

THE PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION

1963

Official Rules

Association of Student International Law Societies

Rules for Participants  
in the 1963  
International Law Moot Court Competition

I. Identity of the Forum and Locus of the Competitions.

1. The Court.

Participants have been invited to submit a written statement and to make an oral statement to the Court designated in the fact situation, to be arranged for each year through the office of the Executive Director of the American Society of International Law.

2. Regional Competitions.

a. When the Secretariat will have received notice of an intent to participate from all interested schools, a division into regions shall be arranged for regional inter-school competitions. Each school shall send one team only to regional competitions. Any intra-school competition shall be at the discretion of each school. The number and location of regional competitions shall be arranged so as to encourage maximum attendance, minimum inconvenience, and equitable division of the teams participating.

b. To qualify for participation in the regional competition a school must have been invited by the Association and it must have an International Law Society, unless the team entered is the initial team representing that school.

c. Regional competitions shall be conducted on the basis of oral statements only.

3. Final Competition.

The teams selected in regional competitions shall participate in a final competition to be held at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law at Washington, D. C. (This meeting is currently constitutionally set for the final week-end in April.)

II. Composition of Teams.

Teams competing in regional and final competitions shall consist of no more than six persons. [All oralists must be candidates for the LL. B. degree]. There will be no more than two oralists.

### III. Oral and Written Statements.

1. Oral statements shall be limited to thirty minutes for each team, including questions from the bench. There shall be no allowance for rebuttals.
2. Written statements required only from finalists, shall be limited to thirty double-spaced, typewritten pages (8 1/2 x 11) exclusive of title page, tables, footnotes and appendices. Written statements shall be concurrently exchanged by air mail, in mimeographed form, by noon of the day two weeks prior to the final competition. Each team shall receive six copies of the competing teams' briefs. The Court shall receive six copies from each team mailed to the Secretariat.
3. Minimum faculty consultation is allowed. No faculty member shall make specific contributions to the substantive content of oral or written statements.

### IV. Material Distribution and Schedule of Competitions.

1. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the dissemination of all materials concerning the competition. Notice of the Competition is to be distributed to each member and potential member schools no later than December 10th each year. Notification of intent to participate must be filed with the Secretariat no later than January 15th of each year. [The fact situation is to be mailed by air mail to each participant no later than January 31st of each year.]
2. Regional competitions should be scheduled no earlier than March 15th and no later than March 30th of each year. Regions shall be determined by the Secretariat subject to approval of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

### V. Assignment of Teams and Judging.

1. Assignment of team positions for the competitions, shall be accomplished by an impartial drawing by lot conducted by a member of the Federal Bench. Such drawing shall be provided for by the Secretariat each year.
2. Judges are requested to consider in their determination of the team performance the fact that assignment of positions is by lot, and to determine in an objective and conscientious manner the best

performance in each of the categories listed below. Decisions should be based upon convincing argument, effective presentation, organization, and ability to respond to questions from the bench.

- a. Best oral presentation (Individual).
- b. Best written brief (Team).
- c. Best all round performance (Winning Team).

Categories (a) and (b) shall not be applicable in regional competitions.