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#### CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### 1. Definitions

Except for the terms defined herein, every term expressed with capital letters in the present National Rules Supplement will have the meaning attributed to it in the Official Rules.

In case of any contradiction between the meaning attributed to the terms defined according to the present National Rules Supplement and the meaning attributed to those terms in the Official Rules, the meaning of the Official Rules will prevail, except when it is evident and clear that such term refers only to the National Stage.

“**Administration**” means jointly the Regional and National Administration and the ILSA Executive Office.

“**Regional Administration**” refers to the regional authority appointed by the Executive Director according to the Official Rules and includes the Regional Administrator, the Regional Council and the Executive Committee, as well as any other director or official appointed by the Regional Administrator.

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“**National Administration**” refers to the national authority appointed by the Executive Director according to the Official Rules and includes the National Administrator, the National Council and the Executive Committee, as well as any other director or official appointed by the National Administrator.

“**Regional Administrator**” refers to the person appointed by the Executive Director to administrate the Regional Rounds. The Regional Administration is the first instance to resolve any situation related to the Competition and the Regional Administrator shall be the person empowered for that.

“**National Administrator**” refers to the person appointed by COLADIC and approved by the Executive Director to administrate the National Rounds. The National Administration is the first instance to resolve any situation related to the National Rounds and the National Administrator shall be the person empowered for that.

“**Competition**” refers to the *“Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition”* whether at its Regional, National or International Level.

“**Executive Director**” refers to ILSA’s Executive Director.

“**Team**” means any team duly registered to participate in the Competition.

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“**ILSA**” means International Law Students Association.

“**Rule**” refers to a specific Rule established in this National Rules Supplement.

“**International Rule**” refers to a Rule established in the Official Rules.

“**Official Rules**” means the 2010 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Official Rules published by ILSA.

“**National Supplement**” means the National Rules Supplement referred to in the International Rule 0.0

2. According to Rules 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the Official Rules, the Executive Director has appointed Regional Administrators for the North and South Regional Rounds in Mexico, as well as COLADIC Mexico as Administrator of the National Championship Round.

The National Administration publishes the present National Supplement according to Rules 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 of the Official Rules. The present Supplement will regulate the Regional Qualifying Tournaments of the “*Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*” in its 2010 edition (hereinafter referred to as the “Regional Rounds”), as well as the 2010 Mexican National Championship Round, as complementary rules to the International Rules published by the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

3. The North Regional Rounds will take place in Saltillo, Coahuila, and the South Regional Rounds will take place in Mexico City. Specific locations, dates, schedules and

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any other particular situations will be governed by each Regional Schedule and, additionally, by the International Schedule published by ILSA. The National Schedule will be published by the National Administration in due time.

4. The Regional Administrations are the first instance for resolving any situation related with the Regional Rounds. The Regional Administrations will be responsible for the interpretation of the National Supplement. After a well-founded answer by the Regional Administrator, and if there is still any doubt, the Teams may address the International Administration in order to resolve their remaining disputes. ILSA's Executive Director is the final authority regarding the application and interpretation of the Official Rules and the National Supplement.

#### CHAPTER II. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

5. The Regional Administration has all the authority conferred in:

- a) Official Rules; and
- b) This National Supplement.

6. Without prejudice to what is stated in the Official Rules, the Regional Administration is empowered to interpret such Official Rules.

7. The Team shall appoint only one Representative before the Regional Administration (the "Representative"). The Representatives will have the right to be heard by the Regional Administration in case of doubt, conflict or event concerning the development of the

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regional phase. Every communication with the Regional Administration shall be done through the Representative.

#### CHAPTER III. NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

8. The National Administration has all the authority conferred in:

- a) Official Rules; and
- b) This National Supplement.

9. Without prejudice to what is stated in the Official Rules, the National Administration is empowered to interpret such Official Rules.

10. The Team shall appoint only one Representative before the National Administration (the "Representative"). The Representatives will have the right to be heard by the National Administration in case of doubt, conflict or event concerning the development of the national championship. Every communication with the National Administration shall be done through the Representative.

#### CHAPTER IV. TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR REGISTRY

11. In accordance with the International Rules, only one Team from each University, Institute, College or School which has a law program or any other program related to international law, can participate in the Regional or National Rounds.

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Exceptionally, two or more Teams of the same University, Institute, College or School could be registered, when those Teams were representing different campuses of the same University, Institute, College or School. In this case, the Regional Administrator should request and obtain an authorization by the Executive Director, in the understanding that Team Members shall comply with all the other requirements established in the Official Rules.

