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Competition



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Now Available

The [2010 White & Case Jessup Guide](#) includes a multimedia oral pleadings section with [video clips and analysis](#) of past competitors' Final Round presentations.

Message from ILSA Executive Director Amity R. Boye

Greetings Friends of the Jessup,

On 16 September 2009, a new Jessup Season commenced with the release of the 2010 Compromis. Spanning multiple centuries from colonial times to present day, the Compromis tells a story about a longstanding dispute between two states over a group of islands where oil was recently discovered. The Compromis raises both classic and modern legal issues - addressing the right to self-determination and the lawfulness of measures taken to protect the economic resources of a State. I hope you will read and enjoy the Compromis, and join the thousands of students who will probe and examine these complex legal issues over the next six months.

We have put together here a new installation of the FOJ Newsletter, this time in a simple electronic format so that the Newsletter can be easily circulated via email to supporters of the Jessup around the world. In this format, we will be able to bring the FOJ Newsletter to you on a monthly basis. Please keep an eye out for future issues, which will include important notices about the Competition, including announcements about judging opportunities.

In the left column of the newsletter, you will find FOJ Happenings, as well as notices about the Competition and other ILSA events. In the center below, you will find a variety of longer articles, including everyone's favorite "Jessup Effect" column, which this month was penned by Raniero Spaziani, a young FOJ from Italy who has boundless energy and enthusiasm for the Competition.

Our sincerest thanks to all of you for your continued devotion to the Competition! ILSA is incredibly grateful to have such a vast and ever growing network of committed volunteers. We look forward to working with you to make Jessup 2010 another inspiring year for the student participants. Thank you!

Warm Regards,

Amity Boye

White & Case Boosts Jessup Sponsorship

Firm Steps Up as International Rounds Sponsor; Winners to Receive White & Case Jessup Cup

Global law firm White & Case LLP and the International Law Students Association (ILSA) announced last month the expansion of its sponsorship of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The expanded sponsorship, which runs through 2012, now includes the 2010 White & Case International Rounds and the White & Case Jessup Cup. The Firm will continue to be an ILSA Global Partner, sponsoring national Jessup competitions and providing other material support.



Hugh Verrier
White & Case Chairman

"The Jessup Competition helps the next generation of international lawyers develop skills they will use throughout their careers," said White & Case Chairman Hugh Verrier. "We are pleased to broaden our support of the Jessup globally."

White & Case's involvement with the Jessup goes back many years. It founded the first-ever Jessup national competition in Russia in 2002 and has served as ILSA's sole Global Partner since

We expect the 2010 Guide will be a valuable resource for coaches and competitors alike.

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ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting

**October 27-31
Miami, Florida**

The ABA Section of International Law's Fall Meeting is a great opportunity for those interested in international law to network and attend top-notch panels. The conference schedule has many [programs targeting students and young lawyers](#), including an [Associates Boot Camp](#).

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FOJ Happenings *Milestones in the lives of Friends of the Jessup*

**Steven M. Schneebaum
ILSA Executive Board Member**

On September 2, 2009, Steven became the proud grandfather of future International Rounds Best Oralist Felix Skye Rosenberg:



2007. In 2009, the Firm sponsored competitions in nine countries: Australia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Georgia, Poland, Russia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Through a contribution to ILSA, White & Case also underwrote Jessup teams from Cambodia, the Baltic Region, Lesotho, Nepal and Ukraine.

In 2009, the Firm created the first-ever downloadable online guide to help Jessup participants prepare for the Competition. The "White & Case Jessup Guide" was updated for the 2010 Competition and features instructional video clips to assist in the development of oral argument skills. The 20 video clips, taken from the 2004, 2007 and 2009 Jessup World Championship Rounds, contain positive examples of oral argument which correspond with recommendations in the Jessup Oral Pleadings section of the Guide. Other sections of the guide include recommendations on working with the Jessup Problem, researching international law, writing Jessup memorials and leveraging Jessup skills in one's legal career. The updated White & Case Guide is now available and downloadable at no cost from the Firm's Jessup website, www.jessup.whitecase.com.

"We are delighted that White & Case has decided to become the International Rounds and Jessup Cup Sponsor," said Leila Sadat, Chairwoman of ILSA. "White & Case brings extraordinary talent, expertise and vision to ILSA, which has been exponentially increasing its global reach over the past decade. ILSA just celebrated its 50th anniversary, and by teaming up with White & Case, ILSA can ensure that the Jessup experience continues to enrich the lives and careers of the world's law students for generations to come."

