

LSE-FEATHERSTONE  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
& GENDER IDENTITY  
MOOT

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# WELCOME TO THE LSE-FEATHERSTONE SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY MOOT 2024

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The Department of Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science is delighted to host the LSE-Featherstone Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Moot for an eighth year. The competition is named in honour of Baroness Lynne Featherstone, the architect of the same-sex marriage legislation in England & Wales.

It is wonderful to see the moot evolve into a fun and empowering forum for LGBT+ and ally law students, activists, practitioners and members of the judiciary to network and to learn more about LGBT+ issues. It is particularly nice to see former participants return to judge the competition.

We are grateful to the generosity of our sponsors and judges without whom the moot would not be possible.

We hope that you find this weekend a rewarding- and potentially career changing- experience and we wish you the best of luck with the oral rounds.

Yours,

**Dr Andrew Scott and Ollie Persey**  
**Co-Chairs, LSE-Featherstone Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Moot**

# 3. WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

We hope that you make the most of the workshops and seminars that run alongside the oral rounds. All workshops and seminars will take place in the Thai Lecture Theatre in NAB.

FRIDAY		ACTIVITY
13.30-15.00	Student registration	
16.00-17.00	Preliminary round 1a	
18.00-19.00	Preliminary round 1b	
19.00-21.00	Welcome reception	

SATURDAY		ACTIVITY 1	ACTIVITY 2
9:00-10:00	Preliminary round 2a		
10.00-10.30	Breakfast & refreshments		
10.30-11.30	Preliminary round 2b		<b>Workshop: Accommodation for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lizan Ghafoor, Wilson LLP</li><li>● Moud Goba, Micro Rainbow</li><li>● Ollie Persey, Garden Court Chambers</li></ul>
11.30-12.15	Refreshments		
12.15-13.15	Quarter finals		<b>Workshop: Out in the Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Crash Wigley, Civitas</li><li>● Paul Stanley KC, Essex Court</li><li>● Christie O’Connell, 1 Hare Court</li><li>● Nigel Mpemba Patel, Linklaters LLP</li></ul>
13:15-14.15	Lunch		
14:15-15:30	Semi-Finals		<b>Workshop: Gender Questioning Children – issues with the new guidance?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Robin White, Old Square</li><li>● Oscar Davies, Garden Court Chambers</li></ul>
16:00-17.30	Grand Final		
17:30-21:00	Closing Party at Garden Court Chambers with speech from Baroness Featherstone and entertainment from drag queen, Stealia Jobs		

# BARONESS LYNNE FEATHERSTONE



**Lynne is a Liberal Democrat Peer, a former MP for Hornsey & Wood Green and a former Minister in both the Home Office and the Department for International Development.**

She became a Home Office Minister in May 2010 with responsibility for Criminal Information and Equalities. In this role she was the originator and architect of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act. The Act legalised same-sex marriage across England and Wales, a move that was described by both Lynne and former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg as one of their proudest achievements in government. Lynne's book, *Equal Ever After*, was published in January 2016 and details the political rollercoaster that led to one of the most significant pieces of domestic LGBT+ rights legislation in living memory.

Lynne was also a Minister in the Department for International Development. In this role she launched a campaign to end Female Genital Mutilation within a generation and a campaign for disability rights in Africa. She continues to campaign on international development issues in the House of Lords, with a particular focus on LGBT+ rights in Africa.

For her work advancing LGBT+ rights, Lynne was named as Stonewall's Politician of the Year and Pink News' Ally of the Year. Perhaps most remarkably, Ben & Jerry's designed a tub in her honour: 'Lynne Honeycomb' carried the slogan, "Everyone deserves to live apple-y ever after."

# MASTER VICTORIA MCCLOUD



**Master Victoria McCloud will judge the final of this year's LSE-Featherstone Moot. She sits in London as a judge, as a Queen's Bench Master in the High Court. She is also a Chartered Psychologist.**

She has always rather split her life between judicial and academic and writing work despite being a full-time civil judge. She was appointed in 2006 (part time) and then as a full-time judge in 2010 having practised as a barrister for 15 years before that in general civil practice. When first appointed she is thought to have been the first transgendered judge both in the UK and elsewhere in the western legal system. She was also the youngest Queen's Bench Master to have been appointed, and the second woman.

