international commercial sales law began with her participation in the 31st Vis Moot. Since then, she has served as a coach for her university’s Vis Moot team. Motivated by the collaborative spirit of the Vis community, Sarina Hara aims to help foster an open and inclusive environment for all Mooties and MAA members. She is a member of the Moot Alumni Association’s Diversity & Inclusion Team.