Claire van Overdijk Joins ILSA Executive Board

A Message from Claire

When I am not involved in Jessup as a coach and now ILSA board member, I work as a self-employed barrister in London at No5 Chambers and teach Public International Law and Prison Law at University College London and Kings College London. As a barrister I specialise in public law and commercial litigation.

I have been involved in Jessup since 2001 when I competed in the Netherlands for Leiden University. Subsequent to that I judged for a number of years in the UK Nationals Rounds and the International Rounds, which I enjoyed immensely.

After a while I felt that it was time to start giving a little more back to the student participants so I started coaching in 2007. As University College London is my alma mater it felt right to offer my services to them and this year will be my fourth year as their Jessup coach. I am happy to say that the plan to coach a successful Jessup team has come true and UCL have enjoyed well-deserved success in the International Rounds every year since 2007 (UCL advanced to the Quarter-finals in 2007; to the Semi-finals in 2008, and to Final Round in 2009).

I am honoured to have been elected to join the ILSA Board of Directors and am delighted to be given the opportunity to take my Jessup experience to the next level by helping to organise and manage what truly is the most rewarding event for international law enthusiasts worldwide.

Welcome aboard, Claire!



The Jessup Effect

By Raniero Spaziani

When I was asked to write some lines describing the impact the Jessup had on my life, I immediately thought this wouldn't be easy to explain, simply because the Jessup syndrome (of which I am undoubtedly affected) not only affected my studies, and my existence, but still more.

What is amazing is that the "J-Effect" is not over at all. Although I am no longer a competitor, I have somehow climbed all the ranks, first as a coach and now as a judge. This experience has

Steven anticipates that his grandson's first words will be "Elettronica Sicula," followed shortly by "With respect, no, Your Excellency. That statement actually appears at paragraph 45." Coincidentally, another famous Felix recently made his debut in the Jessup *Compromis*, oil tycoon Felix Monte de Rosa, whose company was infamously snubbed in 2007 by the Assembly of the Windscale Islands. Congratulations Steven!

Dagmar Butte
ILSA Executive Board Member

Dagmar has been named the 2009 recipient of the Gerald H. Robinson Award for Excellence in Advocacy by the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Dagmar will be presented the Robinson Award at the Chapter's Annual Immigrant Community Awards Dinner and Benefit in Portland, Oregon on October 24, 2009. Congratulations, Dagmar!

Courtney Brewer
2008 & 2009 Jessup Authorial Committee

Courtney was recently selected for an elite Fellowship with the National Association of Attorneys General Supreme Court Project. The Fellowship will offer Courtney, a Florida state appellate attorney, the opportunity to obtain direct experience of U.S. Supreme Court advocacy by observing argument at the Court, participating in the Project's moot courts, and writing a state amicus brief. Courtney will begin her five-month Fellowship at the U.S. Supreme Court this March. Best of luck, Courtney!

Michael Scharf
ILSA Executive Board Member

Michael recently received the "John Deaver Drinko-Baker & Hostetler" Chaired Professorship at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. His latest book, *Enemy of the State* (St. Martin's Press, 2008), won

taught me four lessons I will never forget, which have deeply marked my life. But let's start from the beginning.

I was introduced to the Jessup in 2003; it was the first time that not only our law school (Università degli Studi Roma Tre), but Italy in general, was involved in the Competition. I must confess I did not have any idea of what was awaiting me, and neither did the friends with whom I started this adventure. We were, in a sense, explorers of an unknown world. That's how we felt. Everything was so unpredictable and funny at the same time, and this made us even more excited to go to D.C.

Of course, as debutants, our rounds were not exactly amazing. The lack of experience, and the pressure we faced during the preliminaries, proved to be too heavy a burden for us, despite all our efforts.

And obviously, we all were immensely disappointed. But once we wiped the tears away from our eyes, and once we discussed what went wrong, we immediately started to think about the next season. We were all aware that we had the means and the ability to do better. And with this mentality we resumed work for Jessup 2004. Our final performance in 2004 is testament that we had improved significantly since 2003.

That was the first lesson I learned from the Jessup: Even if the things that happen can be extremely bad, and even if life can bring us unpleasant surprises, we must always take a constructive approach to our mistakes. Only if we learn from them, and if we understand why reality is sometimes different from what we wished, we can find the energy, the motivation, and the mentality to start from zero and build up a bright future.

Regarding the second lesson I learned, there are many things you can say about the Jessup, and everyone has his own view about the Competition and how to prepare for it. But there is one consideration I am sure everyone shares: You have to study, and you have to study a lot.

I honestly do not remember how many articles I have read, or how much time I spent looking for the right materials to use. But during the countless hours spent in front of a computer, and in libraries, I started asking myself many questions about what I was analyzing, whether the information I had found was sufficient or if I needed to know more, and the possible relationships that my questions could have with the *Compromis* and the legal issues related to it. Little by little, day by day, I expanded the range of my research (and the time spent on it!) to look for the new answers I required.