In August 2018 she presented the second Annual Belfast Pride Law lecture at Queen's University Belfast: *Rainbow Lives, Monochrome Laws – Reflections on law and identity*. She was chosen by the 'First 100 Years' project to be one of the 100 role model women in the legal field spanning the first century since women were permitted to practise law in the UK, whose lives are preserved biographically at the British Library for future generations. The project aims to help to address the lack of role models for women in the law given their historic underrepresentation in that field and especially on the Bench.

Dr McCloud's first doctorate (1993) was obtained by research in Experimental Psychology in human visual psychophysics, which focussed on the computational means by which the brain integrates sources of depth information received via the visual system. She is currently, in her spare time, an Affiliate of the Oxford University Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Swiss Re Programme for Civil Justice Systems and also an Expert Advisor on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence. She is back to being a student, studying for a part time (second) D.Phil, at Oxford, on the socio-legal aspects of regulation of computational systems in relation to social media during USA elections.

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**BOJANA ASANOVIC**

Bojana is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers specialising in asylum, immigration and human rights law. She has particular expertise in LGBT+ asylum claims. She is the former Chair of the Board of Trustees of Rainbow Migration.



**IAN BROWNE**

Ian is a barrister and the Legal Manager of the Good Law Project. He previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot as a student.

civil liabilities. Before coming to the Bar, Chiara worked in education, and human rights, in the NGO sector. Most recently at Liberty providing free human rights advice to members of the public. Her favourite job was probably working at Gay's the Word Bookshop!



**HIS HONOUR  
JUDGE JOHN BECKLEY**

His Honour Judge John Beckley (he/him) is a Circuit Judge in the Court of Protection, making decisions in relation to people who lack mental capacity to make the decisions themselves in relation to their residence, care, treatment, deprivation of liberty and property and financial affairs. Before being appointed to the bench, John was a barrister at Garden Court Chambers specialising in social housing and community care law.



**MONIQUE BOUFFÉ**

Monique is a barrister at Outer Temple Chambers specialising in discrimination and employment law. She previously worked at human rights organisations, including Liberty.



**SARAH CROWTHER KC**

Sarah is a barrister at Outer Temple Chambers. Sarah's public and human rights law practice, founded on her experience of constitutional human rights appeals to the Privy Council, focuses on discrimination, supply of goods and services and employment. She has appeared at all levels from employment tribunal to the Supreme Court in such cases. Sarah has acted in several of the leading cases on religious rights discrimination, including representing Christian hoteliers who refused to supply a same-sex couple with a double-bedded room due to conflict with their religious belief. She is currently appearing in *Ashers v Lee* concerning whether Christian owners of a bakery can lawfully be required to ice a cake with a message promoting same-sex marriage.



**DR JOCEYLN BOSSE**

Dr Jocelyn Bosse (she/her) is a Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law at Queen's University Belfast. She teaches patent and trade mark law, and her research focuses on issues of social justice and intellectual property law. Before joining QUB, she co-coached the King's College London team for the 2023 LSE-Featherstone Moot. She is admitted as a lawyer in Australia.



**VERITY BELL**

Verity (she/her) is a public law barrister at Cornerstone Barristers and practises environmental, planning, housing and mental capacity law. Her recent work includes acting on behalf of a local planning authority successfully defending a decision to refuse to determine a planning application in judicial review proceedings, as well as acting on behalf of a local authority defending a decision to refuse a grant of funding under the Covid-19 Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Scheme. Verity regularly appears in the Court of Protection in disputes involving the deprivation of liberty, capacity and best interests decisions involving care and residence. 2023 will be her fourth year as a judge at the LSE-Featherstone Moot; she competed in the semi-final as a graduate student in 2017.



**HENRIETTA BOYLE**

Henrietta is a family law barrister at 1 Hare Court and specialises in resolving financial disputes which arise as a result of relationship breakdown. She has additional expertise in international child abduction proceedings and in private children cases involving contested child arrangements. She previously participated in the LSE-Featherstone Moot as a student.



**FLORA CURTIS**

Flora is a barrister at Francis Taylor Building and has a particular interest in environmental law.



**CHIARA CORDONE**

Chiara (she/her) is a butch lesbian barrister at 39 Essex Chambers where she practices mainly in public law and



**DANIELLA  
DAVENPORT**

Daniella (she/her) is the current criminal pupil at Garden Court Chambers. Daniella also used to be a Director of the nationwide student organisation Queer Lawyers of Tomorrow, whose aim was to promote visibility of LGTBQIA+ law students as well as their increased entry into the profession.

