



MESSAGE FROM THE ILSA OFFICE

On behalf of the ILSA Executive Office, congratulations to all of the teams who earned a coveted invitation to the 2020 White & Case International Rounds. You spent more than 6 months breathing life into the worlds of Adawa and Rasasa. You dedicated countless hours at libraries, sacrificed time with friends and family, learned the importance of team work, mastered international rules, laws and principles about which you knew very little coming in – and learned valuable lessons in written and oral legal advocacy. We all shared your disappointment when we were forced to cancel the 2020 White & Case International Rounds as a result of COVID-19.

But we are certain that the Jessup Competition will be stronger as a result of the dedication, camaraderie and resilience that you have demonstrated throughout these challenging times. And we know that you and your teammates will play critical roles as we navigate through this crisis. We are pleased to be able to commemorate your Jessup Class of 2020 with this digital yearbook. The stories and photos you have shared will deservedly form a lasting and significant part of Jessup history.

Sincerely,

Lesley Benn

Executive Director

The 2020 Philip C. Jessup Competition is globally administered by the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

MESSAGE FROM WHITE & CASE

On behalf of White & Case, I would like to congratulate all of the teams that qualified for the 2020 White & Case Jessup International Rounds.

I am pleased to be able to commemorate your participation in the 2020 Jessup with this digital yearbook.

Although the Rounds in Washington, DC were canceled due to the global pandemic, I hope it does not diminish the pride and sense of accomplishment you should all feel by having participated in the Jessup. I am confident that the hard work, dedication and skills you've developed will serve you well in your legal career.

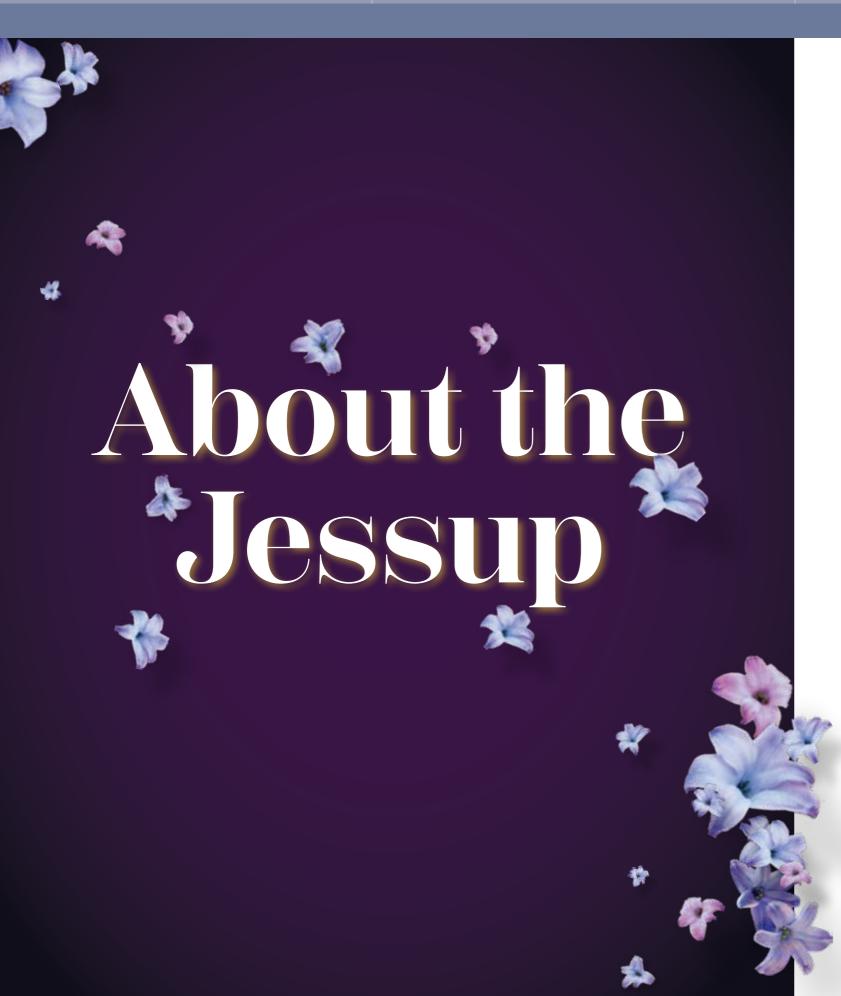
The Jessup is not just a competition—it is a community—and it is made stronger by your participation. I encourage you to stay in touch with your teammates and everyone you have met through the Jessup. It is important to remain engaged and connected to each other, especially in these extraordinary times.

Best regards,

Hugh Verrier Chair

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ABOUT THE JESSUP

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition was the brainchild of Professor Richard R. Baxter at Harvard Law School, who worked with Professor Stephen M. Schwebel (later President of the International Court of Justice) to create a courtroom simulation experience grounded in international law.

Originally named the "International Law Moot," the Jessup Competition held its first round at Harvard University on 8 May 1960. The round, comprised only of Harvard Law students, involved a team of two American law students, Thomas J. Farer and William Zabel, and a team of two foreign LL.M. students, Ivan L. Head of Canada and Bernard H. Clark of New Zealand. The first Jessup problem was titled "Cuban Agrarian Reform Case" and was written by then Professor Schwebel. Since 1960, the Jessup Competition has been held annually, and student participation has increased dramatically.

This year's Jessup Competition has engaged students from more than 700 schools in 97 jurisdictions around the world, making the Jessup Competition by far the largest moot court competition in the world.

Former Jessup participants now work at foreign, finance and justice ministries in increasing numbers. They can also be found in the world's finest law firms, corporations, universities, parliaments and international organizations. Jessup participants continue to contribute their efforts to the development of international legal education, as well as international law itself.

More than a competition, the Jessup is a community of legal professionals, young and old, who build bonds and share an invaluable cultural and academic exchange. Now in its 61st year, the Jessup has a rich history and a longstanding commitment to promote the importance of the rule of law in the peaceful resolution of disputes.

ABOUT THE HONORABLE PHILIP C. JESSUP

The Jessup Competition is named after the Honorable Philip C. Jessup. Born in 1897 in New York, Judge Jessup received his bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and his LL.B. from Yale University. He earned a Master's degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University and later, an LL.D. from Hamilton.

Judge Jessup had a long and distinguished academic, judicial and diplomatic career. From 1961 to 1970, he was a member of the International Court of Justice.

He practiced law and taught at several American universities until 1961. Judge Jessup was an assistant to Elihu Root during the 1929 Conference of Jurists on the Permanent Court of International Justice. He attended both the Bretton Woods and San Francisco Conferences, and played a key role in the formation of the International Law Commission (ILC).

Jessup served as American ambassador to the United Nations from 1948 to 1953. He was President of The American Society of International Law from 1954 to 1955, and a member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law from 1957 to 1968.

Judge Jessup's publications include *The United States and the World Court* (1929); International Security (1935); Elihu Root (1938); International Problems of Governing Mankind (1947); A Modern Law of Nations (1948); and Transnational Law (1956).

In 1964, Judge Jessup was awarded The American Society of International Law's Manley O. Hudson Medal for preeminent scholarship and achievement in international law and for the promotion of the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. Judge Jessup continued to lecture and teach until his death in 1986.

ABOUT ILSA

The idea of an organization to serve the needs of students interested in international law first arose shortly after the first Jessup Competition. In 1962, students from a number of campuses founded the Association of Student International Law Societies (ASILS). The Association evolved over the years and, in 1987, reconstituted itself as the International Law Students Association (ILSA). In response to its rapid expansion and development, ILSA incorporated in May 1994.

ILSA's mission is to promote awareness, study, and understanding of international law and related issues; to encourage communication and cooperation among law students and lawyers internationally; to promote social responsibility in the field of law; to increase opportunities to learn about other cultures and legal systems worldwide; and to publicize career opportunities in international law.

ILSA is governed by a Board of Directors, the Executive Office, which is staffed by the Executive Director, the Programs Director, and Program Assistants, and is headquartered in Washington, DC, USA. Each year, three students are selected to join ILSA's Board as student directors.

ILSA also serves as an umbrella and support organization for student chapters devoted to the study and promotion of international law. ILSA Chapters exist as independent entities and as members of the larger Association. ILSA's structure grants autonomy to its Chapters to meet their unique needs locally while making available to them an international network of academic and organizational resources.

In addition to administering the Jessup Competition, ILSA oversees the publication of the *ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law* and the Jessup Compendium.

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The All Rise Society was founded in 2018 in recognition of 60 years of the Jessup, and is an exclusive giving society for the most distinguished members of the Jessup Competition Community.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the All Rise Society for their generous support of the Jessup Competition. Their support will ensure our continued ability to provide law students around the globe with the chance to connect with some of the world's greatest legal minds, prepare them to enter the most competitive ranks of the legal profession, and nurture their commitment to the peaceful resolution of conflict through the rule of law. Information on joining the All Rise Society is available through ILSA.org or by email at jessup@ilsa.org.

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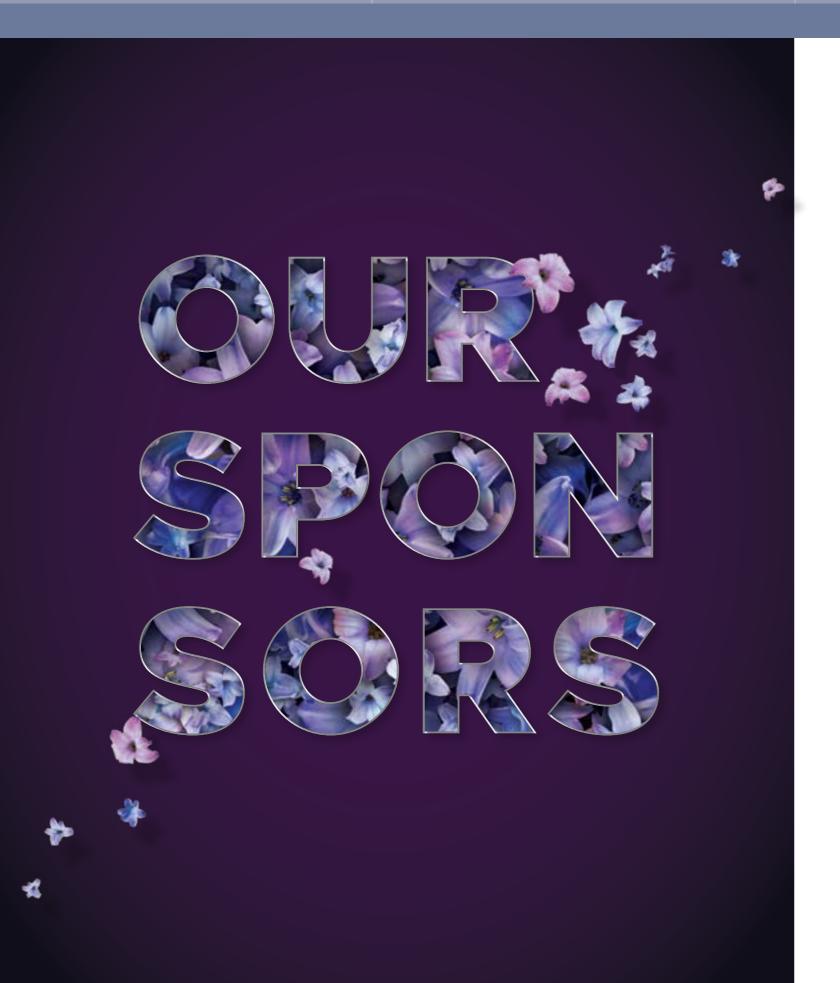
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CASE CONCERNING THE HELIAN HYACINTH

(STATE OF ADAWA V. REPUBLIC OF RASASA)

ORDER

The International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45(1), 48, 49, and 80 of the Rules of Court;

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 1 July 2019, whereby the Government of the State of Adawa ("Adawa" or "Applicant") instituted proceedings against the Republic of Rasasa ("Rasasa" or "Respondent") with regard to a dispute concerning alleged violations of international law by Respondent;

Whereas the Application was communicated to Rasasa on the day it was filed;

Whereas, on 12 July 2019, Rasasa informed the Registrar and the Agent of Adawa of its intention to file a counterclaim under Article 80 of the Rules of Court:

Whereas Adawa and Rasasa have appointed their respective Agents;

Whereas, at a meeting with the President of the Court on 22 July 2019, the Agents of the Parties agreed to have all claims and counterclaims heard together in a single set of proceedings, and that all issues of jurisdiction and admissibility would be determined alongside the merits;

Whereas, after negotiations, the Agents of the Parties jointly communicated the annexed Statement of Agreed Facts on 9 September 2019; Whereas the Agents of the Parties have agreed that they shall each submit one written Memorial and make oral pleadings solely on the claims presented in the Statement of Agreed Facts;

Whereas the Agents of the Parties have agreed that a "dispute" exists between the Parties with respect to each of the aforementioned claims and counterclaim and that the counterclaim is "directly connected with the subject matter" of at least one of the claims within the meaning of Article 80 of the Rules of Court; and

Whereas the Parties have agreed that the designation of Adawa as Applicant and Rasasa as Respondent shall be without prejudice to the allocation of the burden of proof;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes the dates for the filing of the written Memorials and for the oral pleadings as the dates set forth in the Official Schedule of the 2020 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; and

Adopts the Official Rules of the 2020 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twentieth day of September two thousand nineteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Governments of Adawa and Rasasa.

