

UNIVERSITÄT BONN MOOT COURTS

*Applications Due
10 June 2016!*



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WHAT IS A MOOT COURT?

A method of teaching law and legal skills that requires students to analyze and argue both sides of a hypothetical legal issue using procedures modeled after those employed in appellate courts and arbitral tribunals.

- Hypothetical factual scenario (facts are established)
- One or more legal issues
- Each team argues both sides
- Written and oral submissions
- Compete against teams from all over the world
- Judges are (often) experts in the field

WHY MOOT?

- Skills learned:
 - Legal English (native speaker coaches)
 - Advocacy: written & oral
 - Legal representation
 - “Thinking like a lawyer”
 - Presentation
- Opportunity to ‘do something different’ & distinguish yourself
- Teamwork
- Networking
- Travel opportunities
- New area of law



WHAT ABOUT THE STATE EXAM?

- Free Semester (gem. §25 II Nr. 5 JAG NRW) OR
- ‘Schwerpunkt’ Seminar (with an independent paper related to the moot court problem)

AND

- Foreign Language Certificate
- Seminar Certificate (not ‘Schwerpunkt’)

You can get a second ‘free semester’ even if you already have one from the FFA program.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Law or Law & Economics Students
- Ready for a challenge
- Team players
- Must have strong English language skills (Written & Spoken)
- Willingness to commit the Winter Semester to the competition
 - Minimum of 30 hours per week
 - Other courses (FFA, etc.) only with prior permission of the coach
- Potential for success
 - Factors: grades, time spent abroad, public speaking & debate experience, demonstrated interest in the topic, leadership & involvement in extracurricular activities

WHICH TEAM SHOULD I APPLY FOR?

- Each team has a separate application process
- You may apply to one or both teams

Jessup Moot Court	Vis Moot Court
World renowned international competition	World renowned international competition
Learn written and oral advocacy skills	Learn written and oral advocacy skills
Networking	Networking
Opportunities for international travel	Opportunities for international travel
Public International Law	International Commercial Law

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PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



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WHAT IS THE JESSUP?

- World's LARGEST Moot Court Competition
 - Over 550 Law Schools in more than 80 Countries
- The 2017 Competition will be the 58th Jessup Cup
- Simulates a fictional dispute between States before the International Court of Justice
- Teams prepare written and oral pleadings for both the applicants and respondents
- Approximately 20 German Teams participate in the German National Rounds
- Top 2-3 German Teams advance to Washington



THE COMPETITION

Written Memorials: Applicant & Respondent

- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Question Presented
- Statement of Facts
- Summary of Pleadings
- Pleadings
- Prayer for Relief



Oral Arguments

- Applicant 1: 22 Minutes
- Applicant 2: 20 Minutes
- Respondent 1: 22 Minutes
- Respondent 2: 21 Minutes
- Applicant Rebuttal: 3 Minutes
- Respondent Rebuttal: 2 Minutes



THE JESSUP IN BONN

■ Participating in the competition since 2012

- 2014: 8th
- 2015: 5th
- 2016: 6th
- 2017: ??



WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART?

- Excellent practical training in written and oral advocacy from a Jessup-experienced American Attorney and Professor Talmon
- English language immersion environment during all practices
- Gain expert-level knowledge of an area of Public International Law
- Exposure to law firms and the UN during external practice pleadings
- Foreign Language Schein AND Free Semester (gem. §25 II Nr. 5 JAG NRW) OR Schwerpunkt Seminar (with an independent paper on the Jessup Topic)



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Law or Law & Economics Students
- Must have very good English language skills (Written & Spoken)
- Interest in Public International Law, International Politics or International Relations
- Prior knowledge of Public International Law is helpful but not necessary
- Willingness to commit the Winter Semester to the competition
- 2-5 Students will be selected for the 2016/2017 Team



JESSUP TIMELINE

- June 10: Applications Due
- June: Interviews & Team Selection
- July-September: Prepare for Competition
- Mid-September: Compromis Released
- Mid-January 2017: Memorials Due
- Mid-January – Mid-February: Practice Pleadings (but not against other teams)
- Mid-February: German National Rounds
- April: Jessup International Rounds, Washington, D.C.