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**OSCAR DAVIES**

Oscar (they/them) is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers with a broad civil practice including employment, commercial, property, personal injury and international work. Oscar is also focuses on laws concerning trans and non-binary people their Instagram page (@nonbinarybarrister) which informs non-binary/trans people of the rights that affect them. Oscar was the first barrister in the UK to use 'Mx' as an honorific to their title to be referred to in court and correspondence. Oscar often speaks on panels concerning discrimination in gender identity and hopes to widen non-binary and trans inclusion in the workplace.



**ROSANNA DRINKHOUSE**

Rosanna Drinkhouse is a Commercial Property Solicitor at Birketts LLP, a Top 50 Law Firm. Rosanna works in the head office (in Ipswich) and manages leasehold and freehold transactions, as well as advising about the property element of high-value corporate sales / purchases. Prior to qualifying as a Solicitor in 2022, Rosanna completed the LPC, LLM, and GDL at City, University of London, receiving an award for her coursework and assisting with Legal Aid services. Rosanna holds a first-class B.A. in English and Politics from Gordon College (USA), during which she was elected to the Student Government and competed in the Mock Trial team. Outside of her legal work with Birketts, Rosanna works for her local council as a history tour guide.



**BRENDA EFURHIEVWE**

Brenda Efurhievwe is an employed barrister with many years' experience in human rights advocacy, with a focus on refugee, migrant and LGBTQ+ rights. She is a former co-organiser of Pride Marches in Wroclaw, Poland.



**EMILY ELLIOTT**

Emily (she/her) is an Associate Solicitor in Kingsley Napley's criminal litigation team. Emily advises clients under investigation by the police, and other prosecuting authorities, from arrest through to trial. Emily has a particular interest and expertise in international crime and cross border investigations. She also assists individuals who are at risk of reputational damage due to falling victim to "sextortion" or blackmail. Emily is chair of KN's LGBTQ+ and Allies Network. In 2022, she was shortlisted for Law.com UK's Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards 2022 as a 'Rising Star in Diversity Change'.



**SJ EWART**

SJ is a barrister at One Pump Court with expertise in criminal and family law. She previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot and won the Coram Special Prize for Advocacy.



**DEON FANG**

Deon Fang is a lawyer at Clifford Chance LLP specialising in commercial litigation, international arbitration and regulation. He has a particular interest in technology law and public and administrative law. Before joining Clifford Chance, Deon received the Oxford Law Faculty Prize in Regulation on the BCL, specialising in the regulation of cyberspace, and assisted with the publication of 'The Foundations and Future of Public Law' (OUP 2020). Deon is the London Co-Chair of the UK Arcus network, leading the firm to Number 1 on the Stonewall Top 100 Employers. Deon competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**KIMMIE FEARNSIDE**

Kimmie is counsel at Pallas Partners LLP focusing on high value court litigation and complex international arbitration matters. In her role as the firm's Pro Bono Lead, she also oversees and manages the pro bono practice, and has a particular interest in climate change issues and international human rights law.



**JESSICA FRANKLIN**

Jessica is a junior tenant at 12KBW, practicing in employment, personal injury and disease. She loves advocacy and has a busy court practice – appearing in court most days for trials and hearings. Jessica particularly enjoys employment law because it touches on important issues for the LGBTQIA+ community. Jessica is champion of all things LGBTQIA+ and this is her third time judging the Featherstone Moot. Prior to pupillage, Jessica took part in several moots herself and won the Inner Temple's Lawson Moot, the Cecilia Moot and the City GDL Moot.



**ELLIOT GOLD**

Elliot is a barrister at Serjeants' Inn Chambers, practising in police law. He is a contributing author to 'Blackstone's Police Investigators' Manual' (Oxford), the civil actions against the police chapter of 'Personal Injury: Law, Practice and Precedents' (LexisNexis), and the forthcoming editions of 'Police Misconduct, Complaints and Public Regulation' (Oxford) and Police in the Civil Courts (Bloomsbury). He was shortlisted as a 'Leader of the Future, Diversity & Inclusion' at the Chambers UK Bar awards 2019, named Professional Discipline Junior of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2021, and is a Crown Court Recorder.