(Signed) President

(Signed) Registrar

STATEMENT OF AGREED FACTS

CASE CONCERNING THE HELIAN HYACINTH ADAWA V. RASASA

9 SEPTEMBER 2019

- 1. The State of Adawa and the Republic of Rasasa are neighboring countries in the Region of Crosinia ("the Region"), a subtropical and semi-arid inland expanse formed by hills and valleys where citrus fruits, olives, grapes, dates, and spices are grown. The Region is also the only place on Earth where the Helian hyacinth (*Hyacinthus solaris*) is cultivated. The Helian hyacinth is a flowering plant best known for producing the flavoring spice Helian, which is derived from its pollen and which has a weight-to-value ratio comparable to that of saffron. According to well-established botanical scholarship, it takes no less than 20 years for newly planted Helian bulbs to produce exportquality spice.
- 2. There are four other States in the Region. All six States are dominated by the same ethnic group, speak the same language and share many cultural traditions. Exports of Helian spice contribute significantly

- to the GDPs of all six Crosinian States. Adawa has a population of approximately 5.4 million and a nominal GDP per capita of approximately €17,500. Rasasa has a population of approximately 9.9 million and a nominal GDP per capita of approximately €21,000. Adawa and Rasasa share a border that is 201 kilometers long.
- 3. Until 1928, all six Crosinian States were provinces of the Kingdom of Crosinia. When the last king, Narang III, died in 1924 without a direct male descendant as required by royal tradition, the provinces divided over competing claimants to the throne. Four of the provinces, including Rasasa, backed the late monarch's brother, Taplup, while the other two, Zeitounia and Adawa, sought to have Narang's eldest daughter, Goleta, named Queen.
- 4. Scattered violence and skirmishing over the next three years became a full-fledged civil war in 1927, with

- Rasasa as the main belligerent on the side favoring Taplup. Over the next year, each of the three provinces allied with Rasasa declared independence and withdrew from the hostilities.
- 5. On 29 October 1929, representatives of the remaining belligerents -Adawa, Zeitounia, and Rasasa – met in the Rasasan capital of Botega and concluded negotiations ending the bloodshed. Rasasa declared itself an independent republic, and the provinces of Adawa and Zeitounia united to form the Adawa-Zeitounia Union (AZU), an independent monarchy, as of that date. The newly installed President of Rasasa and Queen Goleta of the AZU signed the Treaty of Botega on Armistice and Pacification ("the Treaty of Botega") several days later. The relevant portions of the Treaty of Botega are attached to this Statement of Agreed Facts as Annex A.
- 6. The five independent Crosinian States promptly applied for and were granted membership in the League of Nations, and all became parties to the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

- 7. During the 1930s, the AZU encountered significant economic and social stresses. Adawa became more urbanized and industrialized while Zeitounia did not, and the central government, under heavy Zeitounian influence, opposed what it considered to be demands that it invest disproportionately in infrastructure in Adawa. Effective 1 January 1939, the two provinces amicably agreed to dissolve their Union, and each declared its independence as of that date. Adawa adopted a republican form of government, while Zeitounia retained Queen Goleta as monarch.
- 8. Both Adawa and Rasasa joined the United Nations in 1947 and acceded to the Statute of the International Court of Justice. Neither State has filed a declaration accepting the Court's compulsory jurisdiction under Article 36(2) of the Statute.
- 9. In the decades following the Second World War, Rasasa became a substantial participant in the international technology sector, eventually developing a robust robotics industry. Adawa's economy was and remains primarily focused on the exploitation of natural resources. All of the Crosinian States

- engaged in the highly profitable activities of growing, harvesting, and processing Helian hyacinth pollen and exporting Helian spice.
- 10.In light of the very specific equipment and exacting procedures needed for successful cultivation of the Helian hyacinth, and the need for ongoing research and development, the Agriculture Ministries of the six Crosinian States in 1964 formed an unofficial roundtable, meeting twice per year to discuss technical and economic issues specific to the Helian industry. Five years later, that arrangement was formalized in a treaty, signed on 20 June 1969 and promptly ratified by all six Member States, declaring the formation of the Crosinian Helian Community (CHC). The parties to the CHC agreed to impose no customs duties within the CHC on Helian spice or the equipment and materials used to harvest or process the Helian hyacinth. Relevant portions of the CHC Treaty are attached as Annex B.
- 11. Between 1969 and 1979, the net value of Helian spice exports across the six CHC Member States increased by an average of 12.3% per year, and employment in Helian-related activities increased

- by 8% per year. In 1979, to mark the tenth anniversary of the Community, heads of government of the CHC Member States were invited to participate in the semi-annual meeting. They issued a joint communiqué at its conclusion, proclaiming what they called "the remarkable achievements of the Crosinian Helian Community in improving revenue, employment, and the quality of life for all of the people of our Region."
- 12. In 1982 and 1985, respectively,
 Rasasa and Adawa acceded to
 the General Agreement on Tariffs
 and Trade (GATT). Both States
 became original members of the
 World Trade Organization (WTO) in
 1995 and remain members. When
 they joined the GATT, both States
 submitted their then-applicable tariff
 schedules, and agreed that these
 would be "bound rates" applicable
 on a most favored nation (MFN)
 basis. With respect to Helian plants,
 bulbs, pollen, spice, and other
 material, the bound rates were zero.
- 13. In 1998, Adawa became an original party to the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court, and remains a party to that treaty. Rasasa is not a party to the Rome Statute.

- 14. Ms. Darian Grey was (and remains) one of the wealthiest citizens of Rasasa. From 1979 to 2016, she served as founder and chief executive officer of the Rasasan Robotics Corporation (RRC), a privately-held company headquartered in Botega. RRC advises governments on computerized and autonomous defense and security systems; designs, develops and implements these systems in conflict zones around the world; and provides training in their use. Ms. Grey and her company have been the subjects of mixed publicity. In 1998, Forbes Magazine named her one of "The 20 Women Who Will Make a Mark in the 21st Century." In 2000, Human Rights Watch accused Ms. Grey and RRC of "active complicity in keeping some of the worst despotic regimes in the world securely in power."
- 15. In February 2009, the remote island Republic of Garantia (not a party to this case or otherwise involved in this dispute) formally referred a situation to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court concerning war crimes and crimes

- against humanity that were alleged to have occurred during the 2007-2009 civil war in that State. The referral noted that "several private foreign enterprises sold weapons systems and provided training to government militias, and such systems and training materially aided the [regime then in power] in its unlawful conduct." The referral specifically mentioned RRC as one of the accused foreign contractors. and cited Ms. Grey as having been personally responsible for its activities. In accordance with ICC procedures, the Office of the Prosecutor opened an investigation in August 2009.
- 16. On 14 July 2012, an unprecedented and catastrophic tropical cyclone, Hurricane Makan, struck the entire Region. The death toll from the cyclone exceeded 8,000 and, in each of the six States, entire towns were inundated, roads and power lines were destroyed, and major urban centers suffered historic flooding. More than 60% of the Helian hyacinths in Rasasa, 20% of those in Adawa, and between 15% and 20% of those in the other four States were destroyed.

- Unemployment began to increase across the Region as farms, their suppliers, and the businesses that depended on them became no longer viable.
- 17. In the weeks and months following the storm, crime rates skyrocketed throughout the Region. Armed gangs roamed the countryside, stealing salvageable Helian plants and harvesting and processing equipment from the devastated farms. According to the overwhelmed police forces of the six States, many of the gang members were former Helian farmers whose way of life had been disrupted by the cyclone. Official reports described them as "simple hooligans," drawn to the opportunity to make easy money with little risk, and noted the broad range of their criminal activities: acts of violence, arsons, vandalism of public and private property, as well as thefts of cash, equipment, and trade goods.
- 18. In October 2012, the President of Rasasa, Beta Tihmar, convened a meeting of major Rasasan corporate executives to elicit ideas on how

- to address the increasingly serious crime wave that the police had been unable to staunch. Notes of the meeting later released to the media reported that Ms. Grey offered "to devote RRC's expertise and resources to spearhead the development of a ground-breaking autonomous security system to suppress criminal activities in Rasasa and throughout the Region." Ms. Grev referred to the system she had in mind as the "Weaponized Autonomous Limitation Line" (or "the WALL"). Its principal feature, she contended, was that it would deploy advanced technology to deter and apprehend criminals, while using force only when absolutely necessary and when the chance of targeting innocents was reduced to virtually zero.
- 19. President Tihmar expressed great interest in the concept and asked Ms. Grey to prepare a formal proposal. Although the details of the ensuing negotiations between RRC and the Rasasan government remain classified, in January 2013 the President notified the other five CHC Member States that Rasasa had contracted with RRC to undertake

research and development of the WALL. President Tihmar invited them to collaborate in "this stateofthe- art system that will reduce the pressure on our respective police forces, facilitate the efficient apprehension of dangerous criminals, eliminate the potential for tragic interactions between police and civilians, and help our societies recover from Hurricane Makan." President Tihmar added that the WALL would be especially valuable in promoting "the revival of our Region's Helian industry and those who depend on it."

20. On 2 February 2013, RRC distributed further technical details in a report signed by 15 police and military technology experts from 12 States, including all six CHC Member States. The report disclosed that the WALL employed machine learning algorithms, developed from a large quantity of "training data" acquired from the Rasasan police and the police and military forces of 10 other States, in order to identify threats. The training data included millions of images, video footage, computer models, and other information derived from

- prior instances of armed conflict. civil unrest, and criminal activities during peacetime. According to RRC, the WALL featured an advanced form of "supervised learning," in which the training data had been meticulously "tagged" by teams of software engineers from RRC working in cooperation with Rasasan police officers and military officials. The tagging highlighted aspects of the training data that indicated armed threats, as well as indicators of retreat, surrender, incapacity, and other factors that would render an individual effectively hors de combat.
- 21. All six CHC Member States devoted funds and provided leading government and private sector scientists and engineers, as well as materials, to the research and development phase of the project, which was conducted at RRC's laboratories in Botega and its testing ranges in rural Rasasa.
- 22. By April 2013, police in the other four Crosinian States had gained the upper hand, and crime levels were restored to pre-Hurricane Makan levels. Each of these States

- gradually withdrew from the WALL project and, by August 2013, only Rasasa and Adawa continued to participate in the development of the venture. The withdrawing States assigned any rights they might have acquired during the development of the project back to RRC.
- 23. Research and development of the WALL proceeded steadily over the next two years, including a review by advisers from the Rasasan government for compliance with international law. The system was subjected to hundreds of thousands of computer simulations and field tests under the close supervision of representatives of police, military, and engineering experts from the Rasasan and Adawan governments.
- 24. On 6 July 2015, Ms. Grey announced the completion of the project. At a meeting of ministerial-level representatives of Rasasa and Adawa, she described the WALL as follows:

The physical infrastructure of the WALL consists of 10-meter-tall metal towers, each topped with an advanced surveillance and response unit. With 360-degree

motion-sensing, high-definition, and infrared cameras, each surveillance unit can closely monitor all ground and aerial activity within a 130,000 square meter area around the base of its tower, enabling the towers to be placed as far as 200 meters from one another without sacrificing coverage. To respond to threats, each unit is equipped with an array of lethal and non-lethal options, ranging from speakers broadcasting audible warnings. all the way to fully automatic .50 caliber machine guns mounted on 360-degree turntables.

But the true genius of the WALL lies in what you cannot see. The system is fully autonomous and independent of human control, in a way the world has never seen before. Once deployed and activated, each unit is in constant communication with every other unit, sharing data and responses over secured, encrypted wireless channels. Using advanced artificial swarm intelligence, the WALL can instantaneously and appropriately decide whether and how to respond to any given

threat, without any intervention by human actors. In fact, decisions are made so rapidly that secondguessing by humans is practically impossible. Finally, this distributed approach to decision-making means that the destruction or incapacitation of a single unit will not impair the efficacy of the entire system.¹

25. Teams of Adawan and Rasasan scientists then presented their conclusions based upon the simulated and field tests. They explained that each element of the system, as well as the system as a whole, had been extensively peer-reviewed and tested by government and private experts in more than 30 countries. The head of the Adawan team spoke next:

Naturally, the testing team paid particular attention to the question of whether the WALL might deploy deadly force when the situation does not warrant such a response. Although it carries lethal potential as a last resort, the WALL is unimaginably more reliable than human police

- or soldiers. During months of testing, it demonstrated a 'false positives' rate of less than 0.0001% meaning that the system, or any unit of the system, will make a mistake no more than one time in one million encounters. And with embedded rules instructing the software to favor non-lethal deterrence, our testing indicates that the WALL would mistakenly use excessive force no more than once in two hundred million encounters.
- 26. Although the attendees declared themselves suitably impressed with the WALL and the testing data, neither government elected to purchase it. Both Adawa and Rasasa announced their satisfaction with having been involved in the development of the WALL, but stated that it was neither economically feasible nor politically desirable to go further with the project. RRC reportedly marketed the WALL in the ensuing years, but there has been no public confirmation of its deployment by other governments.
- 27. Throughout this period, violent and property crime rates continued to dwindle in both Adawa and Rasasa. However, in August 2016, relying upon arrest records and eyewitness accounts, the Rasasan Border Police reported what they termed "an alarming new trend" along the border: "The small Adawan gangs that arose in the wake of Hurricane Makan have apparently organized themselves into larger armed groups, and have turned the resources, personnel, and weapons they previously used for localized crimes towards cross-border crime into Rasasa."
- 28. Adawan criminal gangs regularly entered Rasasa under cover of night and attacked small villages, assaulting and even killing villagers, returning to Adawa with Helian bulbs, growing and processing equipment, and virtually anything else of value. The Rasasan Border Police observed that there had been a marginal but constant increase in the frequency of such raids every month since January 2016.

- 29. At the request of President Tihmar, in September 2016 the Rasasan and Adawan governments established a high-level task force to "consider joint responses to the increase in cross-border crimes." The joint task force met several times over the next year, but was unable to formulate a comprehensive plan to suppress the gangs.
- 30. According to a report published by the Rasasan Helian Growers Association (RHGA), a prominent industry group based in Botega, beginning in October 2016 Rasasa's share of the global Helian market had declined sharply relative to that of other States in the Region. The RHGA expressed alarm that Rasasan Helian processors had increasingly begun to purchase their raw material from Adawan Helian farmers in lieu of Rasasan suppliers, who had been unable to meet their Helian pollen requirements. The RHGA's report concluded, "if current trends continue, many Rasasan Helian farms will collapse in five to ten years, with catastrophic effects for the Rasasan economy and Rasasan society in general."

¹ This version of Ms. Grey's remarks was reported in the national and international media the following day. It was edited by Rasasan government authorities to remove classified technical information.

- 31. Rasasa held its regular presidential election in December 2016. Mr. Venevar Pindro, a former military officer, ran on a platform calling for, among many other things: tightening border controls to eliminate armed incursions; and enhancing and protecting Rasasa's Helian industry, the failure of which he repeatedly claimed "would pose a fundamental threat to our economy and national security."
- 32. Mr. Pindro was elected president of Rasasa with 58% of the vote, and he took office in January 2017. He quickly named officers of the new government, appointing Darian Grev as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Upon her nomination, Ms. Grey resigned her post at RRC and divested herself of any direct financial stake in the company. Shortly after her appointment, investigative reporters for the Budapest-based daily newspaper Népszabadság obtained and published what it claimed were previously-undisclosed memoranda from Ms. Grey to her staff at RRC approving the clandestine supply of arms and the training of military personnel in numerous conflict zones, including Garantia. Rasasan
- human rights groups protested Ms. Grey's appointment as Foreign Minister, and the opposition party in parliament was unanimous in voting against it. As of the time of her nomination to the cabinet, neither RRC nor Ms. Grey had been charged with crimes in any domestic or international tribunal. Her appointment was confirmed by parliament on 15 January 2017.
- 33. During the campaign and following his election, President Pindro criticized the joint task force as ineffective. He called upon Adawa, "in the spirit of our long friendship," to take prompt and effective measures to quash the criminal gangs based within its territory. Shortly after taking office, President Pindro submitted two bills for legislative approval. The first invoked "essential security interests" and provided for the introduction of tariffs of 25% ad valorem on Helian bulbs, live plants, and pollen imported into Rasasa, in an effort to encourage Rasasa's domestic processors to return to local farms for their feedstock. The second called for expedited review of options for the hardening of the Adawa-Rasasa border.
- 34. In its annual report delivered to the Rasasan Parliament in February 2017. the Rasasan Border Police reported that, "The border issue has fundamentally changed in its character. What were once disorganized gangs have become organized militias, and their crimes are no longer limited to opportunistic thievery." The report indicated that Adawan nationals had established permanent and well-defended encampments within Rasasan territory, which they were using as bases for international trafficking in illegal drugs. The report concluded, "These new militants are well armed and wellorganized, and the police are simply unable to remove them."
- 35. In March 2017, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) reported that, "There is a new and major player in international trafficking of illegal drugs. The previously unorganized Adawan bandits have used their profits to create a structured and well-armed militia, which uses its permanent camps within Rasasan territory as a headquarters for its global enterprise." In response,

- both Adawa and Rasasa declared that their domestic police efforts had been ineffective in counteracting the militia, in part because criminal operatives were able to freely cross the Adawa-Rasasa border.
- 36. On 1 June 2017, the militia simultaneously attacked nine Rasasan Border Police stations, killing 21 officers. Eyewitnesses stated that the raiders were "heavily armed with military-grade weapons and equipment," and that the attacks indicated "a high level of prior planning and training."
- 37. On 25 Jun e 2017, President Pindro authorized the deployment of the Rasasan Army against the militia camps within Rasasa, as well as the purchase of the WALL from RRC and its installation along the Rasasa-Adawa border. He simultaneously sent a message to Adawan President Omar Moraga which read, in relevant part:

I have today given my authorization to the Rasasan Army Engineers Battalion to begin installation of the WALL along the entire length of our shared border. This is a step

necessitated by critical national security concerns. As you are well aware – since your government was involved in the development of this weapons system – it is infinitely more reliable than any in the history of mankind. The WALL will be erected and deployed entirely on Rasasan soil, and each tower will surveil up to 200 meters on each side of our shared frontier. The system is designed to detect threats, and to prevent them from becoming reality. It will deploy, on the basis of graduated sequencing, demonstrative measures (alarms, verbal warnings of increasing volume and urgency) to preset levels of force (dispersal of disabling chemicals, nontargeted explosions, and finally gunfire), based upon its training data, against anyone attempting to cross the border illegally, in either direction.