**12.** Team Members will be considered to be those students (2 to 5 students according to International Rule 2.2) who compose a Team. The Coach and Faculty Advisor will be considered as part of the Team. The abovementioned persons are the only ones authorized to defend Team's interests or to act in favor of any Team. No other person, regardless of their close and direct connection with the Team, will have authority to demand, complain, challenge or act in favor of the interests of any Team before the Regional or National Administration. Representatives have the right to be heard by Regional or National Administration in case of doubts, comments or any other circumstance related to the performance of the Regional or National Rounds.

**13.** Teams shall inform the Regional Administration, preferably at the time of their registration as a Team, the complete names of the Team Members as well as the names of those persons, closely or directly connected to it.

**14.** Team members participating in the Competition shall comply with the requirements established under International Rule 2.2. Further, they shall prove their status as law students through any suitable document. Suitable document shall mean (i) certificate of registration; and/or (ii) the grades issued by their corresponding University, Institute or

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School or, with any other document which proves such status. The document shall be delivered to the Regional Administrations before January 22, 2010.

**15.** All Team Members, except for the Coach and Faculty Advisor (who may have graduated), shall be registered students on the date when the Regional or National Rounds take place.

**16.** Teams wishing to participate in the Competition shall complete the Jessup Team Registration Form published by ILSA and furnish such completed form along with the corresponding payment to the International Administration. The amount, place, date and form of payment of the regional fee will be promptly notified by each Regional Administrator.

**17.** According to International Rule 6.1, the following documents shall be delivered to ILSA's Executive Office ([jessup@ilsa.org](mailto:jessup@ilsa.org)) and the Regional Administration at the email address provided below by the date on the Official ILSA Timetable:

- a) electronic version of the Memorial for the Applicant; and
- b) electronic version of the Memorial for the Respondent.

North Regional Administration - [jafranco.vdz@gmail.com](mailto:jafranco.vdz@gmail.com)

South Regional Administration - [jessup\\_admonmx@yahoo.com](mailto:jessup_admonmx@yahoo.com)

Further, the following documents shall be delivered to the Regional Administration:

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- a) 15 copies of the Memorial for the Applicant;
- b) 15 copies of the Memorial for the Respondent.

The documents shall be delivered to the following address with the corresponding receipt:

North Regional Administration

*Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Saltillo, Prolongación Juan de la Barrera #1241 Oriente. Saltillo, Coahuila.*

South Regional Administration

Two options:

- *Bosques de Fontainebleau #30 casa 23, Colonia Paseos del Bosque, Naucalpan de Juárez, Estado de México, C.P.53297.*
- [Ricardo Flores Magón # 2, Planta Baja ala "A", Colonia Guerrero, Mexico DF](#)

**18.** Memorials will be considered as delivered when they are sent to ILSA's Executive Director and the Regional Administrator. Printed Memorials shall be delivered within 4 working days after the date when the Memorials shall be submitted by e-mail.

In case a Team submits their Memorials through email after the date for submission of Memorials, such Team shall deliver the printed copies of its Memorials to the Regional Administrator immediately on the day after such Team forwards the electronic copies of its Memorials through email.

The printed memorials delivered by post must be identical to the electronic copies of the memorials submitted by email.

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#### CHAPTER V. TEAM IDENTIFICATION AND ANONIMITY

**19.** In order to promote transparency, neutrality, and anonymity of teams of the Competition before the judges or other teams, each Team will be granted a confidential number that will be used to identify one from another. The number will be assigned by ILSA in accordance with the International Rule 3.5.

**20.** Teams must use, as identification on their memorials and oral rounds, the number referred in paragraph 19 of the present Rules (International Rule 3.5).

#### CHAPTER VI. COMMUNICATION DURING THE ORAL ROUNDS

**21.** Team members and any other person associated with the Team may not communicate with judges prior to the commencement of the incumbent oral rounds.

**22.** When a competing Team in a given round becomes aware of misconduct and wishes to complain, that Team must submit its complaint in writing to the *Bailiff* within five minutes of the completion of the Oral Round.

Once the *Bailiff* has received notification of the alleged violation, the Regional or National Administrator must be provided with the information concerning the alleged violation so as to make a decision on whether to impose a sanction or not. Teams should take all reasonable measures to raise this allegation outside the attention of the judges. When scoring teams, judges shall not consider the allegations if they have learned about them.

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#### CHAPTER VII. JUDGES

**23.** In order to act as a judge in the Competition, it shall be necessary: to be a bachelor of law; or (i) to have a university degree in a field connected with the COMPROMIS; (ii) to have sufficient professional experience in the field; and (iii) to be familiar with the Competition, at the full discretion of the Regional or National Administrators.

**24.** Regional or National Judges shall be **proposed** by:

- a) The Board of COLADIC MÉXICO;
- b) The Executive Committee of COLADIC MÉXICO;
- c) The Regional or National Administrations;
- d) ILSA Chapters; and
- e) ILSA Executive Office.