This was the second lesson Jessup taught me: the importance of developing a critical view of what we read and things in general, and the relevance of reading a paper in depth to obtain a broader knowledge of what surrounds us. Life has shown me that, sometimes, this makes the difference between a good work product and a very good work product, memorials and oral rounds included!

But the Jessup is not only this. The essence of the Competition not only floats in front of a podium, or in a "May it please the Court...." The Jessup is comprised of people from all over the world, everyone with a story to tell, and with opinions to express.

Most of all, these people are a window to their countries, and a reflection of their homelands' culture. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to get in touch with the different realities that permeate our planet, each time gaining an enormous inner and spiritual enrichment. The third lesson I learned is that my life would have been less complete without the Jessup, as I would not have realized that the expression "citizens of the world" is not just something you read in a newspaper or hear on television.

What remains of the Jessup once the Competition is over? If I participate in 2010, it will be my eighth year in a row. And if I think back to 2003, of all the friends I met in Washington, starting with those five students that composed the first team from Università degli Studi Roma Tre, I realize that many of these people are still part of my life. Often I have traveled the world to meet them and vice versa. I have had the privilege of watching the evolution of their careers, of knowing that some of them had gotten married, and that some had even had children. And this has not only happened in my experience, but with all the true members of the Jessup Community.

During the past seven years, these friends have always been there, and they have walked with me the unpredictable paths of life, as did I with them. And the knowledge that someone is there

the 2009 International Association of Penal Law's "Book of the Year Award." Congratulations Michael for these two remarkable achievements!

Michelle Keith
ILSA Chief Communications
Student Officer, Executive
Board Member

Michelle and other members of the Frances Howell Rudko Chapter of the International Law Students Association at Southern New England School of Law will host the "Trends & Issues in Terrorism and the Law" conference October 1-3, 2009. Charles D. Swift, defense counsel in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, will present the keynote address.

Cynthia Lichtenstein
ILSA Executive Board
Treasurer

Cynthia sends her regards from Kuala Lumpur, where she recently spoke at Bank Nagara Malaysia's Banking and Financial Law School. "Every lawyer, including all the young staff of the Bank's Legal Department, knows of the Jessup and is proud of how well the Malaysian teams have done." Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, who twice served as Singapore's Ambassador to the UN, subsequently spoke at a meeting of the International Monetary Law Committee of the International Law Association. The local paper featured an editorial arguing that the G-20 is not representative of the world's nations and is not treaty based. "In short," writes Cynthia, "international law is alive and well in Malaysia."

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fojnews@ilsa.org.

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for you, as you are there for them, that there is someone who wants to listen to what you want to say, no matter if they are close or far, is one of the most precious treasures you may ever find. And this, in conclusion, is the fourth and maybe the most important lesson the Jessup has taught me.

International Law Weekend

"Challenges to Transnational Governance"
October 22-24, 2009, New York City

The International Law Students Association and the American Branch of the International Law Association invite you to attend International Law Weekend (ILW), an exciting academic event held yearly in New York City that brings together hundreds of lawyers and students interested in international law.

The theme of ILW 2009 is "Challenges to Transnational Governance." Events will begin Thursday evening, October 22, with a distinguished opening panel at the House of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The panel, composed of UN Ambassadors and leading academics, will discuss reform of the Security Council. A reception open to all conference attendees will follow.

On Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, the conference moves to Fordham University School of Law, where more than 30 conference panels will take place. A luncheon featuring distinguished guest speaker Lucy Reed, President of the American Society of International Law, will be held on the afternoon of Friday, October 23. That evening, conference attendees are also invited to attend a reception at the Residence of the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations.

Due to the generosity of cosponsoring organizations, ILW is free for all students, members of ILSA and ABILA, and members of other cosponsoring organizations. To register for the conference and to view the complete schedule, visit <http://ila-americanbranch.org/>.

Jessup Coach Position Available at Pace Law School

White Plains, New York

Pace Law School is seeking to hire a coach for its Jessup team to supervise research for brief-writing and preparation for oral arguments. The Law School is particularly interested in enthusiastic Jessup alumni who are practicing litigators and/or interested in someday working in a law school environment. The ideal candidate will be able to meet weekly with the team at our White Plains campus (30 minutes from Grand Central via Metro-North) and be available by phone and e-mail to work with students when necessary. Stipend to be determined at time of offer.

Please forward a resume and letter of interest to lwayner@law.pace.edu by October 15th, 2009.

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