38. President Moraga responded, saying:

Mr. President, while your words apparently intended to provide comfort, the WALL will still involve the deployment of lethal weaponry along our border. So long as the possibility exists that this autonomous system might be unleashed against our people or on our soil, its deployment will be incompatible with international law. We are firmly of the view that your proposed installation of the WALL would be a flagrant violation of international law, including but not limited to the Treaty of Botega of 1929 between your government and the predecessor of mine. We urge you to reconsider this aggressive and ill-advised measure.

39. President Pindro announced the completed installation of the WALL on 10 January 2018. He declared, in a televised address:

With vanishingly close to 100% accuracy, the WALL will prevent illegal border crossings, while virtually guaranteeing that no mistakes will be made and no innocents will be harmed. Lawabiding Rasasans and our Adawan neighbors need have no concern; they may go about their lives just as they did before, and so long as they do not act out of intent to injure our country, they will do so in safety and tranquility.

40. On 1 February 2018, President Moraga issued a statement saying, in relevant part:

The fact that lethal weapons have been amassed along our border, and that the WALL will monitor the activities of our citizens, fills all Adawans with dread and anger. That these weapons are fully under the control of an advanced artificial intelligence, with no possibility for the exercise of mercy or judgment by human actors, only exacerbates our fears and violates the letter and spirit of Rasasa's international obligations. Even if lethal force were unleashed no more than once in a millennium, that would be small comfort. The placement of these weapons on our frontier is far out of proportion to whatever was claimed to have motivated it. But that is only one indication of the illegality of this belligerent exercise.

41. The Defense Ministers of the two States agreed to meet to discuss the issue of the WALL, and the joint task force resumed its regular meetings, which had been suspended after President Pindro's election. The task force reviewed

reports from both States' national police forces, which indicated that, in the four months following the deployment of the WALL, reports of trans-border incidents decreased more than 80 percent. The Rasasan Minister reported that the Rasasan Army was making "substantial inroads" into dispersing the armed camps within her country.

42. In May 2018, in response to recommendations from the task force. Adawa stationed unarmed human monitors on its side of the border, and the Rasasan Border Police launched a telephone and Internet "hotline" to permit members of the public in both countries to communicate any concerns to the authorities. To this date, there have been no reports of any incidents of lethal force deployed by the WALL. In its May 2018 official publication, the joint task force observed: "Although Adawa continues to maintain its opposition to the program on legal grounds, the WALL has without question had a positive impact in reducing and deterring crossborder crime."

- 43. A few months earlier, in January 2018, Rasasa's Parliament had, with little debate, adopted President Pindro's proposal to impose tariffs on unprocessed Helian materials imported into Rasasa. Adawa protested the decision and, in addition, the CHC Director-General issued the following statement: "I remind Rasasa of its obligation, under Article 3 of the CHC Agreement, to abstain from creating impediments to trade in Helian and Helian-related goods. Its unilateral actions do not further, and in fact may well hinder, the CHC's goals of ensuring the everlasting and sustainable cultivation of the Helian hyacinth across Crosinia."
- 44. The Rasasan Foreign Ministry responded: "Rasasa must take steps to protect and promote the wellbeing of our own Helian growers. Ensuring their survival, and that of our citizens who depend on them, is a vital matter of national security."
- 45. In October 2018, Adawa formally requested consultations with Rasasa pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules

- and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) of the WTO. Government officials from both Adawa and Rasasa met, but were unable to resolve the dispute amicably.
- 46. In January 2019, the International League for the Support of Agriculture (ILSA) – a non-profit and non-partisan organization headquartered in Ottawa devoted to "supporting farmers and agribusiness worldwide" - published a study entitled "Another Rise and Fall: The Market for Helian Spice Around the World, 1975-2018." The monograph presented comprehensive and detailed evidence that, as a direct result of the tariffs imposed by Rasasa in January 2018, Adawan farmers were estimated to have lost more than €10 million in revenue through the end of the studied period in October 2018 as a result of declining sales to processors in Rasasa. It projected that the losses would increase in coming years.
- 47. In February 2019, Adawa requested the establishment of a panel pursuant to Article 6.2 of the DSU, alleging that Rasasa's

- tariffs on Helian products were an unjustifiable breach of its commitment to maintain the bound rate of zero on such items.
- 48. On 13 April 2019, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court announced that, pursuant to Article 58 of the Rome Statute, she was requesting the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Minister Grey, assigning to her criminal responsibility for certain alleged activities of RRC in Garantia between 2007 and 2009. The charged acts included war crimes, and "other serious violations of the laws and customs applicable to armed conflicts not of an international character," within Articles 8.2(a) and 8.2(e) of the Rome Statute. The indictment specifically cited the training and supervision of paramilitary forces that perpetrated such crimes, the sale and use of prohibited weapons systems, and the conduct of unauthorized surveillance of civilians that allegedly led to their becoming the targets of violent repression.
- 49. On 18 June 2019, the CHC welcomed representatives of its Member States to Novazora, the capital city of Adawa, for its regular annual meeting, which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Community. Minister Grey, representing Rasasa, arrived late in the morning of 18 June 2019 for the four-day session.
- 50. On 20 June 2019, a Pre-Trial Chamber of the ICC granted the Prosecutor's 13 April 2019 request and issued a warrant of arrest for Minister Grey.
- 51. Two days later, on 22 June 2019, officers of the Novazora police approached Minister Grey as she was leaving her hotel. After ascertaining her identity, they took her into custody. She did not resist but informed the arresting officers that she "enjoyed diplomatic immunity." The Foreign Ministry of Adawa promptly notified the Rasasan Ambassador to Adawa of Minister Grey's arrest, and Rasasan consular agents were provided access to her. She was then brought before a magistrate, who confirmed that she was the person named

in the indictment. Minister Grey's counsel (whom she selected freely and without interference) argued that she was entitled to immunity while on Adawan soil in her official capacity, but the magistrate rejected that argument, noting that, "the Rome Statute of the ICC makes no exception for sitting government ministers." A judicial appeal was denied, as was a request for the Minister's provisional release.

- 52. The Adawan Ministry of Justice informed the ICC Office of the Prosecutor that it had apprehended the indictee and would arrange for her transfer to The Hague. However, at the time of the signature of both parties to this Statement of Agreed Facts, it was agreed that Minister Grey would remain under house arrest at a monitored diplomatic guesthouse in Adawa, pending this Court's disposition of the case.
- 53. Rasasa's Deputy Foreign Minister, upon learning of the arrest, delivered a *note verbale* to the Adawan Embassy to Rasasa:
 - The apprehension and detention of diplomatically protected persons

- is prohibited by international law. One of our Ministers has been kidnapped while she was visiting Adawan territory. She is entitled to absolute immunity under binding treaties and customary international law. We have no reason to believe that the Minister committed a crime recognized in our legal system, and we have no intention of trying, rendering, or extraditing her. Meanwhile, it is the responsibility of the Adawan authorities to return her immediately. There will be serious consequences if this responsibility is not carried out.
- 54. Several hours after the note was delivered, the Adawan Ambassador was declared persona non grata by President Pindro, and the Ambassador promptly left the country. Adawa protested the expulsion, insisting that it had acted legally in its treatment of Minister Grey. The Adawan Foreign Minister declared the next day that, "it is time for us to bring in the assistance of a third party, before the situation with Rasasa gets completely out of hand and our long and peaceful relationship is forever jeopardized. We are very

- fortunate that, in accordance with international law, the doors of the International Court of Justice are open to us, and we will seek the Court's help in resolving this and our other pending controversies with our neighbor. I have instructed my legal office to prepare an Application to the Court."
- 55. On 23 June 2019, the Permanent Representative of Rasasa to the United Nations delivered a communication to the Secretary General, noting that "Rasasa objects to the purported succession of Adawa to the Treaty of Botega and, accordingly, does not consider itself in treaty relations with Adawa pursuant to the aforementioned treaty."
- 56. On 24 June 2019, at a press conference in Botega, the Rasasan Minister of Justice answered a question from a reporter about the charges against Minister Grey. She replied, "We continue to be offended by the violation of international law and protocols regarding the treatment of our Minister, which we consider an insult to our sovereignty. We are

- reserving all of our legal options in this matter, both international and domestic."
- 57. On 1 July 2019, after negotiations between the parties, the Adawan Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands submitted an Application instituting proceedings on behalf of Adawa against Rasasa, invoking the compromissory clause of the 1929 Treaty of Botega. Adawa contested the legality of the installation of the WALL, and also alleged that Rasasa's Helian tariffs violated the CHC, seeking monetary reparation for the resulting financial harm, a remedy that it characterized as "not typically awarded by WTO Panels."
- 58. Rasasa responded by contesting the Court's jurisdiction under the Treaty of Botega, stating that "the State of Adawa is not a party to the Treaty, nor can it claim to have become one through the law of State succession. This sudden attempt to invoke the Treaty for the sole purpose of bringing a dispute before the ICJ is improper and abusive." Rasasa further contested the Court's jurisdiction

over, and the admissibility of,
Adawa's claim based on the CHC
treaty, arguing that the WTO has
exclusive jurisdiction over trade
disputes between the Parties, and
that proceedings were already
underway before the Dispute
Settlement Body. Rasasa asserted
that the tariffs were, in any event,
lawful protections of its essential
security interests. Finally, Rasasa
asserted a counterclaim concerning
the illegality of the apprehension of
Minister Grey.

- 59. On 22 July 2019, the Court entered an Order recommending that the parties draft a Statement of Agreed Facts (the present document), without prejudice to any arguments they might seek to present during the proceedings.
- 60. In addition to the treaties and other international agreements referenced elsewhere in this Statement, at all relevant times both Adawa and Rasasa have been parties to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, the International Covenant on Civil

- and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.
- 61. Pursuant to the Order of the Court, and the agreement of the parties, Adawa, as Applicant, respectfully requests that the Court:
 - a. Declare that it has jurisdiction over Adawa's claims because Adawa is a party to the 1929 Treaty of Botega;
 - b. Adjudge that Rasasa's development and deployment of the WALL along the border between Adawa and Rasasa is in violation of international law, and order that the WALL be dismantled and removed forthwith;
 - c. Declare that it may adjudicate
 Adawa's claim that Rasasa's
 imposition of tariffs on Helian
 products from Adawa violates
 the CHC Treaty, and that Adawa
 is entitled to compensatory

- damages reflecting the financial harm it has suffered to date, such amount to be determined in subsequent proceedings; and
- d. Declare that the arrest and detention of Darian Grey were consistent with Adawa's obligations under international law, and that Adawa may proceed to render her to the International Criminal Court.
- 62. Rasasa, as Respondent, asks the Court to adjudge and declare that:
 - a. The Court lacks jurisdiction over Adawa's claims because Adawa is not a party to the 1929 Treaty of Botega;
 - b. Rasasa's development and deployment of the WALL along the border between Adawa and Rasasa is consistent with international law;

- c. Adawa's claim that Rasasa's
 Helian tariffs violate the CHC
 Treaty falls outside the Court's
 jurisdiction or is inadmissible; in
 the alternative, the imposition of
 the tariffs did not violate the CHC
 Treaty; and
- d. Adawa's arrest and detention of Darian Grey constitute internationally wrongful acts, and that she must be immediately repatriated to Rasasa.

ANNEX A

TREATY OF BOTEGA ON ARMISTICE AND PACIFICATION

1 NOVEMBER 1929 [EXCERPTS]

The Adawa-Zeitounia Union and the Republic of Rasasa:

Desiring to save succeeding generations of Crosinians from the scourge of war;

Conscious that all Crosinian peoples are united by common bonds, their cultures having developed together in a shared heritage, and concerned that peace in the region may be shattered at any time,

Recognizing that Crosinia's endemic Helian fields suffered grave damage during the recent war and that, by reason of the developments in the techniques of warfare, they are in increasing danger of destruction;

Manifesting their desire to renounce all recourse to armed force as an instrument of policy among Crosinian nations:

Accepting the establishment of an armistice between the armed forces of the two High Contracting Parties as an indispensable step toward the

cessation of armed conflict and the restoration of peace and security to the peoples of Crosinia; and

Resolving to ensure the pacific settlement of future disputes which may arise between them,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

- In pursuance of regional peace and stability, a general armistice among and between the armed forces of the High Contracting Parties – land, sea and air – is hereby declared and established.
- 2. The Armistice Demarcation Lines have been defined with a view toward separating the armed forces of the High Contracting Parties in such manner as to minimize the possibility of friction and incident, while providing for the gradual restoration of normal civilian life, without prejudice to the ultimate settlement.

3. The Armistice Demarcation Lines shall be as delineated on the map attached to this Agreement as Annex I.

[...]

ARTICLE III

- 1. The High Contracting Parties agree to establish on the border between the Zeitounian region of the Adawa-Zeitounia Union and Rasasa an International Zone of Peace, which shall be accessible to all citizens of both High Contracting Parties without the need for border formalities. It is their intention that this Zone shall stand as a reminder to the peoples of both nations of the scourge of war, and the need to resolve disputes peacefully.
- 2. The High Contracting Parties agree in principle to explore, over the coming years, the possibility of expanding the International Zone of Peace to other areas on or in close proximity to the border between Zeitounia and Rasasa.

[...]

ARTICLE VI

In conformity with Article 36 of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, the High Contracting Parties declare that they recognize the jurisdiction of the Court as compulsory ipso facto, without the necessity of any special agreement so long as the present Treaty is in force, in all disputes of a juridical nature that arise among them concerning:

- a. The interpretation of a treaty;
- b. Any question of international law;
- c. The existence of any fact which, if established, would constitute the breach of an international obligation; and
- d. The nature or extent of the reparation to be made for the breach of an international obligation.

[...]

In faith whereof the Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty.