**25.** The identity of the judges shall not be disclosed until the moment of the corresponding oral round. In case a conflict exists concerning the participation of a judge in an oral round, a Team that wishes to complain shall undertake the following procedures:

- i) orally:** the complaining Team shall immediately orally notify the *Bailiff* or the Regional or National Administrator prior to the commencement of the oral Round.

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- ii) **written:** As soon as possible after the corresponding Round, the complaining Team shall notify the Regional or National Administrator in writing. This step is required regardless of the oral notification referred to in the previous paragraph. Pursuant to the International Rules, the Team's notice shall include all objective and specific circumstances which may be relevant and which support their objection against one or several judges as well as all applicable rules. Such notice shall be filed within five minutes of the completion of the corresponding Round. Such notice shall be addressed to the Regional or National Administrator and a copy shall also be provided for the ILSA Executive Director.

The Regional or National Administrator shall settle the matter pursuant to International Rule 5.3. In case an objection and/or disagreement is filed, the *Bailiff* shall prepare a document certifying such circumstance, which will be signed by both Teams and the judge in question. Concerning the foregoing paragraph, the Administrator's decision may be appealed to the Executive Director. Failure by any Team to follow the procedures described in this paragraph shall result in a waiver of the Team's complaint.

**26.** Judges judging an oral round shall not have a direct or evident connection to any of the Teams which will participate in that round. No counselor, advisor or any person otherwise directly connected to a Team of the participant shall act as a judge in the Competition. The judges shall not advise or collaborate in any form with any team. The judges have the obligation to inform the Regional or National Administration of any participation, advice, collaboration or any communication with any team.

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**27.** Judges shall excuse themselves and shall not sit in any Round if they have a personal or professional connection with any of the schools, Teams or other persons related to a Team, which are competing in such Round, if such connection jeopardizes their impartiality or if it creates the appearance of impropriety or irregularity. Nevertheless, judges shall not have to remove themselves from any Round for the mere fact of being a student of the relevant schools or universities or because they recognize any of the members of a Team (considering they cannot make a connection between the participant and the university they represent), or because they are otherwise connected or related to the relevant schools or universities.

**28.** Pursuant to the International Rules and this Supplement, the Regional and National Administrations shall be the only ones entitled to select and appoint judges, although such selection and appointment is subject to the review of the Executive Director.

#### CHAPTER VIII. ROUNDS

**29.** Preliminary Round pairings as well as the number of rounds each Team shall plead will be determined by the Regional Administration pursuant to International Rule 8.1 and any other applicable International Rule, however, no Team shall plead less than 4 rounds (twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent).

**30.** The winners of each Regional Final Round shall advance to compete in the White & Case International Rounds.

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**31.** The winners of the North and South Regional Rounds shall compete for the Mexican National Championship in Mexico. Specific location, date, schedule and any other specific situation will be decided by compromise among the North and South Regional Administrations, and published by the National Administration in due time.

#### CHAPTER IX. SCORING

**32.** Preliminary Rounds shall be scored pursuant to International Rules 10.0 through 10.8. These results shall determine which Teams advance to the Final Round.

**33.** To guarantee the security and transparency in the scoring of the participants, the following procedure shall be followed:

After each round, the judges that judged such round will deliberate, in private, and shall score the participants pursuant to the ILSA Mandatory Oral Pleading Score Sheets provided by the Regional Administration for such purposes. Once the Teams have been graded, the judges shall deposit the score sheet in an envelope. Such envelope will be sealed and signed by the judges and subsequently furnished to the Regional or National Administration.

Afterwards, prior to determining the Teams that shall participate in the Final Round, the Regional Administrator shall open the envelopes and proceed to carry out the scoring of each participant. One representative of each Team is entitled to be present during such scoring.

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Any irregularity or breach pursuant to this rule by any of the Teams, participants or advisors may be penalized by the Regional Administrator. The penalty for the foregoing is expulsion from the Competition.

**34.** The Regional Final Rounds and the National Championship Round shall be scored pursuant to the International Rules and in particular, to International Rule 10.5.1. The result shall be notified immediately after such Round, after the judge's deliberation.

#### CHAPTER X. PENALTIES

**35.** Penalties are established in the International Rule 11.0, as well as the sub-sections of such Rule.

**36.** In case any irregularity exists during the oral rounds that may be considered a penalty under the International Rules or this Supplement, a Team wishing to complain shall notify the *Bailiff* or the Regional or National Administration (i) orally as soon as the Round is over (except for any objection concerning a judge, in which case such objection shall be notified prior to commencement of the Round), and (ii) in writing as soon as possible after the Round. Such notice shall include all objective and specific circumstances which may be relevant in connection with the alleged breach of the rules as well as all applicable rules. Such written notice shall be filed within five minutes of the completion of the corresponding Round. Such notice shall be addressed to the Regional or National Administrator and a copy shall also be provided for the Executive Director.

