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**Position(s) I am nominating for:** Vice-President (Mooting)

**Reason why I am nominating myself:**

The reason I am nominating myself for Vice-President of Mooting for the 2021 UTS LSS Council is predominantly due to my passion for mooting and the skills it allows you acquire and refine. I truly believe that as a law student, participation in this competition is an integral part of law school itself, teaching you a variety of skills you can transfer to your professional career later on. I believe this genuine passion of mine is a key motivator which would enable me to excel and continuously enhance all mooting competitions experience during my tenure.

**Experiences which will assist me:**

I believe my experiences with mooting throughout the course of my degree will greatly assist me. Over the course of four years, I have competed in various mooting competitions, both skills and subject moots; most notably being crowned champion of the UTS LSS HSF Junior Mooting competition in 2018. I believe these experiences have allowed me to gain a through understanding of what competitors want and do not want to see in mooting competitions. I was also the UTS LSS Subject Mooting Director for the 2019/20 tenure. I believe out of all my experiences, this will aid me the most, as it has allowed me to identify key issues which need to be improved from an organisational perspective, and build a solid leadership base as well.

**What I will bring to the role:**

If I am elected as Vice-President of Mooting for the 2020/21 tenure, I will implement various initiatives and plans which all share a common prerogative: enhance the current mooting program and overall experience at UTS, to make it more enjoyable and educational for competitors. In doing so, one of my first goals will be to enhance collaboration between the UTS Law Faculty and the mooting portfolio. This will be done to bolster engagement and awareness of mooting competitions across UTS Law, ensuring that the opportunity to compete is present for all students, even if they are not actively up to date with the LSS.

**What I will assist the council with next year:**

Ultimately, I wish to aid the council by building the foundation required for the continuation of this newly introduced role. I would further work alongside of the Vice-President of Competitions (Skills) to ensure all competitions within the UTS LSS proceed as smoothly as possible.