DONE at Botega, Rasasa, this first day of November, One thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, in one copy, which will be deposited in the archives of the League of Nations.

ANNEX B

TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CROSINIAN HELIAN COMMUNITY

20 JUNE 1969 [EXCERPTS]

ARTICLE 1

The High Contracting Parties to this
Treaty – the six independent and
sovereign States of the Crosinian
Region – hereby establish the Crosinian
Helian Community. The Member
States of this Community solemnly
pledge their everlasting commitment
to the sustainable cultivation of the
Helian hyacinth.

ARTICLE 2

The Member States of the Community agree:

- a. To share their agronomic, scientific, and economic data regarding the growing, harvesting, processing, and commercializing of the Helian hyacinth and especially the spice derived from it, which is prized around the world; and
- b. To meet periodically at technical levels, and no less than twice annually at the Ministerial level,

to discuss matters of common interest regarding the production, processing, and exportation of Helian products, and to take decisions as provided in this Treaty.

ARTICLE 3

To facilitate the development and health of the Helian industry, the Member States agree to impose no customs duties on Helian products, as well as goods that are primarily or exclusively used in the harvesting or processing of the Helian hyacinth, which originate from the territory of a Member State.

[...]

ARTICLE 22

Nothing in this Treaty shall be construed as:

a. Requiring any Member State to furnish information, the disclosure of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests, or b. Precluding the application of measures necessary to protect a Member State's essential security interests.

[...]

ARTICLE 31

The Community shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purposes.

ARTICLE 32

Representatives of Member States at meetings convened by the Community shall, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, enjoy immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, and in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their official capacity, immunity from legal process of every kind.

[...]

ARTICLE 41

Nothing in this Treaty shall be read as undermining or compromising the sovereignty, independence, or international legal personality of any Member State of the Community.

DONE at Pivo, Adawa, this twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred sixty-nine, in one copy, which shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

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CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATIONS
TO THE STATEMENT OF AGREED FACTS

The following correction and clarifications to the Statement of Agreed Facts have been stipulated to by the parties, and the Statement of Agreed Facts jointly communicated to the Court on 9 September 2019 should be considered amended accordingly. The Registrar of the Court reminds all parties and participants of the following:

- a. The wording of the Statement of Agreed Facts has been carefully chosen, and is the result of extensive negotiation. The parties decline to "clarify" matters about which they are unlikely to agree. The parties will not stipulate as to which legal principles are relevant, or which arguments are acceptable or unacceptable.
- b. Any request for clarification not addressed in the following paragraphs has been considered by the parties to be redundant, inappropriate, or immaterial, or the parties were unable to reach a mutually acceptable answer.
- c. Except to the extent that corrections and clarifications are set out below.

- participants are to assume that the Statement of Agreed Facts is accurate and complete in all respects. In particular, both parties stipulate as to the authenticity of all documents and of the signatures on all documents referenced in the Statement.
- d. With respect to the pronunciation of the various proper names used in the Statement of Agreed Facts, all parties and the Court have agreed that they will not take formal or informal offense at any reasonable effort to pronounce proper names correctly.
- e. Adawa and Rasasa are not parties to any relevant bilateral or multilateral treaties, conventions, or accords other than those referenced within the Statement of Agreed Facts or herein.

CORRECTION

1. The second sentence of Paragraph 48 is corrected to read: "The acts alleged included 'serious violations of article 3 common to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949," and 'other serious

violations of the laws and customs applicable in armed conflicts not of an international character,' within Articles 8.2(c) and 8.2(e) of the Rome Statute."

CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. The Treaty of Botega was ratified by the Republic of Rasasa and the Adawa-Zeitounia Union in December 1929, and entered into force on 1 January 1930.
- 2. The Republic of Garantia has been a party to the Rome Statute since 2005, and its referral mentioned in paragraph 15 was pursuant to Article 14 of the Rome Statute.
- 3. The final physical elements of the WALL were installed on 10 January 2018, and the system was activated on 12 January 2018. Since the time of deployment, each tower that makes up the WALL has been situated within Rasasan territory, between six and 35 meters from the Rasasa-Adawa border, depending upon local terrain. There are no permanent human settlements within 200 meters of the Adawa-Rasasa border.
- 4. Since January 2018, the WALL has never deployed lethal force. It has on approximately 100 occasions issued verbal warnings and in five

- instances non-lethal "warning shots." No injuries are known to have occurred as a result of these measures.
- 5. The parties to the CHC Treaty, all of whom subsequently became members of the GATT, each duly notified the Treaty to the GATT as a Regional Trade Agreement. These notifications were carried over when the WTO was established in 1995.
- 6. To the present date, Rasasa has not notified its imposition of tariffs on unprocessed Helian materials to the WTO.
- 7. On 1 August 2016, both Adawa and Rasasa assigned their rights to the WALL project to RRC.
- 8. The Pre-Trial Chamber's order of **20 June 2019** consisted of a warrant of arrest and a request for arrest and surrender under Article 89 of the Rome Statute.
- 9. Minister Grey's appeal was filed on 25 June 2019, and was duly notified to the ICC, consistent with Article 59(5) of the Rome Statute. The denial of the appeal was likewise notified to the ICC, with a statement that "under Adawan law, no further appeal is available to the defendant."



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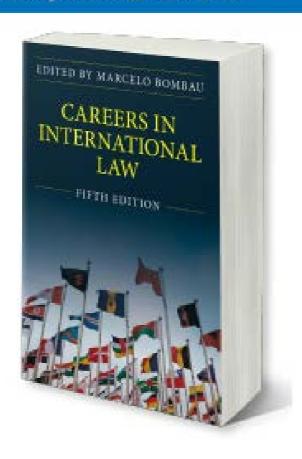
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American University of Afghanistan

First of all, the 2020 AUAF Jessup Team would like to thank the International Law Students Association for all their hard work and dedication for the 2020 Jessup Competition. The 2020 Jessup Competition was the American University of Afghanistan's first time participating in the process and it was an immensely fulfilling experience. Participating in Jessup not only expanded the entire team's knowledge of international law but also gave us practical legal experience and opened our eyes to career opportunities in international law. Jessup was one of the most dynamic moot court experiences for us. Although the Jessup 2020 Competition has ended, we will always treasure the experience and hold it dear to our hearts.

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program. It will not be wrong if we say it has changed our vision toward life in many aspects. Jessup has taught us better meaning of hard Jessup has taught work, unity, cooperation, love and sympathy. Jessup us better meaning has motivated us not to give of hard work, up during difficulties and not to stop from stepping unity, cooperation, toward our goals. Herat love and sympathy Jessup students are not

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if we say Jessup is more

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only in love with Jessup, but

also consider this program a

#505 Herat University



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unique opportunity to grow and educate. It has made us able to create great memories and share our smiles. In this iourney, we understood no difficulty remains that tough while sharing and no happiness remains small if we have others to engage with. We have learnt how to adjust ourselves working individually and in teams, and working in normal and abnormal situations. For us, Jessup is not only a course of international law, it is a course of life studies.

ALBANIA

#566 Kolegji Universitar "Bedër"

As we all know, Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition and since the very first moment of even being accepted by your university to have a chance in competing in this competition, your heart kinda skips a beat from all the excitement. Well, that's what happened with us as we realized we were up for a tough, but also fun challenge at the same time and we were gonna have to be committed to handling everything that the Jessup would hit us with. Just wanting to willingly do all the reading, researching, all the learning, staying up all night long or just staying all day at the university library made every moment feel like we were doing something worth doing and we were definitively on the right track.

We participated in the friendly rounds in Prague and we wanna say that we enjoyed every moment there as we really tried to have fun and just make the most of it. It was a fun challenge and knowing that whatever and however we do in front of the judges will potentially help in our future is always a motivating factor and this is probably the same for all the participants, because it's probably the reason so many people are competing.

We are very appreciative of the amazing amount of support we had from our coaches Thoma Kristo and Daniel Klingenberg and also from Gentjan Skara that were always encouraging, and inspired us to keep working hard no matter what.

Thank you organizers for the amazing competition and to those competing next year, hopefully we will see you all in DC.



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Universidad de Buenos Aires

Team 275 was born on August 30, 2019. The minute the Problem was released we started working, being just strangers to each other. We met every week to wrap our heads around the arguments. Then, January came, and it was time for our longstanding tradition at the University of Buenos Aires: "the camp." Two weeks before the memorials submission, we locked down in our university with the sole companion of the security staff—an involuntary preparation for quarantine, perhaps? With a diet based on pizza, gummies and mate, we worked our way out of the claims (or so we think we did...).

Argentina was one of the last countries to host its qualifying rounds, which we won on March 6th. A couple of days later, we resumed our practice. First agent for the Respondent had just begun his pleadings when we got the cancellation email. We decided to continue and

complete our last round... and headed right to a bar to drown our sorrows.

Despite this sad and abrupt ending, for us the Jessup experience was beyond words. We worked incredibly hard on the case, but also created strong bonds between us. The seven strangers who met back in August can now call themselves friends.

The case concerning the Helian Hyacinth was our life for months. We know for a fact we will continue to use references from the case to express ourselves in real

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life... and regular people will continue to have no clue about them. We were really excited to get to share this experience with all the other teams in DC. Hopefully, sometime in the near future, we will meet Jessup 2020 competitors as judges, lawyers, arbitrators and scholars.



AUSTRALIA

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University of Sydney

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The Jessup experience for the University of Sydney team has been a tale of hyperbole and contrast. Sandwiched between the incredible challenge, thrill and joy of competing in and winning the National Rounds was, first, the immense heartache of some of the most devastating bushfires in Australia's history, and, subsequently, the tragic but inevitable news of the cancellation of the International Rounds and our witnessing of the frightening effects of COVID-19 in Australia and around the world.

Ultimately, though, we have emerged from the last few months as stronger and more resilient individuals, with a



deeper passion for the law and invaluable lessons in advocacy locked away in our minds. As is said of Crosinia in the Treaty of Botega, our team is united by common bonds which cannot be broken, and we are confident that we will eventually look back on our shared fortitude, memories, and achievements with tremendous pride.

Perhaps above all, however, the Jessup journey, and the story of Adawa and Rasasa, have enlightened us as to the superlative value of

global cooperation, unity and compassion, and we are optimistic that these qualities will come to the fore as the world battles its own Hurricane Makan in the form of COVID-19. Despite consuming our lives for several months, the Jessup Moot, at its core, teaches competitors that there is so much more beyond The Case of the Helian Hyacinth that keeps our international community functioning and thriving, and in the context of Jessup 2020, this has been emphasized more than ever.



#298 University of Queensland



Anthony Cassimatis (Advisor) Keilin Anderson (Coach)

Keilin Anderson (Coach) Adam Lukacs Jonathan Hohl Isabelle Peart Rosie Cavdarski

Team roster

In spite of the misfortune faced this year, the Jessup Moot was no less authentic an experience for the University of Queensland team. From the very outset, we found ourselves navigating a Statement of Agreed Facts that presented questions of great scope and variety. Mapping the features of the Case Concerning the Helian Hyacinth really did demand nothing less than the most robust work ethic and unwavering cooperation. After months of researching, weeks of collective memorial writing, and countless practice moots in preparation, to break through to Washington, DC

after a fierce contest in the

Australian rounds was an accomplishment of which UQ could be entirely proud. We could never have hoped to achieve this without the assistance of our coaches, who worked tirelessly to guide us through the Jessup process.

Ultimately, to the outside observer, the 2020 Jessup Moot might have seemed like something of a cruel disappointment—after so many months of preparation, teams scarcely had the chance to dip their toes into active competition before circumstance intervened to deprive them of the 'full experience'. However, for the UQ team, this could

hardly be further from the truth. The value of the Jessup Moot has never been measured solely by success in Washington, DC. Real achievement lies in the intellectual development that the competition encourages, in the building of a steadfast camaraderie to overcome the seemingly insurmountable challenge of it all, and in just seizing the opportunity to become immersed in something of such great scale and consequence. In these most important respects, the 2020 Jessup could not be found lacking whatsoever. We're sure that all teams in this year's competition share the same sentiment.

AUSTRIA

#682

University of Vienna

Servus from Vienna! We (Nina Öllinger (A1), Martin Baumgartner (A2), Leonard Soldo (R1) and Maria Förster (R2)) are this year's Jessup team of the University of Vienna, Austria.

As everyone is aware, the International Rounds were unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we had an amazing time drafting the memorials, preparing the pleadings for this year's competition and competing in the European Friendly in Prague (shout out to our new Jessup friends).

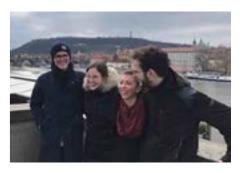
Competing in this Jessup season meant a great deal to us. We acquired a profound knowledge of international law, learned how to draft and plead legal arguments and made lifelong friends.

Team roster

Tensin Studer (Coach)
Johannes Tropper (Coach)
Martin Baumgartner
Maria Förster
Nina Öllinger
Leonard Soldo

We are really sad that we did not get to meet the teams competing in the International Rounds.

We hope to meet some of you in the future! Feel free to contact us!





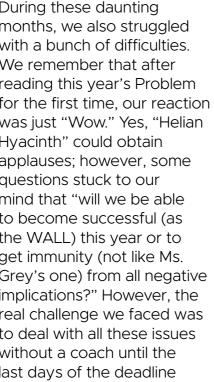


AZERBAIJAN

#194 **Baku State University**

Sleepless nights, challenging times, mind-blowing discussions, tiring brainstorming — they are just a minor percent of invisible parts of the iceberg. Yes, it comes to mind that is there "anything" that is worth all of them in the world? There can be several answers to this question; however, the Jessup Competition is an alter-ego of "anything" prescribed in the above question for all Jessupers. Therefore, to get the chance to participate in this competition and make it to the International Rounds. we consider ourselves lucky persons.

During these daunting months, we also struggled with a bunch of difficulties. We remember that after reading this year's Problem for the first time, our reaction was just "Wow." Yes, "Helian Hyacinth" could obtain applauses; however, some questions stuck to our mind that "will we be able to become successful (as the WALL) this year or to get immunity (not like Ms. Grey's one) from all negative implications?" However, the real challenge we faced was to deal with all these issues without a coach until the last days of the deadline of the memorials. We have





Team roster

Raghavi Viswanath (Advisor) Elnara Yusibova Sonakhanim Gaybaliyeva Kanan Khalilov Elvin Karimli Saida Kazimova

learned significant lessons from Jessup — to trust in yourself, never give up, and, most importantly, to be a real team. Therefore, Jessup is more than one competition. No matter how late, we were provided with the coach — Raghavi Viswanath — on the very first day of 2020 by ILSA as per our request. In this regard, we explain Raghavi's support as: "the distances are not an obstacle if there is enthusiasm." We all are grateful to Raghavi for her valuable time, enthusiasm and efforts to support us.

We were also devastated by the announcement of the cancellation of the International Rounds for this year. However, it was a great pleasure for us to live in a world of "Adawa" and "Rasasa" as self-isolated from real life for several months. Many thanks to ILSA for this fantastic year!

#122

Academy of Public Administration

We are the team 122 representing the Academy of Public Administration under the President of Azerbaijan Republic.