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**NIKI HADJIVASILIOU**

Niki is a Public Law & Human Rights solicitor at Wilson Solicitors LLP. Niki completed her LLB degree in English and French law at the Universities of Leicester and Strasbourg, followed by an LLM in International Law at University College London and the Accelerated Legal Practice Course at the University of Law. Niki has always been passionate about children's rights and completed her training contract at Just for Kids Law. Her current practice focuses on representing young people in age dispute cases, as well as working on different types of community care claims arising from the Children Act 1989. In her free time, Niki enjoys reading (anything and everything!), baking and rock climbing. Niki previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**DR ALICE IRVING**

Alice is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialising in public law and human rights. She was previously an academic at Oxford University. Alice won the first ever LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**DR BIANCA JACKSON**

Bianca Jackson is a family law barrister at Coram Chambers. Bianca has a particular expertise in "alternative families," including surrogacy, assisted reproduction and transgender children/parents.



**TIM JAMES-MATTHEWS**

Tim is a barrister at Matrix Chambers. He practices primarily in criminal law and extradition, public law and human rights, and media and information law.



**TOM KETTELEY**

Tom is currently a Deputy Solicitor to the Infected Blood Inquiry, the independent statutory inquiry established to examine the circumstances in which men, women and children treated by national Health Services in the UK were given infected blood and infected blood products, in particular since the 1970s. Away from work, Tom sits on the Law Society LGBT+ Lawyers Division committee and the Law Society Education and Training committee. He is appointed as an Independent Person by the City of London Corporation and an Independent Panel Member by the Greater London Authority. Tom has been recognised as an LGBT+ leader in the OUTstanding LGBT+ role model lists. He has recently been appointed as a Fee Paid Judge of the First Tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)".



**RYAN KOHLI**

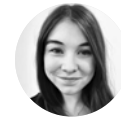
Ryan Kohli is a barrister at Cornerstone Barristers and specialises in public, planning, environmental and property law. He has been consistently ranked as a leading practitioner by the Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 directories of highly rated barristers and has been appointed by the Attorney General as Junior Counsel to the Crown since 2012. In 2022 he was appointed a Recorder (part-time Circuit Judge) and, in 2023, he was elected as a Governing Bencher the Inner Temple. He lives with his husband, Henry (also a barrister) and their pup (Rupe) in south London.



**XUEWEI LOY**

Xuewei is an English-qualified managing associate with Linklaters LLP, London, sitting within the Financial Structuring team. Professionally, she specialises in legally and technically complex structured financings. Pro bono, Xuewei has, in partnership with the Rainbow Migration Charity, successfully led an asylum claim before the UK Home Office

for an LGBTQI+ claimant. Originally from Singapore, she has worked and lived in the UK since reading law as an undergraduate at St Anne's College, Oxford University. Outside of work, Xuewei has a keen interest in gender studies, photography, and learning Japanese and Korean.



**EMMA MACKENZIE-NATION**

Emma (she/her) is a Trainee Solicitor currently working in the Pensions team at Linklaters. Prior to beginning her training contract, Emma obtained an LLM in Intellectual Property and IT Law from King's College London for which she was awarded the prize for best overall performance. She has a particular interest in addressing and combatting the dissemination of conspiracy theories and hate speech on social media and how this impacts human rights and social attitudes towards LGBT+ people.



**IZZY MACPHERSON**

Izzy MacPherson (she/they) is legal counsel at AtkinsRéalis, a world-leading professional services and project management company dedicated to engineering a better future for our planet and its people. They specialise in data, digital, and technology matters with an emphasis on intellectual property law. Izzy joined AtkinsRéalis after training at the international City law firm Charles Russell Speechlys. They started their legal career as an advisor at the anti-poverty charity Community Links and hold a masters in gender studies from the University of Oxford.



**BEN MITCHELL**

Ben is a barrister at 11KBW in London specialising in public law and human rights.

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**JAMES NEWTON**

James is an associate specialising in international arbitration and litigation at Pallas Partners LLP. He trained and qualified at Clyde & Co before moving to the London office of Boies Schiller Flexner. He left with the majority of the BSF London office to establish Pallas at the beginning of 2022. Prior to his training contract, James studied History at the University of Oxford. At Clyde & Co, James helped found their LGBT+ network, Pryde & Co. At Pallas, he continues to advocate LGBT+ inclusion in the workplace and through his legal work.



