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INTERNATIONAL LAW  
MOOT COMPETITION:  
Application form and  
information**

LAWS3489/LAWS5189 –  
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT

2022–23 COMPETITION

Sydney Law School

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## Selection timetable

**Information session:** 1.15 pm Tuesday 9 August 2022  
in person and via Zoom

Please email [alison.pert@sydney.edu.au](mailto:alison.pert@sydney.edu.au) to request a Zoom invitation.

**Applications due:** Wednesday 17 August 2022

**Interviews and presentations::** Week beginning Monday 22 August 2022

**Offers:** From Monday 29 August 2022

**First team meeting:** Mid-September 2022  
(date and venue to be confirmed)

## Selection process

There is a three-stage process:

- (1) **Written Application:** Fill in the form below and email it by the due date. These applications will be screened and a short list of applicants to be interviewed will be drawn up.
- (2) **Interview and presentation:** You will be asked about why you want to do the Jessup and your ability to undertake the course throughout Summer 2022–23 and potentially into Semester 1 2023. **You must be available for the interview.** At the interview you will be asked to make a 10-minute presentation of your response to a problem question in any area of law. The question may be a question that you have addressed in a moot, or an assignment question that you have responded to during your studies. The purpose of the presentation is for us to gauge your capacity to express a legal argument clearly and persuasively. **There is no need for the presentation to be fully polished,** and you should concentrate instead on dealing with the legal issues as clearly as possible. You should spend 2–3 minutes setting out the question, 2–3 minutes identifying the issues that arise from it and 4–6 minutes addressing these by reference to the applicable legal rules and principles.
- (3) **Follow-up moot:** At the discretion of the team coach and Faculty Adviser, shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend a practice moot that involves a single issue of public international law. The moot presentations will be time-limited to approximately 5 minutes. Notice of the practice moot and the necessary materials will be sent to the moot participants a week in advance.

A first round of offers will be made to five team members and possibly one or two reserves. If necessary, a further round of offers will be made. Any withdrawals from the team will lead to one or more of the reserves being asked to step in, at the coach's discretion.

# The Jessup Moot experience

**When:** November 2022–February 2023, or April 2023 if competing in the international rounds (to be held in person 9–15 April 2023 in Washington DC)

Work begins immediately after the conclusion of exams.

**Where:** The Australian qualifying rounds will be held in Canberra in early February 2023 and the international rounds will be held in Washington DC in April 2023.

**Format:** Each team prepares two 12,000-word Memorials containing the submissions of the Applicant and Respondent teams (due 16 January 2023). The Australian Qualifying Rounds are held in Canberra in early February. Each team has four moots in the preliminary rounds before progressing, if successful, to the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Final. More details can be found on the on the [International Law Students Association \('ILSA'\) website](#).

**USA bound:** The teams reaching either the Semi-Finals or the Finals (to be confirmed) of the Australian Qualifying Rounds will represent Australia at the International Rounds.

**Workload:** **Very high** and requires an ongoing commitment to engagement in the competition. The competition is tremendously rewarding. The teams best able to cope with the heavy workload are comprised of members with a strong work ethic, a genuine interest in advocacy and public international law, and the ability to work collaboratively with their team members.

**The course:** Students **must enrol** in the LAWS3489/5189 International Law Moot unit.

**To be eligible for the Jessup Moot team, students must be in their penultimate or final year of the LLB or JD (Years 4–6 for JD part-time) in Semester 1 2023.**

Students will be enrolling Semester 1 2023, and Jessup will be included in their Semester 1 load. As such, students will not receive their results until July 2023; final year students will thus be unable to graduate at the May ceremony.

**Students can only enrol in one of the international moots (ie Jessup, Vis, or Tokyo moots).**

The standard grading criteria do not apply neatly to the Jessup Moot; marks are awarded based on each team member's contribution (teamwork, research and writing), and performance.

**Costs:** The Law School pays for all Jessup Moot registration costs, and travel and accommodation for the regional rounds in Canberra. To date, the Law School has also paid for travel and accommodation for the international rounds when Sydney is competing.

**Clerkships:** Many applicants intend to undertake a summer clerkship (or other work) while competing in Jessup. This is possible and done by team members each year, however experience indicates that team members should limit all outside work to a maximum of **2 days a week** during the competition — anything greater makes the Jessup workload very difficult to manage and puts an unfair burden on other team members. Most law firms are familiar with the competition and can accommodate a modified working arrangement provided that you communicate your intentions to them clearly. If you are intending to undertake a clerkship while competing in Jessup, please make a note of this in your application.

# The 2023 Jessup Moot question

After the conclusion of each year's competition, the [International Law Students' Association \('ILSA'\)](#), which administers the global competition, releases a précis of the following year's question.

The 2023 Jessup Compromis concerns:

- the interpretation of a peace treaty;
- deadly attacks in allegedly occupied territory;
- unilateral economic sanctions; and
- the legal consequences of failing to dispose of hazardous waste properly.

The full Jessup Compromis will be released by ILSA in September 2022.

## The Whys and Whatnots

### Why do it?

- The most demanding and rewarding course you could do as an undergraduate or JD student.
- Intense training in mooting and oral advocacy.
- Most prestigious competition for law students in the world (over 500 law schools participating).
- Well recognised as a mark of excellence.
- Foundation for postgraduate studies and professional career.
- Recognised alternative to doing a summer clerkship (better, really).
- Past participants have gone on to work at the UN (ICTY, ICTR, UNCC, UNHCR); Office of International Law, Commonwealth Attorney-General's; DFAT; London, Sydney, and New York Bar; International Committee for the Red Cross; International Commission of Jurists etc.
- A trip to Washington DC if the team qualifies.
- Lots of University of Sydney resources (Team Coach, Team Faculty Adviser, Library training, research training).
- Full subject credit points.
- Work done can be the foundation of an individual research project, journal article or thesis.

### What we are looking for

- Five team members.
- Academic excellence.
- A genuine interest in public international law.
- Mooting or speaking experience not necessary, but ability to express thoughts clearly is a must.
- Excellent team players.
- Strong legal research and writing skills.

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## Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition University of Sydney Law School

(Feel free to expand any of these boxes if you want to add more detail)

Name	SID
Address	Telephone Number(s)
Degree and Academic Year in 2023	University email address
Best 6 results in your law subjects (including International Law).  1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  Calculate Your WAM: _____	Details of any academic prizes

Please attach examples of 2 or 3 of the best essays/research papers you have submitted and the marks awarded [Note: If you completed an essay in International Law, you MUST include this mark]

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

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Details of any previous mooting or debating experience

Details of any previous experience working in a team environment

Why should you be chosen for the Jessup?
What interests you about international law?
Is there any other information you consider relevant?
Can you commit at least 5 days a week to Jessup? What outside commitments do you have over the Summer and during Semester 1 2023? Are you intending to apply for a summer clerkship and what do you intend to do if you are offered one?
Please confirm your eligibility under <b>Jessup Rules 2.3 and 2.4.</b>

Please return by **Wednesday 17 August 2022** by email:

To: Dr Alison Pert, Faculty Adviser ([alison.pert@sydney.edu.au](mailto:alison.pert@sydney.edu.au)) **and**  
 Jake Jerogin, Coach ([jakejerogin@gmail.com](mailto:jakejerogin@gmail.com))  
 Subject: Jessup Application Form – [INSERT NAME]  
 Attach files: – Application form; and  
 – PDF or scan of your academic transcript.



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