It's been more than 15 years since Azerbaijan has participated in the Jessup competition, so it was a double challenge for us. Over the months, we have ventured into the unknown. We have spent days and nights exploring the world of Adawa and Rasasa, finding arguments and creating new pathways for our case.

Our Jessup journey was a marvelous roller coaster of breathtaking moments. It started with the courage of stepping forward and becoming a team. And I could have never wished for a better team.







Team roster

Fatima Eyyub

Amil Jafarguliyev

Samira Safarova

Rafiga Malikova

Fidan Alakbarova (Coach)

Chinara Mammadzadah





BANGLADESH

#669

University of Asia Pacific

We started this journey as first-year law students with zero knowledge about International law. We had to go through sleepless nights, tears, breakdowns, anger and all sorts of emotions. Although it took so much hard work and effort, at the end of the day it was all worth it. The pain was eased throughout via the help of our coaches and mentors. The team had been together since day one till the very last and that's what made us what we were. The cancellation had broken our hearts but this experience has now given us the determination to do it all over again and win. Until next time, Team 669 rests.

Team roster

Muhammad Rezaur Rahman (Advisor) Alida Binte Saqi Advisor Shushil Kabir Fatema Alam Oishy Ananya Mahbub Sanchita Parisha Afrin Forhad Hossain









#753

University of Chittagong

The Jessup experience was undeniably one of the best of our lifetime. As we are enrolled into the LL.M. class. of University of Chittagong, Jessup Moot was the last event of our law student life. We were both excited and tense. The anticipation for the largest moot court competition of Bangladesh as well as the world made us adamantly focused to deliver our best. The preparation phase was hectic and at the same time intellectually enriching. We hopped on a train to catch the National Rounds in Dhaka from Chittagong, walked on the streets for hours to find a suitable place to stay near the venue and finally got into one that is the cheapest considering our budget. None of us were concerned with the quality of the hotel as we rushed to get a good sleep before the day of the Preliminary Rounds. The rounds were swift. We felt

like we were in an illusion till we reached the Final Round. It was hugely a great deal for our law school, as we were the very first team from our university to reach the Final Round of Jessup National and ultimately would be going for the International Rounds in April. Considering the room for improvement. we fixed our next target to be the International Rounds, where we could give our best to omit the mistakes we made in the National Rounds. Unfortunately, that is not happening and we believe that it is for the greater interest of humanity.

We hope that all the Jessupians will invest this huge energy and passion they have shown in the past couple of months in the upcoming days and uphold the spirit of Jessup.



Team roster

Syed Tanvir Azam Taif Syed Fazlul Mahdi Emraan Hossain Imon Badhan Ghosh Arafat Ibnul Bashar



#687 University of Dhaka

The University of Dhaka was a small team of three seniors finishing their LL.B. We were all simultaneously doing our introduction to PIL course and venturing into the new horizons of PIL. The three of us have been mooting since our sophomore year. It has always been a dream to work together and the fact that it was probably our last year mooting made us work even harder. I still remember it was on 20 September 2019 around 3 AM BST when the problem of this year's Jessup was released. It was like I suddenly found a new purpose in life as I read it at one go and forwarded it to Lubaba, fangirling about how this year's problem incorporated questions related to international criminal law. We soldiered through our classes, part-time work, organizing national moot court. finals and chicken

pox for the dream that we'd get to represent our alma mater one last time at DC this vear. Behind the small team was the time and effort of our entire moot court society. From our coach Mohammad Nazmuzzaman Bhuian listening to our innovative theories regarding IHL every evening to formatting the memorial with us until the crack of dawn, it was a collective dream. We still wallow in sadness at the fact that we will not get our last shot and ponder about the work that we did for the last seven months. However, we remain optimistic and try to learn more about the legal issues that became the burning auestion of our life for the last few months. Exploration, awareness and development of public international law is at the core spirit of Jessup.

Team roster

Nazmuzzaman Bhuian (Coach) Rifat Khan Tahseen Lubaba Jalal Ahmed





BELARUS

#316

Belarusian State University—Faculty of International Relations

Just as all the other teams this year, we deeply regret that the Competition was cancelled. But from a different perspective, Jessup is not only about Washington, DC. There were plenty of other positive moments as well.

For us Jessup is all about hard work and dedication, cooperation and support. But the core part of it is represented by all the wonderful people that we have met during this long and amazing journey. First of all, it is our teammates. We have spent endless nights working on our memorials, going back and forth with our oral pleadings to ace them and debating over which arguments we are going to keep. The journey to International Rounds was not easy but, with the help of our coach, we were able to prove ourselves during the National Rounds and become a National Champion. Our coach helped us gain skills, knowledge, experience and we are incredibly thankful to her for the time and energy that she devoted to us.

We were looking forward to meeting other teams from all over the globe and we were

Team roster

Katsiaryna Shkarbuta (Advisor) Olga Opimakh Stanislau Lashkevich Liliya Halauko Iryna Halubich

eager to get acquainted with young and talented lawyers. Unfortunately, it would not be possible this year. Still, we do appreciate being part of such an amazing Jessup community and being able to share with you our joys and sorrows, albeit online and remotely.



#599

Belorussian Institute of Law

We are the team 599 from Belarus. Our team consists of two team advisors and only two participants.

This period was full of hard work and sleepless nights. But as a team, we set a goal and tried to achieve it.

For us, Jessup was the first competition in which we would to protect the whole country; in our practice, we protect both—Adawa and Rasasa. In addition, for our Institute, which we represent, it was a big opportunity to participate in international competition, concerning international law, and have a chance to demonstrate our position in the International Rounds.

Jessup helped us to work as a team, to present our arguments, be confident in our position, find new friends, and consult with professionals and find their support. However, what is most important is that Jessup helped us to find our great team advisors, with whom we enjoy working (on even the most difficult issues), to grow with each meeting and discussion of the case, and to achieve our goal.

Thank you all for your support! See you next year at the International Rounds!

Team roster

Alexandra Shkirman (Coach) Katsiaryna Yerakhavets (Coach) Hanna Bokhan Aliaksandr Karpuk



BELGIUM

#302 University of Leuven





Team roster

Nina Pineau (Advisor) Rita Guerreiro Teixeira (Advisor) Silvie Kerremans Sophia Antoniou Marie Houbrechts Hannes Verheyden Pierre Druart

We had the time of our lives and are very thankful to everybody that made this fantastic experience possible. Greetings from tiny, chocolate and beer-loving Belgium!

Our Jessup experience in short: a waste of time; did not learn anything new; slept a lot and kept a healthy and balanced diet; very lonely, boring research; never cried in public and made no nerdy law jokes; very pleasant benches who gave nice comments; had a very good social life; and saw our friends and family regularly.

Worst time of our lives; we would not recommend it.

No, it was actually the complete opposite of that. We had the time of our lives and are very thankful to everybody that made this fantastic experience possible. It was heartbreaking to hear that the International Rounds would not take place and we would not get the chance to meet all our fellow mooters. Luckily, we will forever be a part of this amazing community with all of you.

#368 Université Catholique de Louvain

The Jessup has been an incredible experience. individually and collectively, for each and every one of us. We were the first team representing our university in this internationally renowned moot court competition. It was also our first experience of its kind, offering us a practical approach to the law. The Jessup has embodied a unique and intensive opportunity to deepen our general knowledge in public international law. Throughout the entire competition, our adaptability skills, as well as our teamwork ability, have been challenged by the variety and the complexity of the problems. This has not only consolidated our dedication to the Jessup competition, but it has strengthened it. The oral National Round will remain for us an unforgettable memory, having to plead against high-skilled and well-prepared students. All those skills learned from our participation in the Jessup will constitute a solid history

in our future legal career. Even though, unfortunately, our international experience ended earlier than planned, we are thankful and honored to have been selected as an exhibition team and to have taken part in this 2020 Jessup season.

Team roster

Pierre d'Argent (Advisor) Aurélie Debuisson (Advisor) Maxime Gillet Cassandre Dhoore Emmeline Pireaux Nicolas Avci



BRAZIL

#417 University Center of Brasilia

To comment about what Jessup means to us is something that we do often, not only because we are grateful for the opportunity, but also because it made a great impact in so many fields of our lives, becoming a part of who we are. The 2020 Jessup was definitely one to remember, as it was the third time that our university has ever participated in the competition. We, as a relatively new team, but also with some experience, knew what the competition was, but couldn't help to feel nervous and also so excited. The National Rounds are always the time to remember all the effort we put into Jessup and all the time we dedicate to it because when we get there, we are enlightened again of why everything is worth it. The people we meet, the experience we share and the things we learn really build up our academic, professional and personal lives in such a short period of time. After three



days of competition, we understood again why we do all this. This year, we had the First Place Oralist of the Brazilian National Rounds, we were selected to go to Washington as an exhibition team and, more importantly. we understood that we are indeed doing something right. We understood that Jessup is, after all, our way to show our university and colleges in law school the real importance of research, legal argumentation, teamwork and dedication. For this, we will always be grateful for Jessup.



Team roster

Nitish Monebhurrun (Advisor) Gilda Nogueira Paes Cambraia (Advisor) Jefferson Hable (Advisor) Ana Vitória Muniz Bokos Igor Medeiros Maia Breno Napoli Fernandes Gabriel de Oliveira Borb Nayara Lima Rocha da Cruz

#822

Faculdade CESUSC

Our team began its journey in 2018, when following in the footsteps of our predecessors, Lara and Lucas competed for the first time, entering the Jessup World. One year later, in 2019, Caroline and Luísa entered the team and after much effort and teamwork, we achieved good results. In 2020, we had an already established dynamic and teamwork, consequently the goals and expectations for the Jessup increased, while we all formed a bond of friendship.

The goal was to win a spot in the International Rounds in Washington, DC. Considering we had been attending the competition for years, being volunteers, that is what inspired us even more to go there as competitors.

So, in 2020, we: Carol, Lara, Lucas, Luísa and the new team member, Julia, did not spare efforts to make our dream come true.

And with much strength, determination, hard work and mainly teamwork, always supporting one another in difficulties, we reached first place in the qualifying rounds, achieving our dream to represent Brazil in Washington and have the chance to leave our mark. And even with the following cancellation of the event, we are still all so enormously proud and filled with immense happiness with our conquest!

For us it is a general feeling that the Jessup provides for

Team roster

Lucas Campos Lara do Valle Caroline Von Borstel Luísa Ghizzo Julia Nolla

a unique and life-changing experience. The opportunity to learn and share knowledge with other students, teachers and experts in International Law is unforgettable. And the bonds that months and years of collaboration formed between teammates is remarkable.

Best regards, CESUSC team.



#185

Faculdade Baiana de Direito e Gestão

We believe one thing all of us can agree on is that new beginnings are hard. In Jessup, the same applies. Every cycle that comes to an end is followed by the same question of who will continue on the competition in the next year, given that for many, graduation is calling. After two consecutive years with the same team, this year we had a drastic change in its composition, since more than half of the members were new. It can be scary and somewhat discouraging the thought that you are going to

have to teach new people all the works and technicalities of a competition from scratch, and not only that, but rely on these new people and trust that they understand we all have a part to play as a team. If there is one thing this cycle of the Jessup Competition has taught us is that we do not have to be afraid of the new, because the new can be a very good thing. This year brought us new friends, with whom we bonded and connected on a level we would not know how to explain, because it

Team roster

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Fernanda Azevedo
Thais Leonel
Amanda Lemos
Fabiana Castro
Serena Bezelga

is something that needs to be felt. This year taught us the real meaning of trust, a feeling very much needed to face the challenges that awaited us. This year brought us revelation and maturity to deal with any adversity, because we understood that we are more than a team. And what are we, you may ask? We are a family, and family sticks together no matter what, because together we are stronger. We would like to thank the Jessup Competition for the opportunity of growing as human beings and for bringing us together, because these are the moments that last.



BULGARIA

#197

Sofia University "Saint Kliment Ohridski"

What Jessup meant...

The Case Concerning the Helian Hyacinth—when we first read those words in September we knew that we were embarking on a journey. For months our team wrote, researched case law, wellknown and sometimes very obscure authors, all with one goal in mind: to be the best.

There were difficulties along the way. As our university doesn't have a suitable base for writing memorials, we had to compose our written submissions in various places—at our student dorms, restaurants, and even in a 24-hour supermarket. which at one point was the only place with an internet connection. Ultimately, we worked hard and we worked together—when one was struggling, the others helped bear the load. All this led to an undisputed run at our National Rounds—we won four out of four matches in the

preliminary stage, the prize for best memorial, prize for best oralist and lastly — the honor to represent Bulgaria at the International Rounds in Washington.

While ultimately Washington will remain a dream, this year taught us two things: first, the true meaning of Jessup family, and second — the journey isn't over yet.

Team roster

Valeri Blagoev (Advisor) Sibel Hasan (Advisor) Miroslav Yonov Donika Stavreva Iva Belcheva Ivan Ivanov





#518

The American University in Bulgaria

We're the American University in Bulgaria team and we would have been Bulgaria's exhibition team at the International Rounds in Washington this year.

Our university doesn't offer law, and at first we thought this would set us back. However, through our many months of preparation (we started in July) we learned that hard work and persistence are quite capable of closing the law gap. Overall, the Jessup experience was one of the best things that's ever happened to us. You do learn a lot about international law while preparing—in fact, in a matter of weeks, you can learn so much about state succession it's impossible to even imagine you didn't know anything about it before. You also meet amazing people your teammates, who you maybe didn't know at all, or who you thought you knew, but who you'll ultimately bond with, especially your co-agent; your coaches, who

put their hearts into it and who were there day and night for legal and emotional support; other participants at the National Rounds who finally made you feel less crazy about your arguments; judges, who may have grilled you on the bench but who, at the end of the day made you realize how much you've grown as a person. It sounds sappy, but Jessup really was a life-changing experience for us. From online meetings in multiple time zones, through hectic memorial writing,

Team roster

Ralitsa Penkova (Advisor) Teodora Ivanova (Advisor) Katerina Atanasova (Advisor) Asen Kochanov (Advisor) Ilya Levine (Advisor) Ivanela Arabadzhieva Bahram Asgarov Irakli Jojua

through day after day of pleading practice, sometimes at the crack of dawn, to those blissfully stressful few days of the National Rounds, the Jessup experience turned us into better professionals, and hopefully, better people.















CAMBODIA

#535

Royal University of Law and Economics

In 2013, the Cambodian Jessup Team made history in the Jessup Competition by making it to the top in both the written submission and oral pleading categories. Succeeding Jessup teams from RULE were looking to break these records ever since. Our 2020 Cambodian Jessup Team from RULE was not different. We worked hard. We pushed ourselves beyond our limit. We encountered many great challenges. We tried to overcome them. We failed.

We tried again. And again, we failed. In fact, no matter how hard we tried, we were knocked down more times than we could remember. But we persisted. Every fall we took, we learned to better pick ourselves up. And eventually, we will overcome them. We do not fancy ranking or awards—they are just the consequence of our work. Because it is not about winning; it is how we win and how we perceive winning that matter.

