

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. Teams of law students compete with one another by presenting their **oral and written pleadings** addressing **timely issues of public international law** in the context of a hypothetical legal dispute between two nations.



After the release of the *Compromis* in **September/October 2017**, 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 2018**, the team will argue alternately as Applicant and Respondent against other 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 2018 Jessup *Compromis* will address the validity of interstate arbitral awards, the capture of a marine vessel, the breach of nuclear disarmament obligations, and the conduct of naval warfare.

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 command of English and a great interest in the field of public 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 **22nd of June 2017**, 5:00 pm at the International Law Library (Seminarraum, 13th Floor, Blauer Turm).

Deadline for applications is the 30th of June 2017. Your application should be in English and include a short letter of motivation, a CV and a recent academic transcript.



Any questions as well as applications can be directed to torben.schlueter@jura.uni-goettingen.de.