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A Team that becomes aware of a breach to the International Rules or this Supplement after any Round shall notify such circumstance directly to the Regional or National Administrator. The Regional or National Administrator shall decide upon the admissibility and validity of such claim. Both the claim and the Regional or National Administrator's decision shall be based on the International Rules or this Supplement.

The failure by a complaining Team to notify the Regional or National Administrator or the *Bailiff* pursuant to the procedure established hereunder shall be considered as a waiver of its right to file any objection or claim notwithstanding the nature of such objection or claim.

Ignorance of this provision of the International Rules or this National Supplement will not serve as a basis for a protest against its application. The rule shall apply regardless of any such ignorance.

**37.** Any unsportsmanlike behavior from the participants, advisor or other persons connected or related to a Team towards another Team, participants, advisor or other persons connected or related to such other Team, judges or members of the Administration shall be penalized pursuant to International Rules 11.2.4 and 1.6.

**38.** Pursuant to International Rule 1.6, the Regional or National Administrator shall establish any disciplinary measure or penalty that the Administrator may consider appropriate for the development of the Competition, after prior consultation and oral or written approval of the Executive Director.

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**39.** The Regional or National Administration shall provide copies of the scores to the Team's Representatives.

#### CHAPTER XI. AWARDS

**40.** During the awards ceremony, the Regional or National Administration shall grant each Participant a diploma for his or her participation in the Competition.

**41.** The winners of each of the Regional Final Rounds shall receive a diploma recognizing such Team as the Regional Champion and also each Team shall represent it's Region in the Mexican National Championship, and represent Mexico in the International Rounds as Competition Teams.

**42.** The winner of the National Championship Round shall receive a diploma recognizing such Team as the National Champion and the "V́ctor Carlos Garća Moreno" cup.

The winning Team shall return the "V́ctor Carlos Garća Moreno" cup to the National Administration on or before February 1, of the year following the Competition where such Team won such award. The Team shall be responsible of the good state of the cup and in case of damage or loss to the cup; such Team shall pay the National Administration compensation in the amount of 100 minimum salaries of the Distrito Federal.

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In case the Team breaches its obligations pursuant to this rule, such Team's university, institute or school shall be jointly responsible for such payment.

**43.** The ILSA Executive Office shall determine at its discretion whether to invite any Mexican teams to participate as Exhibition Teams in the International Rounds in Washington, D.C. An Exhibition Team is entitled to observe the Rounds, enjoy the events and to participate in exhibition rounds against other Exhibition Teams as a training experience.

**44.** Pursuant to International Rule 12.6, during the Regional Rounds, the following awards shall be granted: "Best Applicant Memorial", "Best Respondent Memorial", "Best Oralist" and "Spirit of the Jessup".

(1) The award for "Best Applicant Memorial" shall be awarded to the Team with the highest scores in its Applicant Memorial, measured in Raw Points.

(2) The award for "Best Respondent Memorial" shall be awarded to the Team with the highest scores in its Respondent Memorial, measured in Raw Points.

(3) The award for "Best Oralist" shall be awarded to the Oralist with the highest average score during the Oral Rounds, measured by combining the raw scores awarded to the Oralist and dividing by the number of rounds argued. In order to be considered for the Best Oralist award, an Oralist must argue at least two oral rounds.

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(4) The “Spirit of the Jessup” shall be awarded to the Team that deserves such award pursuant to International Rule 12.5.

**45.** Pursuant to International Rule 12.6, during the National Rounds, the following awards shall be granted: “Best Oralist in Championship Round”, “Best Overall Oralist,” and “Best Overall Memorials”.

(1) The award for “Best Oralist in the Championship Round” shall be awarded to an oralist chosen by the final panel of judges as the Oralist who demonstrated the best performance in the Championship Round.

(2) The award for “Best Overall Oralist” shall be awarded to the Oralist with the highest score from the Regional Rounds, measured in Raw Points. The award for “Best Oralist” shall be awarded to the Oralist with the highest average score during the Oral Rounds, measured by combining the raw scores awarded to the oralist and dividing by the number of rounds argued. In order to be considered for the Best Oralist award, an Oralist must argue at least two oral rounds. In case a Team only participated in three or less rounds, such Oralist should have pleaded in at least two Rounds. Each Regional Administration shall submit the Oral Score Sheets to the National Administration.

(3) The award for “Best Overall Memorials” shall be awarded to the Team with the highest combined scores in its Applicant and Respondent Memorials, measured in Raw Points. Every Team participating in the Regional Rounds is eligible for the Best Overall Memorials award. Each Regional Administration shall submit the Memorial Score Sheets to the National Administration. The Memorials of the team that wins the Best Overall

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Memorials award will advance to be considered for the Hardy C. Dillard Award pursuant to International Rule 12.2.

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