Team roster

Yuvaktep Vann (Coach)
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Atithep Meas (Assistant Coach)
Phearnique Ly (Assistant Coach)
Sovanmony Ung
Tiko Ly
Chharvitvitou Lim
Oukha Lee
Panharith Long







CANADA

#322

University of Western Ontario

Intense. Demanding. Worthwhile. Those are just some of the words we would use to describe our Jessup season. Jessup asked more from us than anything else in law school. At first, Jessup seemed comfortable and easy. We thought we knew how to advocate. But we quickly realized just how wrong we were. Whether it was finding the one decision that supported our position or working 100 hours in seven days to write, edit and rewrite our memorials, Jessup demanded more from us.

But in the end, that's what we loved about Jessup. It pushes people to work harder, care more and become more vigilant legal thinkers. Jessup brings people together; we will forever cherish the close friendships we made throughout this process. And, above all, Jessup

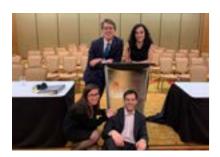
makes you realize how big the world is, and what small role you can play to make the world a better place.

Congratulations to all those who competed in this year's Jessup competition. We hope our paths cross in the not-so-distant future.

Team roster

Hardeep Dhaliwal (Coach) Emma Williams (Coach) Valerie Oosterveld (Advisor) Zohaib Ahmed Benjamin Fuhrmann Matthew Patterson Claire Sweeny Kate (So Eun) No









Emily, our first applicant, was in the midst of her practice round when we read that the International Rounds had been cancelled. In shock, we waited until her submissions had ended to share the news. Our coaches, guest judges, faculty advisor—everyone was there that day. It is difficult to express the mix of emotions that filled the room, the one we had shared to practice more run-throughs than we could count.

Since that evening, the world has changed very much.
Where we once bonded over reframing arguments and

reprinting drafts, we now study apart, at home. But the bonds have not gone. In fact, they've remained steadfast with each passing day, an anchor to keep us grounded through disruptions unimaginable when we first began this journey.

To our coaches, Spence and Will, thank you. There is no way for us to express what your guidance, mentorship and friendship has meant to us this year. We hope your hyacinths are doing well (and don't worry, they WILL grow back next year). To our faculty advisors, Maureen

#418 University of Toronto

Team roster

Spence Colburn (Coach)
Will Eberlee (Coach)
Jutta Brunnée (Advisor)
Maureen Whelton (Advisor)
Emily Tsui
Alexander Smith
Spencer Nestico-Semianiw
Hana Awwad Eidda

and Jutta, thank you. You are, simply put, incredible—advisors and leaders of unparalleled calibre. We would never misstate the law or facts in front of you, and especially not in two ways. And to the International Law Students Association, thank you. You gave us the experience of a lifetime, and the chance to commemorate it meaningfully.

With that, we cede the floor to the new generation of Jessup. The expanse of international law is oftentimes wild and tangled, but for all it is, it is not an exercise in futility. It can, and will, face the complex challenges before Adawa and Rasasa. We know it can for our world, too.

CHILE

#383

Universidad de Chile

We are Team 383 from Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile, and this is the second year in the Jessup for four of our members. During last year's Jessup, we got second place in our National Rounds, but we attended the International Rounds as an Exhibition Team. We learned a lot during that experience and with additional hard work this year, we won our National Rounds and qualified for the 2020 Jessup International Rounds. Additionally, our university would have been competing this year in Washington for the first time in six years, which made these rounds very special for us. Although the cancellation of the International Rounds was heartbreaking, it was imperative and we stand in solidarity with all those who have suffered from this virus and those making every effort to contain it.

These two years of learning have been a life-changing experience, one that shapes us as future lawyers and citizens. We extend our warm thanks to all the Jessup community and hope to see you all in future editions as competitors, judges or administrators.

Team roster

Ralph Loren-Eisendecher (Advisor) Claudio Troncoso (Advisor) Isabel Cholaky (Advisor) Natacha Fuenzalida Cárdenas (Advisor) Rodrigo Bastías (Team Advisor) Ignacio Etchepareborda María Consuelo Gálvez Antonia Urrutia Marcelo Molina Mathias Lehmann





CHINA

#162

Peking University

CHFN Haiwen The greatest joy in participating in the Jessup is that you are able to meet so many brilliant people. I enjoy every moment with my teammates, when we are bickering on small details like commas and footnotes, inventing wild arguments with the imagination to write a science fiction novel and criticizing the taste of the take-away food while wracking our brains to do legal research. Thank you, dear teammates. Your presence makes my year.

JIANG Wanghao I was worried and intimidated when I first saw the Problem. as it involves really challenging international law issues. However, after reading tons of cases, books and essays. I finally came up with some good ideas and had a basic grasp of those issues. I learned so much about international law and also gained valuable friendships with other team members. Participating in Jessup is truly an unforgettable journey.

WANG Xinyu

I was introduced to Jessup as a freshman in law school and now I am about to graduate. With the Jessup, I learnt how interesting international law could be, experienced the pleasure to represent my school on an international stage, and most importantly, met some very interesting people. They were my teammates, competitors, seniors and now they are my friends. It's wonderful.

XU Zhanghang
The case about autonomous
weapons and Helian trade
was so interesting, and
I'm really delighted that I
had the chance to explore
some challenging topics in
international law. Although
the court debates were
cancelled due to the situation
of the virus, the 2020 Jessup
Competition was really an
unforgettable experience
for me.

FAN Xiaolu (Coach) My heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone in the team. They are so smart and diligent.

Team roster

Xiaolu Fan (Coach) Haiwen Chen Wanghao Jiang Xinyu Wang Zhanghang Xu



Working with them is both intellectually challenging and exciting. They also have shown much more resilience and bravery than I expected after two cancellations of competitions this year. Though my role shifted from team member to coach, it is always enjoyable to be part of the Jessup family.

#192

Wuhan University Law School

Liang Leiting: The Jessup Competition has been one of the most mindblowing experiences for me. Indeed. I would not choose international law as my research topic without this fascinating journey. As a coach, I always find out some new theories on international law when I dig into the Jessup Problem with the team members. All in all, the Jessup has become a significant part of my life and hopefully I can offer my assistance to more students participating in this challenging competition.

Wei Lu: This has been a great and challenging experience. The long preparation for Jessup was a focused and rewarding time. I won't forget all the digging and research into the interesting problems of public international law. The emails I'm still receiving from Academia and ResearchGate will also constantly remind me.

Zhou Zhenyi: As a law student who has been looking forward to participating in Jessup for years, to become

a WHU Jessup team member and get into the International Round with my teammates was literally a dream come true. Although the cancellation of the Oral Competition was quite a disappointment, this journey has already rewarded my work with things beyond expectations. The exploration into new fields of international law, the improvement of academic research and thinking ability, and the joyful moments that I shared with my lovely teammates, have all made this experience more than worthwhile. At last, I'd like to thank the people who have offered help to our team. And hopefully, I will carry on my Jessup journey in some ways in the future.

Team roster

Leiting Liang (Coach)
Zheng Wang (Coach)
Zhenyi Zhou
Lu Wei
Hanguang Liu
Meng Liu
Ruiyang Huang

Liu Meng: The 2020 Jessup makes me feel "unexpected": unexpected involvement into the team, unexpected recognition from others, an unexpected loss of opportunity...what is unsurprising is that the experience is always more important than the result. Sincere gratefulness for my conscientious teammates, gentle coaches and excellent predecessors. Thank you all for making this process itself memorable.



#567 University of International **Business and Economics**



Team roster

Ziwen Wang (Advisor)

Zongnan Wu (Advisor)

Xiaoyu Zhou (Advisor)

Lulu Zheng

Ruidian Xian

Jiahui Zhang

Linxuan Li

Jiarui Hao

Dongcai Chen (Advisor)

This special Jessup season starts the moot court life of some of our teammates, but it is also the last moot court for some of us.

We had a tough time setting up our team, having oral training online, anxiously waiting for the result, and feeling uncertain about whether we could go to Washington. But luckily, we had our knowledgeable and lovely coaches, who always supported us and provided valuable advice for us.

Also, we have gained a lot. Thanks to the Jessup bringing us to the forefront of international law, we had this great opportunity to develop our skills and refresh our perspectives about international law. Also, through this six-month struggle with Adawa and Rasasa, our team has formed a unique bond. The most fascinating part of

this process is that we got to cherish friendship with many like-minded people. Our favorite memories of Jessup are trying to seek a way out of the maze constructed by complex legal issues, running back to the dormitory with the wild wind blowing beside the ears after the tiring and exciting brainstorm, and staying up late to research in our "home." Everything Jessup has brought to us is unforgettable and will be tattooed on our heart.

It is a great pity that we cannot go to DC to meet with other teams. But Jessup is more than just a competition. It is also an opportunity for all members to get close to the palace of international law. We hope our passion for international law will never end, and the Helian Hyacinth will bloom in the heart of every 2020 Jessuper forever.

#601 Renmin University of China



Team roster

Liren Luo (Advisor) Jiabao Xue (Advisor) Zeyu Zhang Chuyue Qiao Zeling Chen Yinsheng Qu Xuejiao Li

I've met the most amazing teammates, the best-ever mentor and lifelong friends

My Jessup journey unexpectedly started as a Jessup volunteer in 2018. Being a Jessup competitor has been on my bucket list since then. It is the one thing capable of keeping me sleepless but happy, sleepless for the always unfinished research but happy for

how much I have learned throughout the winter months. I've met the most amazing teammates, the best-ever mentor and lifelong friends from the Jessup community and I'm so convinced that there's more to expect on this journey.







#651 Beijing Normal University

In our opinion, this year's Jessup experience has been truly precious to us. Not only have we attained a variety of knowledge regarding this year's combined and broadranged questions—state succession, WALL, WTO and immunity—but we have also harvested the pleasure and joy after finishing up our Memo and finally seeing the sunny dawn. Although the Oral Competition cannot manage to be held given the current serious situation, what we have gained is

valuable enough for us to recall the time of striving together to pursue the same shining dream.

For all of us, taking part in the Jessup Competition means a crucial step towards majority. It is both challenging and rewarding for a person to get out of the comfort zone and try to solve the most complex questions of international law determinedly. What we can also reap is the capacity of thinking about and getting to solve a problem on our own,



Team roster

Shiping Liao (Advisor) Chen Yang Zhoujie Li Mingxin Liu Zihe Guo Jianing Liu

as well as the proficiency of analyzing an issue with IRAC. Moreover, it is also after having taken part in all these years' competitions that we witness the rapid and continuous growth of our school's Jessup team. With all the experience accumulated and passed on from former members we can eventually come up with our own method and arrangement to solve those issues together as a cohesive team.

With a little regret yet much more harvest, we have drawn a full stop for this year's competition. We are truly grateful for all of the people who have helped us on the path of pursuing our conjoint goal shared with all the other Jessupers. And we are also passionately looking forward to the next year's challenging but brilliant questions. Finally, we genuinely hope to meet all of our outstanding competitors in 2021's Jessup International Round!

#773

Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

Team roster

Rong Du (Advisor) Ningbo Wu Advisor Yuhong Zeng Zili Liu Xieting Liu Ziqi Shen Da Li



When signing up for the competition, we deemed it a valuable experience in testing our legal research and writing abilities, skills of advocacy, and other essential qualities of a lawyer. We indulged ourselves in the story of Adawa and Rasasa for several months and tried to work out every argument as best we could. We truly felt the sense of accomplishment when coming up with a satisfactory solution to a tough issue, and also the frustration when getting lost in hundreds of pages

of reading materials.
But all team members did
not give up and stayed
focused. Yuhong and Zili
provided a perfect "recipe"
of comfort: the big dream
of heading for Washington,
DC. To be honest, we did
not know exactly how far
we were away from getting
there, but we do believe that
hard work always pays off.

March 8th of 2020 was the best day in our lives. We still remember the overwhelming joyfulness and excitement when receiving the notification of advancing to the International Rounds. It is the first time that the Jessup team from our university has made it into the top six teams in the Chinese National Round and advanced to the International Rounds. Yes, we created history! Jessup took us to an incredible place that we had never been. Despite the cancellation of the Chinese National Oral Rounds and the International Rounds, it is a fulfilling and cherishing experience for all of us. Here we would like to share a motto with all Jessupers: Dream big and work hard!

CHINESE TAIPEI



#280 Soochow University

Team roster

Lyu-Yun Chen (Advisor) Hsuan-Ming Hsu Chih-Lin Yang Yo-Peng Kuo Meng-Tsai Tsai Ting-Lin Shih

We started our journey as individuals, and ended up as one of the best teams in Jessup 2020. New to the gorgeous field of international law, we were prepared for hard work but not fully prepared to be amazed by the brand-new vision of the world and ourselves. It was days and nights of research, discussions, and necessary small fights. Occasionally, it was overwhelming.

But it was Irene, our coach, who guided us and encouraged us to keep moving on. Tough in coaching, sharp in discussions, and wise in mentoring.

It was Alan, our team leader, a model of discipline, always thinking before the team and keeping us on track. Serving as Respondent 1, definitely a tough one to confront in Oral Rounds, leading us to our finals.

It was Meggie, serving as Respondent 2, with outstanding calmness and clear expressions, the best at establishing the whole picture for the disastrous hurricane.

Ryan, serving as Applicant 1, has his unique way of handling things, so incredibly reliable that he gets things done before we were ever worried.

Ling, serving as Applicant 2, high EQ and supportive, her hard-working and excellent language skills made her serve out the best endings of rebuttals.

Ester, serving as researcher, enjoyed the VIP seat to watch her wonderful teammates execute the strategies they developed.

It felt like we have been in the Jessup family for decades, while it had only been months. We have been through so many things together that we do not realize all of these wouldn't happen if we were not a team. We became our better selves.

Together, we go further.

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COLOMBIA

#374 Universidad de La Sabana

The 2020 Jessup meant for us the personal and academic challenge that showed us the true meaning of a team. When we started this journey, we were not close with one another, however, we shared our passion and love for international law. As we solved the case and wrote our memorials, we learned what a team was, got to know each one of us, identified each of our strengths and learned how to support each other in whatever we needed. We found not only what team 374 was capable of achieving, but we found an everlasting friendship that shaped us in every possible way.

Team roster

Ana María Grandas Rojas (Advisor) Nicolás Lozada Pimiento (Advisor) Nicolas Mayorga Alturo (Advisor) Carlos Enrique Arévalo Narváez (Advisor) Oscar Felipe Merchán García

Catherine Peña Linares
Maria Alejandra Franco Bautista
Natalia Cortes Cruz



We thank Jessup for teaching us what passion and sacrifice is. We trained every night from 7pm to midnight in order to prepare ourselves for the Oral Rounds. Within us and our amazing coaches, we found a family, who taught us that with discipline and passion we could achieve anything we set our minds to.

Jessup 2020 has marked our lives forever. We will never forget our local jokes, our tears, our frustrations, our fears, all those countless hours of constant learning and the specific moment they announced that we passed to the International Rounds. We will forever have each other and all these amazing moments that have shaped us as lawyers and as human beings.

If we could sum up our Jessup experience in three words, they would be: passion, sacrifice and friendship. So, thank you ILSA for giving us this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; we will cherish it forever, and if we may be of no further assistance, may it please the Court.

