

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, also known as the Jessup, is the oldest, largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the world, attracting participants from almost 700 law schools in more than 90 countries in recent years.



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. After the *Compromis* is released in **September/October 2016**, the participating teams begin researching and preparing arguments for both sides of the dispute, drafting and editing written pleadings, called *memorials*, and practicing oral presentations. The whole competition is conducted in English. During the **German National Rounds in spring 2017**, teams will argue alternately as Applicant and Respondent against competing teams before a panel of judges, simulating a proceeding before the **International Court of Justice**. The best two or three German teams qualify for the International Rounds held in Washington, D.C.

The 2017 Jessup *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.

Participating in the Jessup gives you an exclusive opportunity to practice your professional legal skills, such as intensive legal research, legal argumentation, drafting and pleading. Team members are expected to be highly motivated, willing to work intensively with the team, have a good level of English and a great interest in international law (knowledge in international law is very helpful but not a prerequisite).



If you are interested to learn more about the Jessup Moot Court Competition and ask questions to former participants and coaches, there will be an **information event** on **20th June 2016**, 6.30 pm at the International Law Library (13th Floor, Blauer Turm).

Any questions as well as applications can be directed to **maik.knaust@jura.uni-goettingen.de**.