**JOCKENDEN**

J is a pupil barrister at 5 Essex Court and won the 2022 LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**CHRISTIE O'CONNELL**

Christie is a barrister specialising in matrimonial finance at 1 Hare Court. She is a committee member of FreeBar, the Bar's LGBTQIA+ association, and was recently elected as the treasurer of Inner Temple's Junior Bar Association. She previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**NIGEL MPEMBA PATEL**

Nigel Mvemba Patel is an associate in Linklaters' Litigation, Arbitrations and Investigations team working on various litigation matters including judicial review, competition and contentious regulatory proceedings. Nigel is from Malawi and holds a Bachelor of Social Science in Philosophy and an LLB from the University of Cape Town, South Africa; as well as a Graduate Diploma in Law and a Masters of Science in Law, Business and Management from the University of Law, UK.

As a trainee solicitor, Nigel had three 6-month placements in the Structured Finance, Litigation, and Financial Regulation teams as well as a 6-month secondment to the Mary Ward Legal Centre's Housing Litigation team. Nigel qualified as a solicitor in September 2022 and upon qualification took up a role for 10-months as the Judicial Assistant to Lady Rose in the UK Supreme Court. Nigel has published academic articles on LGBTQ+ rights in Southern Africa. Nigel is also currently the co-chair of Linklaters' UK LGBTQ+ network.



**CARINE PATRY KC**

Carine is a barrister at Landmark Chambers and is a public law specialist, with a particular emphasis on education law. She also regularly undertakes discrimination work, particularly disability discrimination cases for and against schools. She attended a state school and as Head of Pupillage at Landmark Chambers (and now Head of Recruitment) she has put into place a number of initiatives to encourage applicants to the Bar from a wide variety of backgrounds. She has two LGBTQ+ children.



**ALICE RAMSAY**

Alice (she/her) is an Associate Solicitor at the law firm Leigh Day. She qualified in September 2011 and specialises in employment and discrimination law. She has particular expertise in relation to cases involving gender identity discrimination and has acted for many trans and non-binary people who have experienced such discrimination in employment, in education, and in the context of accessing services, including, among others, healthcare and financial services.



**GEORGIE REA**

Georgie is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers. She is developing a broad public law practice, whilst specialising in immigration & asylum, housing, education, and community care law.



**MAX SCHAEFER**

Max is a barrister at Brick Court Chambers. He was instructed by Liberty in Walker v Innospec, a successful EU-law challenge in the Supreme Court to domestic legislation permitting less favourable pension treatment of civil partners and same-sex married couples than is given to opposite-sex spouses. His first novel, Children of the Sun (2010), was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers' Best First Book prize for Europe and South Asia, and a Lambda Literary Award.



**RACHEL SCHON**

Rachel is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers, specialising in family law relating to children and also actions against the police. She participated in the LSE Featherstone moot as a bar student, and is delighted to be back as a judge!



**SERENA SEKHON**

Serena is a barrister at No5 Chambers in London specialising in public law. She previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot as a student.



**ALEX SHATTOCK**

Alex is a barrister at Landmark Chambers. His practice focuses on public, planning and environmental law. His public law work includes matters



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concerning human rights, education, community care, immigration and information law. He has been involved in a number of widely reported judicial review challenges with a public interest element.



**PAUL STANLEY KC**

Paul is a barrister at Essex Court Chambers and sits as a Deputy High Court Judge.



**ROBIN WHITE**

Robin Moira White is a discrimination barrister at Old Square Chambers, London, and joint author of *A Practical Guide to Transgender Law*. She is the first barrister to have a transitioned at the Employment Bar. She has judged the LSE-Featherstone Moot since its inception.



**BHAVISHA SHARMA**

Bhavisha Sharma is a trainee solicitor at Linklaters, London. She is an India Qualified lawyer with an interest in public law, among others. She worked on various human rights initiatives during her time at university. She currently serves as an Editor for the Law and Other Things blog and has been involved in planning constitutional law conferences.



**SRISHTI SURESH**

Srishti is a family law barrister at Coram Chambers. She was the winner of the 2021 award for Family Law Young Barrister of the Year. The judges noted Srishti's proven commitment to access to justice with significant experience of working with vulnerable clients in highly contentious cases. Furthermore, her commitment to improving the landscape of the Bar for underrepresented communities as well as her work as a founding member of Bridging the Bar. She competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot as a student.