#407 Universidad del Norte

The Universidad del Norte
Jessup Team began with
an email, inviting us to be
part of an amazing learning
experience, accompanied
by no details at all. After
an extended phase
demonstrating our abilities
and commitment to our
coach, we were a team of
12 people full of purpose.
However, that number started
to decrease due to the
sacrifices required to bear
fruit in the Jessup experience.

Unfortunately, the enthusiasm that filled our team gradually disappeared; in October we were down to three students. At that time, if our coach hadn't believed in our skills in such a decisive way, that would have been the end for our brand-new participation. Thereafter, the biggest challenge started. We learned how to research moot problems, how to write them as simply as possible, how to explain them in a nutshell, and how to support each other even when all the previous situations ended up in unsatisfactory ways.





But the most extraordinary thing we were taught by the Jessup was about the constant attitude of support and kindness from Jessupers all over the world. We all agreed on the fact that despite our fearless disposition to keep in the track, it wouldn't had been enough without the enormous backup that many people gave to us. We will never find enough words to describe the emotions we felt when our work was recognized at Bogotá (Or as our coach called it "Botega"), and we will have always blooming in our



Team roster

German Sandoval (Advisor) Amalin Ricaurte Carolina Lozano Susana Pachon

minds the beautiful memories from the Helian Hyacinth year.

Nowadays, we can say that in no possible way an email or letter can describe the invaluable knowledge that we acquired in an experience as challenging as Jessup. We look forward to meet you all in the future;

Greetings, Amalin, Carolina, Susana and Germán.

#421 Universidad de los Andes

Team roster

Lilia Rosa Mendoza (Coach)
Sara Lucía Dangón (Coach)
Liliana Obregón (Advisor)
Camilo Torres Casanova
Esteban Bernal
David Amorocho
Mariana Rozo
Mariana Reyes

Jessup was an experience of a lifetime; it definitely went beyond an academic experience. We learned more than we could ever have in any class, not only about international law, but also about ourselves, our strengths and weaknesses. We discovered our abilities and ventured into the real meaning of teamwork. Above all, we learned about the value of authentic sacrifice.

Throughout the preparation for the competition, we had many ups and downs; some of us even considered quitting. However, we all stayed and conquered the sometimes overwhelming feelings that we experienced, because we yearned for more and always felt there





was more to be done. So we kept going, we kept pulling all-nighters, we kept laughing, mooting, crying and stress-eating. We kept going because, as other Jessup competitors may confirm, it was never enough. There was always something to be done and we always needed more time to research, to moot and review a new argument. And even now, we feel that it was not enough, there were not enough laughs, not enough tears, nor celebrations, nor rounds. It was just not enough.

Nonetheless and in spite of the sadness that we are experiencing right now, we are grateful. We cannot thank enough the amazing people we met, who we might have otherwise never

have encountered. We are grateful because although living together through the holidays was tough, we are now a family. Overall, we are grateful because thanks to the Jessup, we are all better people and professionals. The entire global community is currently facing the COVID-19 challenge, an unfortunate event that has taught us that as Jessup competitors we have the responsibility to promote international coordinated responses to these challenges and to use our knowledge and abilities to build an increasingly supportive international community. We are honored and determined to follow that legacy.

COSTA RICA

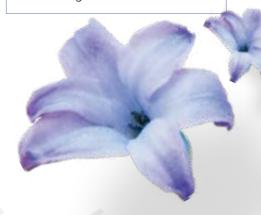
#697 University for Peace

When we were selected to join a team for the University for Peace to participate in the International Round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, we were extremely excited. We clearly knew that Jessup would allow us to evaluate our knowledge of international law for practical applicability in the near future. Preparation for the International Rounds had

never been without hard work and sleepless nights. Our team dreamt of facing judges from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and a presence on the highest stage of international mooting. Although the event was cancelled, preparation for the International Rounds itself has rewarded us with a life-changing experience. We learned to love and keep good faith in international law.

Team roster

Mariateresa Garrido (Advisor) Weiming Ou Sigrid Jan Lobaton Sibug Yuto Niimura Alvin Kurnia Sandy Ni Ni Aung





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CYPRUS

#495 University of Cyprus

Jessup was a fantastic experience for us for as long as it lasted. We were really hoping to live in the world of Adawa and Rasasa a little bit longer. We spent most of our time researching and writing our memorials while at the same time becoming acquainted with the most crucial and highly controversial issues of international law, we will cherish forever. The Jessup Friendly Rounds were a great opportunity for us to practice our oral skills and meet people from all over the world. Even though the International Rounds were cancelled, we are grateful for our participation because we widened our educational horizons, not only in regards to specific questions of international law. but also because we had the opportunity to enhance our practical legal skills. Jessup is not only an international moot competition, but most importantly represents the development of awareness

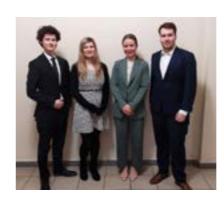
over international problems and of solidarity among people, which is exactly the reason why Jessup 2020 was cancelled. We are really looking forward to seeing you next year!

Team roster

Aristoteles Constantinides (Advisor) Athena Herodotou (Advisor) Charis Christopoulou Constantinos Christoforou Carmen Maria Karypidou Ivi Mavridou Georgios Sotiri



CZECH REPUBLIC







#508 Charles University

Team roster

Milan Lipovský (Coach) Petra Rešlová Miroslav Crha Adriana Chochelová Tomáš Krejčiřík Nela Brynychová

We believe everyone who took part in Jessup would agree it is so much more than just a moot court competition. It is an incredible community of people from all around the world, connected by their passion for international law, sharing their ideas and visions. The opportunity to participate in Jessup 2020 was a challenge all of us have welcomed. While it took a lot of time and effort, it provided us with the chance to get a whole new perspective on the practice of international law. The first-hand experience with how the procedure

before the International Court of Justice looks is something extraordinary.

We have been very lucky to take part in the European Friendly Rounds. It gave us a chance to experience a small version of what Washington would feel like, and has motivated us to work harder, to improve our skills even further and to strive for perfection. Although the cancellation of International Rounds was a severe blow to all of us, we are grateful for having had the opportunity to meet many new friends,

have so much fun bonding as a team, and getting the taste of the vibrant atmosphere of Jessup competitions. We simply don't want to give up on all of this, so, fingers crossed, we will be back next year!

Overall, Jessup represents half a year of our lives, fun moments with our new friends, challenges and obstacles conquered and many useful skills acquired. It was an exceptional experience we will never forget.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

#619 Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), Facultad de Derecho

Although regretful, the cancellation of this year's International Rounds did not dim the wonderfulness of the Jessup experience. A long time will pass, and we will still be reaping the benefits of preparing for it. and we will live the rest of our careers with such a boon. As importantly, we will treasure the memories alongside teammates and coaches, people who we now can call friends. The end was bittersweet, but the Jessup remains in our memory as an uplifting experience and a right decision.

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Team roster

Alain Eduardo Perdomo Peña (Coach) Ángel Antonio González García (Coach) Isabella Maria Dipp Anico Odille Alexandra Pujols Fernandez Diana Camila de los Santos Torres Adriana Santoni Vicens María Virginia Irizarry Quiñones





EGYPT

#462

Institut de Droit des Affaires **Internationales**



Becoming a part of Jessup has always been a dream of ours, ever since we were in our first year of law school.

Our journey began last September, when Chaden, Hana and Abdelrahman (thirdyear students) stumbled across the path of Nada and Malak (second-year students) and formed a team.

At the beginning, we felt clueless and faced many difficulties while working on the case, as we had no prior experience in mooting, let alone any background in public international law.

our school work and our commitment to Jessup, as we're enrolled in a double-major program, studying both French and Egyptian law.

Despite all the difficulties, we pursued our dream and through hard work, dedication and countless sleepless nights, it became a reality.

We've also shared together countless wonderful moments. For instance, the little moment of reward and pure joy once we'd found the piece of information we'd been researching for days,

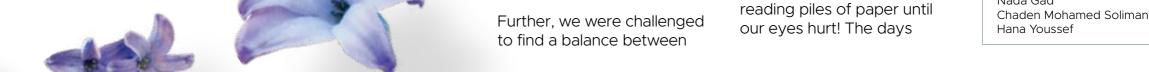


we'd spent "occupying" our advisor's house, two weeks prior to the National Rounds. to practice our pleadings. Finally, but most importantly, the moment it was announced that we qualified for the International Rounds.

Participating in this year's competition was mesmerizing and we've all—both individually and collectively learned so much. We will always be grateful and treasure such a wonderful experience, as it has also created this special bond that we will share forever as team members and friends, relying on one another, even after the competition has ended; a bond that we now call a family.



Abdelrahman Shata Malak Yasser Nada Gad



#520

Cairo University Faculty of Law-English Section

For us, the 2020 Jessup experience was a whirlwind rollercoaster of highs and lows. Eventually both these high and lows converged and epitomized the sublime moment of finding ourselves victorious at the National Rounds. Even though it was a truly metamorphic experience, one could confidently say that it wasn't without its challenges and sacrifices. If it was cleancut easy, then everyone would do it; and if everyone could easily go through it, then it wouldn't be Jessup. This competition taught us how to persevere even when we were on the verge of collapsing. Albeit grueling, that tipping point was a truly transformative experience for us. It was at that point that we knew how much every person was willing to push through his/her meltdowns to make it to the finish line. After going through this arduous experience, Jessup made us feel like we are equipped to

handle anything. However, this isn't just what Jessup is about. This competition is the perfectly furnished arena for aspiring law students to be able to study and simulate the delicate mechanics of international law. The way Jessup has taught us the intricate ways to navigate law and ourselves far exceeds what any lecture hall could have taught us. This is something that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. These transcendental qualities are what make Jessup so integral on multiple levels, even though, this year, the competitors could not carry on beyond the National rounds. But the unfortunate events happening right now did not and will not break down the Jessup spirit. No pandemic can take away the immense feelings of gratitude and pride that we are sure every team shares for going through this experience.

Team roster

Toqa Alaaeldin Abdelrahman Abdallah (Coach) Noura Amr Ibrahim Allam Sara Hatem Mostafa Zaki Taha Omar Hassan Borhamy Alfadaly Fatma El-Zahraa Ahmed Bahaa El Din Mohamed El Deweny Farida Amr Mohamed Shoukry Mohamed Helmy

> Jessup has taught us the intricate ways to navigate law.



ETHIOPIA

#587 Wollega University

We are team Jessup 2020 from Wollega University Ethiopia. In the past six months, we had a great time with our teammates writing memorials and preparing for Oral Rounds.

It was a great pleasure that our team qualified for the International Rounds.

For us, international law is part of our life because in our day-to-day life we are facing it and we are researching to improve our knowledge about international law.

Team roster

Afework Tesfaye (Advisor) Ayinadis Getie Abdi Begna Robera Hailu Tedi Mulata Godana Sinkaro





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FINLAND

#313 University of Helsinki

The picture was taken after we competed in the finals at the Jessup European Friendlies for the first time ever. It was a major milestone for Team Finland! Since we believed we would be traveling to DC just a month later, we were not too concerned with taking pictures in Prague and this ended up being the only picture with the whole team in it. However, the picture represents the Jessup experience perfectly; everyone is looking into a different camera (perfect teamwork, right?), being very happy but also very tired.

Even though we did not get the chance to travel to DC and meet all the teams, we are grateful for this experience and for all the things we have learnt as agents for Adawa and Rasasa.



Team roster

Aapo Heinäsmäki (Advisor) Ukri Soirila (Advisor) Atreyi Bhattacharjee (Advisor) Saara Sorvaniemi (Advisor) Sophie Suvanto Josetta Peltoniemi Carola Miller Pernilla Rönnberg

FRANCE

#531 Université de Strasbourg



17 September 2019. I believe that we can all agree that our adventure in the Jessup 2020 Moot Court Competition starts here. This is the day when all of us met Ali Sharifi, our coach who has supported us during months and dedicated endless hours to our work.

Our Strasbourg team is composed of members that have very different roots. We come from Brazil, Poland,

Team roster

Ali Sharifi Rayeni (Coach) Marie Toghtogh (Advisor) Ryma Zouhour Iles (Advisor) Eirini Pappa (Advisor) Carolina Barros De Castro E Souza Estelle Beauvillain Arina Kolcova Florian Weisbecker Sandra Greber

Latvia, Mongolia, Greece, Iran, France and Algeria, but as a team we were going to represent France on the international level.

These past months were unexpected in all aspects from the very beginning: Back in September, we had no idea of what we signed up to. We didn't know the amount of work that was waiting for us. But at the end, no one regrets this experience since we have all of a sudden become a part of something huge.







GEORGIA

#416

Free University of Tbilisi

This picture depicts our team—the students and coaches (students: Salome Gomarteli, Nino Sakvarelidze, Lasha Machavariani, Giorgi Chagelishvili; coaches: Tamar Tomashvili and Davit Kapanadze)—after winning the National Rounds. As you can clearly see, we were overwhelmed with joy! However, achieving this result was not easy at all—it cost

us a lot of sleepless nights, practice, research, endurance, nerves. Our way to the finals of Nationals was interesting and tough. It is devastating for the whole team that this road had to end here and not in Washington, DC. We are left with a bittersweet feeling, although we do maintain hope that this health crisis will end and we will have a possibility to experience

International Rounds of the Moot Court Competitions and many more fascinating days. Last but not least, we are still thankful for the opportunity of participating in the National Rounds. After all, we are the national champions! We wish the international community health, hope and resilience in this crisis. We will come back stronger than ever!

Team roster

Tamar Tomashvili (Coach) David Kapanadze (Coach)



#537

Caucasus School of Law

Can there be anything in life that would change my future? We have all asked ourselves this question, to which Jessup has now become the answer. After nearly a decade, Caucasus School of Law participated in Jessup and advanced to the White & Case International Rounds as an exhibition team. Tinatin, as one of the youngest coaches in Jessup history, has become our role model. Elizavet—whimpering on everything and being the nicest orator in the courtroom, Lazare—supplying the food and finding real-life parallels of the case all the time, Rusudan—amazing host

and being super-defensive towards every argument she had and Elene—becoming almost scholar in state succession and having an encyclopedia gathered in her laptop. As a team, who did not know each other before these good times, we faced a series of challenges during Jessup months. We established our Jessup "headquarters," where we lived together for months and kept working on Jessup problem 24/7. We never stepped back and never said no to our dreams; instead, all of us experienced an amazing iourney together, with a feeling of longing at first,

and then getting the invitation to International Rounds. Some of us found what they wanted to do in the future; others became more dedicated towards their goals.

What is the impact of our Jessup journey? We set a precedent that successful performance in Jessup is possible, even if the university participates in the Jessup once in a decade and has never been advanced to the International Rounds. We have shown that there are dozens of positive aspects to look for, even after losing and once you start feeling bad that it is over, get an invitation to the International Rounds.

Long story short: "It always seems impossible until it's done."



