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THE PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

What is the Jessup Moot Court ?

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is an advocacy competition for law students. Teams of law students compete against one another through the presentation of oral and written pleadings to address timely issues of public international law in the context of a hypothetical legal dispute between nations before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

How does the Jessup Moot Court work?

After the annual Jessup problem is released, students begin researching and preparing arguments for both sides of the dispute, drafting and editing written pleadings, called “memorials,” and practicing oral presentations. Each team prepares two written memorials and two 45-minute oral presentations, one for each party to the dispute (the “Applicant” and the “Respondent”). Teams argue alternately as Applicant and Respondent against competing teams before a panel of judges. Previous knowledge of Public International Law is not necessary.

What are this year’s topics?

The 2021 Jessup Problem will concern a global pandemic, and the obligations and responses of States with respect to the outbreak. It will also involve questions of the jurisdiction of the Court, a desperate claim for political asylum by an alleged rogue scientist, and State responsibility for a suspicious aircraft explosion.

What are the benefits of participating?

- Intensive rhetorical training
- Pleadings before experienced judges and practicing lawyers at the top law firms in Munich
- Several workshops on legal writing, public international law and legal research

How do I apply?

Send in your written application to jessup-moot@jura.uni-muenchen.de. The application must contain a cover letter (1 page minimum), your CV, your academic transcript, your high school diploma and any other relevant certificates.

More information is available at <https://www.jura.uni-muenchen.de/fakultaet/lehrstuehle/walter/lehre/jessup-moot-court/index.html>

Application Deadline is 11 July 2020.