**CRASH WIGLEY**

Crash (they or she) is a barrister at Civitas Law in Cardiff with a mixed civil practice, including housing, immigration and public law. They are Chair of the North Wales Law Centre Steering Group and musical director of the Cardiff Trans Singers. They are currently working as the Judicial Assistant to Lord Lloyd-Jones at the Supreme Court. They previously competed in the LSE-Featherstone Moot.



**KATY SHERIDAN**

Katy is a barrister at Matrix Chambers specialising public law and human rights.



**RICHARD TURNEY**

Richard is a public law and planning law at Landmark Chambers. He is to be appointed King's Counsel in 2024.



**OLIVER SMALL**

Oliver is a criminal barrister at 23ES, where he became a tenant in 2021. He acts for the prosecution and defence in cases which include allegations of violence, weapons, drugs supply, theft, fraud, public disorder and sexual assault. He has been instructed to represent activists in the Black Lives Matter and Just Stop Oil protest movements, and also has experience dealing with civil applications brought by the Police, such as Sexual Risk Orders and confiscation. Oliver worked as a paralegal at the not-for-profit law firm Commons before beginning practice at the Bar. He was a finalist in the LSE-Featherstone Moot in 2018.



**VALENTIN VAN DE VALLE**

Valentin is a New York qualified lawyer at Davis Polk & Wardwell in London where he specializes in taxation.



**AMANDA WESTON KC**

Amanda is a leading KC specialising in public law and human rights at Garden Court Chambers. She is on the A-Panel of Counsel for the Equality and Human Rights Commission. She has judged the LSE-Featherstone Moot for many years.

# 10. SPONSORS

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We have a number of LGBTQ+ initiatives in place globally. These include establishing a network of LGBTQ+ Allies in multiple cities across the globe.

We firmly believe that some of the most powerful messages of inclusion come from people who aren't part of the groups they are speaking for. We are proud to be a member of Open For Business, a coalition of 22 global companies committed to developing and sharing the business and economic case for LGBTQ+ inclusion. We also have an active With Pride Network to provide individuals at Linklaters with the opportunity to build a network with others within the firm, address issues which are particularly relevant to LGBTQ+ members of staff, raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and get involved with charity outreach and seek support and advice from mentors.



Landmark Chambers is a proud supporter of the LSE-Featherstone Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Moot.

At Landmark, we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive work environment for all. We take pride that Landmark is at the cutting edge of diversity, equality and welfare issues at the Bar, but are keenly aware that there is a long way to go before the profession is fully representative. Events such as this

moot that celebrate the LGBT+ community provide more opportunities for diversifying the legal industry and our involvement demonstrates our commitment to creating a welcoming environment that is respectful of everyone's identity.

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Embedded in the firm is an ambitious responsibility and sustainability strategy to drive positive change throughout the industry. In everything Pallas does, the firm challenges the status quo; when it comes to environmental and societal impacts, the firm believes its strategic approach is a blueprint for the firm of the future. Driven by our purpose, vision and values, we focus on delivering positive change across the environment, community and people agenda.

# 12. PRIZES

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## GEORGIA LASSOFF SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION PRIZE

We were devastated when a stalwart of the moot, Georgia Lassoff, passed away in 2021. Georgia was a criminal barrister at Red Lion Chambers and fearless advocate for equality.

She competed in the moot as a student and returned to judge it upon qualifying as a barrister. She always threw herself into the event: competing in drag, attending all the workshops and socials and being the best possible cheerleader for her teammates and other participants.

As such, the annual 'Spirit of the Competition' award is named in her honour. There are no specified criteria for this award but enthusiasm, style and a collegiate spirit will all be looked upon favourably.

## THE LANDMARK CHAMBERS ADVOCACY PRIZE

The winner of the advocacy prize will receive £300. The prize will be awarded to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in advocacy in the oral rounds. The prize is awarded at the discretion of the judges.

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Wherever your career may take you, I hope that you will remember your involvement in the LSE-Featherstone Moot, and that this will sustain and continue to inspire you to fight for the values and freedoms of LGBT equality. To keep questioning, challenging; to keep shining a strong and searching light into the darkest of corners. ”

BARONESS FEATHERSTONE

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