

WHITE & CASE

JESSUP CUP

UCD Sutherland School of Law is selecting students to form a team, which will represent UCD at the Jessup International Law Moot Court. If you are interested in applying please read the next two pages carefully. They will provide you with information about the competition, the module at UCD, and what we expect from you.

The Jessup Moot Court:

The Jessup Moot Court is one of the oldest and largest moot court competitions in the world. Each year over 500 teams compete from all over the world. The Jessup has two rounds. **National rounds usually take place in February and determine the teams which will advance to the international round in Washington DC in March/April.**

The Compromis is the springboard for the Jessup Competition. Written by leading scholars of international law, the Compromis is a compilation of agreed upon facts about the dispute that is submitted for adjudication to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the primary judicial organ of the United Nations. After the Compromis is released, students begin researching and preparing arguments for both sides of the dispute, drafting and editing written pleadings, called “memorials,” and practicing oral presentations. Each team prepares two written memorials and two 45-minute oral presentations, one for each party to the dispute (the “Applicant” and the “Respondent”). Teams argue alternately as Applicant and Respondent against competing teams before a panel of judges, simulating proceedings before the International Court of Justice. Next year’s themes have recently been released and **will include the validity of interstate arbitral awards, the capture of a marine vessel, the breach of nuclear disarmament obligations, and the conduct of naval warfare.**

You find more information here: <https://www.ilsa.org/jessuphome>; and here: <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteCaseJessup/>

The Set-Up:

As part of the Jessup Team you will receive credit points within the Advanced Mooting Module in the summer semester 2018. You will be a team of four students who are required to draft two ~ 35 page (double spaced) memorials until mid-January. After the submission of the memorials you will be preparing the oral rounds (around 2-3 times a week) which take place in Ireland in late February. Should you advance you would continue preparations on a bi-weekly basis until late March for the international rounds in Washington DC. To ensure high quality memorials and to make things more manageable for you, you will have continuous smaller deadlines, and team meetings throughout the semester. You are asked to prepare before the start of the semester by reading relevant text book chapters on the specific topics for next year's competition and on international law more generally (depending on your existing knowledge of international law). Dr. Rebecca Schmidt and Dr. Richard Collins will be coaching the team.

What you need to do to apply:

If you are interested in being part of UCD's Jessup Moot Court Team, you need to fulfil a few requirements:

- You need to be a **registered 2nd, 3rd, 4th year BCL or a 2nd year MCL at UCD.**
- You need to be in Dublin during the 1st and 2nd semester of the next academic year.
- Ideally, you have already taken a class in international law, though this is not a requirement.
- **Most importantly you should be interested in international law and highly motivated to put in the extra work.**

To apply please send a **CV and a short motivation letter** (max. 500 words) to the following email address - rebecca.schmidt@ucd.ie - by **June 2nd, 2017**. In your motivation letter you should, if applicable, refer to previous involvement in international law or other Jessup related (e.g. mooting or debating) activities. Should we receive more qualified applications than spots available on the team, we will conduct interviews in early June (these can be done via skype). The team will be fixed by July 1st. Work on the memorials will start in early September.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the above email address.