

**PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION
COLOMBIAN NATIONAL RULES SUPPLEMENT
2010-2011**

This National Rules Supplement should be read in conjunction with the Official Rules.

PART I: Competition

Article 1–Judges. Judges shall be appointed by the National Administrator in accordance with the eligibility requirements set forth in the Official Rules. Participating universities are invited to nominate individuals with (a) extensive knowledge and/or practice in public international law relating to the *compromis* subject, or (b) prior experience in international law moot court competitions.

Article 2-Conflicts. In addition to the provisions of Rule 5.1.2 and Rule 5.3, the following provisions are added to cover potential conflicts of interest.

- (a) The following activities shall preclude individuals from viewing a team as judges, but shall not preclude them from judging other rounds:
 - i. Having viewed team practices sporadically.
 - ii. Having reviewed written pleadings.
 - iii. Having helped the team train before the release date of the *compromis*.
- (b) Any activity with any Colombian team going further than those enumerated in section (a), rising to a level equivalent to acting as a Team Advisor, shall preclude individuals from participating as judges of the oral rounds altogether.
- (c) Professional affiliation with a university shall not by itself constitute grounds for disqualification, nor shall it by itself preclude an individual from judging his or her university’s team. This same clarification applies for personal affiliation (e.g. being an alumnus from that university).
- (d) Mere acquaintance with team members or advisors shall not preclude a judge from viewing a team.

Judges shall be encouraged by the National Administrator to act in good faith by (a) disqualifying themselves in cases where they believe their impartiality might be jeopardized or they might create an appearance of impropriety, and (b) judging all teams impartially.

Article 3-Disclosure. The following documents shall be disclosed by the National Administrator no later than 15 December 2010.

- (a) The list of confirmed and potential judges, both principal and back-up, shall be disclosed to teams, so that they may review them for potential conflicts of interest. Any concerns shall be forwarded to the National Administrator no later than 20 January 2010.
- (b) Three separate lists of competitors, advisors and participating universities shall be sent to judges, so that they may also review them for potential conflicts. The lists

shall be drafted in such a way not to reveal the affiliation of individual competitors and team advisors.

Article 4-Prior viewing of a team. In accordance with Official Rule 5.4, the general rule is for judges to view teams only once, and the exception is for them to view the team twice. Therefore, judges shall at all times be precluded from viewing a team more than twice. The National Administrator shall strive to ensure that double-viewing of a team does not occur, unless it serves the best interests of the competition.

An exception may be made for the Final Round of the competition, if the National Administrator determines it to be in the best interests of the competition.

Article 5-Rounds. Each team shall compete in four (4) preliminary rounds. Two (2) as Applicant and two (2) as Respondent. The top-two teams shall advance to the Championship Round in order to determine the Colombian National Champion.

Article 5bis-Pairings for preliminary rounds. The first sentence of Official Rule 8.1.1 is replaced by this provision. Teams shall be paired according to the following procedure:

- (a) Teams shall be ranked according to memorial scores, including penalties and counting out the outlier score according to Official Rule 6.9.
- (b) Teams shall be divided in two groups according to ranking. In the case of an odd number of teams, the middle team shall form part of the higher-ranked group.
- (c) Teams from the higher-ranked group shall face teams from the lower-ranked group during the first two sets of rounds.
- (d) Teams shall face other teams from their own group during the last two sets of rounds.
- (e) In the case of an odd number of teams, an additional round shall be set up in order to allow every team to compete twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent.

Article 6-Scoring of preliminary rounds. Preliminary rounds shall be scored and ranked in accordance with Official Rules 10.1 to 10.4.3.

Memorials shall be scored in accordance with Official Rule 6.9.

Article 7-Scoring of the championship round. The Championship Round shall be scored as an international advanced round in accordance with Official Rule 10.5.2. The three (3) memorial judges shall be drawn from the pool of judges appointed to serve as oral round judges for the preliminary rounds.

Article 8-Awards. The National Champion shall be awarded the national trophy (*Copa Colombia*), which it shall keep in trust. The National Champion is obliged to keep the cup in good condition and return it prior to the following year's competition.

The National Administrator shall distribute awards for recognition of teams and individual competitors. Sponsors of the National Rounds may also give awards in recognition of the teams' performance.

PART II: Budget

Article 9-National registration fee. Aside from the registration fee to be paid to the ILSA Executive Office, each team shall pay a national registration fee to the following account:

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The amount of the registration fee shall be notified in writing by the National Administrator not later than 15 December 2010. The deadline for payment shall be set by the National Administrator for each particular team.

As an alternative to the national registration fee, participating teams may directly incur competition expenses, including travel expenses for international judges or other expenses included in Article 10. In order for a team to use this alternative, the team must notify its choice to the National Administrator no later than 20 December 2010. The Administrator shall set the expenses for which the team is responsible. The team must show proof of payment for the expense by the deadline set by the National Administrator.

Each university shall also contribute at least one (1) student to serve as a bailiff for the competition. His or her name and contact details shall be notified in writing to the National Administrator no later than 8 February 2011.

Any team in default of the obligations set forth in this Article shall not be able to participate in the Colombian National Rounds.

Article 10-Administration of the budget. The sum of registration fees paid in accordance with Article 10 shall constitute the budget for the Colombian National Rounds. This budget shall be transparently administered by the National Administrator.

The National Administrator may not use the budget except for authorized expenses. The authorized expenses are:

- a) Travel expenses for international judges, including airfares and accommodation.
- b) Venue for the competition.
- c) Refreshments for teams and judges during the competition.
- d) Social events related to the competition. In order to ensure an efficient management of resources, these social events shall only be held with the approval of all participating universities.
- e) Travel expenses for teams advancing to the international rounds in Washington D.C., including competitive and exhibition teams.
- f) Awards, including cups, plaques and books for teams.
- g) Stationary for teams and judges, including schedules, information sheets, copies of official ILSA documents (such as *compromis*, bench memo, judging guide, score sheets), team memorials, master score sheets, etc.

- h) Other operative expenses that may be required in order to attend specific needs, which in no case may be higher than COP \$515000.

Any remainder of the budget left unused shall be used for the following year's competition.

Article 11-Reports on budget. The National Administrator shall send a report to all participating teams via e-mail on the state of the budget, projected expenses, and expenses incurred. This report shall be sent on the 20th day of every month from January to April 2011.

PART III: New Administrator

Article 12-Election of Administrator. A National Administrator for the 2012 Competition shall be elected by the majority of representatives of the participating universities in the 2011 Competition, plus any other university with the intention of participating in the 2012 Competition. Nominations shall be forwarded to the incumbent National Administrator, who shall put the matter to a vote.

Article 13-Annual report. The incumbent National Administrator shall compile an annual report detailing all information necessary for the incoming National Administrator to fulfill his or her functions properly.

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