THE 2016/2017 PROBLEM

The 2017 Compromis will address:

- transboundary aquifers,
- basic human rights including the rights to food and water, and
- what happens when arguable violations of those rights generate refugee outflows.

HOW CAN I SEE IF I LIKE MOOTING?

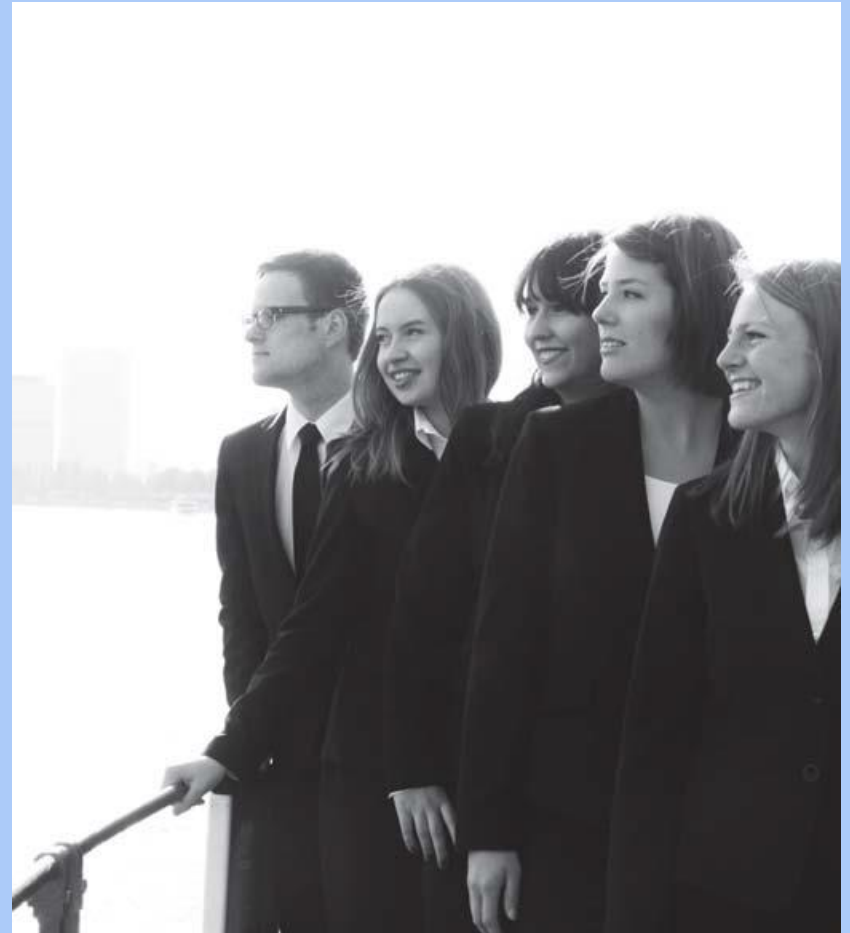
Participate in our Speed Moot Court on May 25th (Dies Academicus)

- No Preparation or Prior Knowledge of Public International Law Required
- General Public International Law Topic
- All Materials Provided (English OR German)
- Approximately 3.5 hours at the Institute. Includes Preparation Time + Moot.
- Register by May 20th at jessupmootcourt@jura.uni-bonn.de (indicate whether German or English)

THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

**Application
Deadline:
JUNE 10, 2016**

**Resume, Transcript & Statement of
Interest (in English)
to Holly Wesener
jessupmootcourt@jura.uni-bonn.de**



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- The Official Jessup Website: www.ilsa.org/Jessup
- The Institute's Homepage: www.jura.uni-bonn.de/institut-fuer-voelkerrecht/
- The Team Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/JessupMootCourtTeamBonn
- Holly Wesener (Coach): hwesener@uni-bonn.de

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 20th: Deadline to Register for the Speed Moot

May 25th: Speed Moot

June 10th: Application Deadline for 2016/2017 Jessup Team