Team roster

Tinatin Oboladze (Advisor) Elizavet Dzotsenidze Rusudan Shashikadze Elene Kakhniashvili Lazare Napetvaridze

GERMANY

#155

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

For us the Jessup has been like riding a rollercoaster with many ups and downs along the ride. One of the highs was definitely our ability to work and laugh together as a team and the incredible dedication and support from our coaches. The Jessup required us to push hard to overcome our own doubts and insecurities and to combine extensive research and creativity into convincing arguments which we had to learn to deliver concisely. It was sometimes crushing and sometimes thrilling to find one piece of information that changed the direction of an entire argument. The fear of having overlooked such a crucial piece of information has led us all to work even harder, sacrificing many hours of sleep. On the other hand, it has been incredibly rewarding to be able to confidently form our own critical opinion and keep our stance whilst being bombarded with critical questions during the pleading





phase. We were so lucky to experience the high of qualifying for the International Rounds in Washington and sadly our ride ended abruptly with the cancellation of the International Rounds. This has left us feeling very disappointed and speechless with regard to the current crisis which we all were not quite able to grasp being so caught up in our own little Jessup world.



Team roster

Elisabeth Andersen (Coach) Siyabend Duman (Advisor) Alena Hünermund (Advisor) Friederike Utsch Johanna Heibrock Sophia Gasenzer Alexander Goeden Rory Dickson



#156 Bucerius Law School

Hamburg

What the Jessup meant to us was bringing together characters that hardly could have been more contrary in order to pursue a common goal and develop a common fascination for international law.

Our coaches Julia, Christoph and Julia are PhD students who had coached and participated in the Jessup in previous years and decided to put their dissertations aside for a while to give it one final shot to make it to Washington, DC.

With the same goal in mind, Thomas (A1, 4th-year student) sacrificed much of what others might consider the most crucial phase of the German bar exam preparation for the Jessup. Thomas even adapted his sleeping pattern to another time zone to better communicate with Jonas (R1, 3rd-year),



who spent most of the memorial phase on exchange in Québec. Probably due to the francophone influence, Jonas found five different ways to pronounce "Botega."

Adrian (A2, 3rd-year) wanted to plead for the respondent so badly at first that he even tried to convince his coaches that he liked Ms. Grev. Being a great team player, Adrian nevertheless quickly adapted to his role as applicant and became our rebuttal expert. Finally, Lukas (R2, 2nd-year) probably loves international law more than all of us and sounds like an old professor when speaking about it. You should have seen how happy he was when he found out that Dire Tladi

was going to judge in the German National Rounds.

Together, we have lived through sleepless nights and countless fights over the better argument. Thankfully, our coaches mostly managed to reconnect our puzzles (although sometimes they created even new ones)! Seeing how a 25-page fictional problem could unite us as a team makes us believe that the passion for international law will unite Jessup participants for years to come.

Team roster

Anna Seifert (Coach)
Christoph Saake (Advisor)
Julia Spiesberger (Advisor)
Julia Bartos (Advisor)
Thomas Dörtgöz
Jonas Kurz
Adrian Fraus
Lukas Reichl











GHANA



Team roster

Kalvin Addo McQuaye (Coach) Gideon Bisilki (Coach) Jonathan Abotiwine Alua (Advisor) Noah Ephraem Tetteh Adamtey Maame Yaa Boatemaa Ohene-Bonsu Selasi Dede Bedzrah Benedict Nii-Kraku Vitalis Suglo

We had the best of times: we had the most challenging of times. After a 10-year hiatus, the Ghana School of Law participated in the Philip C. Jessup Moot Competition. Our participation in this year's competition was not without formidable hurdles. In spite of the internal and external forces that threatened our continued participation, we made it through to the end of the National Rounds and that in itself is an achievement worth celebrating.

Having a group filled with moot veterans, and past winners of the National Rounds, was a double-edged sword. The high stakes increased the pressure and we could leave no room for failure. When an unexpected late dropout caused a restructuring of the group, a few cracks developed in our confidence. The introduction of a newbie could either result in a fortuitous blessing or lower the strength of the team. It was a gamble we had to take because of our commitment to representation and gender balance. Thankfully, the gamble paid off.

Our time spent together in preparation was both enjoyable and tense.

#190 Ghana School of Law

However, amidst countless narrations of nostalgic memories from past competitions, jokes, digressions and debates, our late nights of rehearsals proved fruitful. We made it through, coming out victorious, with an unprecedented clean sweep of all awards at the National Rounds.

This competition was well worth the effort. Through the successful appeals we lodged, we learnt how to be bold and tenacious. Through the fires of little support, challenges, snickers and intense research, lasting friendships were formed. Adversity became a stepping stone to success.

In the words of our team leader, this year was our final chance to participate in the competition; and now we can lay down our tools, knowing that we gave it our all and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is time.

GREECE

#285

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Our team's participation in the Jessup 2020 allowed us to embrace knowledge, skills and connections within the academic field of public international law. From the beginning of our common work, we came up with academic writings and developed ideas on several questions of international law, whereas we acquainted ourselves with the task of memorial-writing and the standing in the Moot Court

in a way that would definitely not be the same outside the Jessup Competition. All the team-gathering, the studying and our common hard work compose our Jessup experience; that was totally worth it!

We are more than grateful for the deep insight we have gained in the field of the public international law—including all interesting points touched by this year's problem—and the chance

we had to get to know each other, all the team members, and to work together with our coaches, who always stood by our sides and helped us the most to develop ourselves during our effort.

It goes without saying that for us, Jessup 2020 was a blast!

We are more than grateful for the deep insight we have gained in the field of public international law.



Team roster

Dimitrios Koutsoukos Panagiota Mitrakou Dimitrios Panousos Maria Kokkoni Nikolaos Santas



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Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

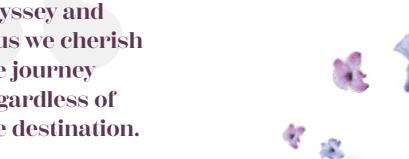
The Jessup has been a journey of utmost significance for all of us. From legal research to argumentation and pleading, we acquired a plethora of new skills; but most importantly we created a forever family. Jessup has been a complex, yet very enlightening journey that brought three random law students together and allowed them to share their passion for international law. There were ups and downs, but we are very proud of our achievements. We worked hard, we worked as a team and we made it as national champions. Jessup was an odyssey and thus we cherish the journey regardless of the destination. We will forever commemorate our coaches that patiently guided us throughout and made sure we got the most out of this experience. May our love for international law bring us together again.



Team roster

Ioannis Naziris (Advisor) Vassilis Pergantis (Advisor) Christos Zois Angeliki Tosounoglou Eleni Bitzika

Jessup was an odyssey and thus we cherish the journey regardless of the destination.



GUATEMALA

#571 Universidad del ISTMO



Team roster

Mario Reyna (Advisor) Fabiola Michelle Lima Espinoza (Advisor) Julio Pinto Barillas (Advisor) Daniel Gomez (Advisor) Ana Gabriela Platero Midence (Coach) Ana Lucía Chavez González Diana Dardon Diego Rodrigo Lima Franco Alejandra González Pablo Herrera

Gabriela, our coach, was always full of energy, and pushed us to our best, not only because she guided us in the competition but she opened her home to us. Fabiola, our team advisor who acted as our bailiff, the youngest of all, her wise words guided us in every practice round.

Ale, our first respondent, she is the one that left us speechless in every Oral Round. She is very analytical and came up with the best arguments. Diego, he is a fighter, he went through a surgery three days before

the National Rounds: he is determined and courageous. Pablo, the oldest of the group, he brought joy into the group and knew how to make us laugh; he never gives up.

Both Diego and Pablo did an excellent job as second respondents. Diana, our first applicant, is a ray of sunshine on those many cloudy days of Jessup; she thought us how to remain calm and cheered up. Analu, second applicant, is a kind, loving person. She might be short but with a big heart, she took care of everyone in the team, studied hard and gave motivational speeches when everyone felt nervous.

For each of us, the Jessup Moot Court Competition became part of our lives, not only changing the dynamics as law students, but making us change our life. Even though we didn't have the opportunity to compete in the International Rounds, we know we won not only the National Rounds, but a family.



HONG KONG

#449 Chinese University of Hong Kong





This year, the Chinese
University of Hong Kong team
consisted of Vincent Cheung,
Michael Leung, Kerry Poon
and Kevin Yeung as the
Oralists, Liam Lee as the
Researcher; Sherman
Ho and Kelvin Tse as the
Student Coaches, and
Professor Stephen Hall as
the Faculty Advisor.

We are very pleased to share that, on 15 March 2020, the team won the Hong Kong Regional Rounds of the competition and secured the Best Oralist prize, which was awarded to Michael Leung.

The team's victory did not come easily and would not have been possible without

the efforts of the team and all the other amazing people who supported the team throughout the process up until the very end.

It is most unfortunate that the International Rounds of the competition in Washington, DC have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we are pleased to see that teams from all over the world are still able to bond with each other through the Jessup Facebook Group. sharing their experience and discussing the intricacies of the moot problem. We would like to thank the ILSA and everyone who helped and made the Jessup

Competition in the first place, who managed to make innovative moves under harsh circumstances to allow the spirit of Jessup to continue through an online platform.

We, as a team, believe that our journey with Jessup and public international law has not ended here, and we greatly anticipate the return of the Jessup Competition next year.

Team roster

Ka Chai Tse (Advisor) Ho Chi Ho (Advisor) Stephen Hall (Advisor) Hoi Ming Leung Kerry Hiu Liam Poon Ka Kit Lee Wai Kin Yeung Hoi Yin Cheung

HUNGARY

#403

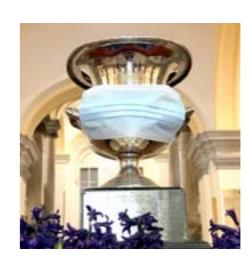
Eötvös Loránd University

The ELTE Jessup Team (Kálmán Varga, Luca Farkas, Marcell Koncsik, Patrik Boa and coaches dr. Gabor Kajtar, dr. Barbara Bazanth) after winning the European Friendly Rounds in Prague was devastated to learn about the cancellation of the 2020 International Rounds. We have been working very hard to keep the Jessup Cup for one more year in Budapest of course by winning the International Rounds and not by not being able to return the Cup to DC in due time.

The Jessup Cup is safely quarantined at ELTE Law School by wearing a medical mask and practicing social distancing. Although the Cup is heartbroken not to be in DC with the Jessup community, you can see that the Helian Hyacinth is blooming again. So fellow Jessupers and friends, don't give up and keep calm: The International Jessup community and the 2021 International Rounds will be more flourishing than ever!

Team roster

Barbara Bazanth (Coach) Gabor Kajtar (Coach) Marcell Koncsik Luca Farkas Patrik Boa Kalman Varga



Don't give up and keep calm: The International Jessup community and the 2021 International Rounds will be more flourishing than ever!





ICELAND

#243 University of Iceland





Team roster

Kristín Benediktsdóttir (Advisor) Bjorn Davidsson (Advisor) Aslaug Larusdóttir (Advisor) Marlena Piekarska Kamilla Kjerulf Tamar Lipka Þormarsdóttir Thelma Kristjansdóttir

The experience gained throughout this competition is priceless. We learned so much by taking part in jessup, as this was the first international competition for all of us, which was certainly a large step out of our comfort zone. The project is demanding and requires a heavy workload, yet the whole process is fun and humbling. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to compete in the Jessup Friendly in Prague and we got a taste of how the main competition would run. We are grateful for Jessup and the doors that the competition has opened for us.

INDIA

#703

National Academy for Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad



There were many obstacles to our journey to winning the Indian National Rounds, and qualifying to participate in the International Rounds. Due to our college's delay in organizing the internal rounds to select the team representing our university, we could only begin preparations for the Moot in November 2019, over a month after the release of the Moot Problem. However, throughout our winter break we persevered and worked together on the Problem, despite being in different cities and meeting only about a week prior to the Memorial

Submissions. We nevertheless managed to not only qualify for International Rounds but also win the Indian National Rounds, which had more than 36 teams from different Universities—while also gaining invaluable experiences and connections in the process.

We are grateful to have worked on such an interesting Problem, encompassing such diverse areas of law. Vishesh and Priyamvadha spent days debating the validity of automatic state succession and covering a huge breadth of international humanitarian law, human rights law, and public international law with respect to the WALL and autonomous systems, while Vishaka and Pranay wrangled over lis pendens and the validity of Rasasan tariffs as well as wondering why Adawa had ever made Ms. Darian Grey Minister for Foreign Affairs. It has been a long,

at times difficult, but ultimately wonderful and enriching experience. While we deeply wish to have been able to meet and participate in the rounds in Washington, we are glad to be an enduring part of the spirit of Jessup.

Team roster

Ranjeev Khatana (Advisor) Priyamvadha Shivaji Vishaka Ramesh Vishesh Bhatia Pranay Maladi



#124 **West Bengal National** University of Juridical Sciences

Jessup 2020 seems like it was an entire lifetime in itself. In the time that Jessup happened, we worked insane amounts during holidays and festive seasons; juggled internships and academics studying for exams and mooting; we nearly got debarred; we argued over innumerable things; had mental breakdowns; cried, laughed, developed inside jokes and friendships for a lifetime. Among so many other things, Varunavi's tendency of deleting every second message that she sent, Tasneem's intelligence agency-level stalking skills, Anoushka's black holes of IL questions, Rohit's unwavering faith in our research, Agastya's jokes, and our favorite observer Varun's enthusiasm are things that



brought us closer together as a team. We submitted our memorials with blood. sweat and tears, with some well-deserved chiding by Zubin (the best coach anyone could ask for), threats of being coach-less if we failed to do so, and with exactly 30 seconds to spare. We were then thrown into the deep end unprepared for the gruesome hell that speaking practice was. A month of no sleep, between 5 am practices and 11 pm discussions, marathon weekends where when pushed ourselves to practice four times a day, and some deserved and undeserved criticism and praise. The National Rounds were one of a kind too. Three stressful days of hostel video calls,

an experience we will cherish for a lifetime. Qualifying for the International Rounds was exhilarating, being unable to go was immensely disappointing. Maybe next time?

We were informed that it was all right to be heartbroken after we spent nine months of our lives in the Crosinian universe. When's the last time you spent nine months of every day on something and didn't fall a little bit in love with it? So, thank you Jessup 2020 for what was, in an understatement, an extremely eventful and memorable journey.

Team roster

Zubin Dash (Coach) Tasneem Zakir Varunavi Bangia



Team roster

Aman Bhattacharya (Coach) Abhijeet Shrivastava Rahul Desarda Faizan Ahmad Rudraksh Lakra Sankalp Sharma

We are a young team of Indian law students with four sophomores and one fourthyear student (all pursuing a five-year integrated course). Dauntingly, both mooting and international law were foreign to us! In the early days, it was impossible to imagine we would reach a point where we would be writing a brief such as this. With perseverance, luck, and the guidance of many from the Jessup community, this long journey taught us in equal measure about law and life.

In the case concerning the Helian Hyacinth, we understood much about endlessly fascinating themes that enticed our imagination for the future and incidentally helped us realize the



inequities of law. Exploring

further made clear that the

are not only competent, but

Our coach, Prof. Aman, who

advisor/coach many a time

in the Jessup, appreciates

that he has continued to

has been a participant and an

learn more, explore nuances,

describe our journey similarly.

and challenge his pre-fixed

understandings. We would

He also tells us that he has

felt inspired watching us, as

novices, tackle the taxing

demands of the Jessup. It

goes without saying that his

tutelage and patience have

humbled us. His pursuits in

international law and those

of others from the Jessup

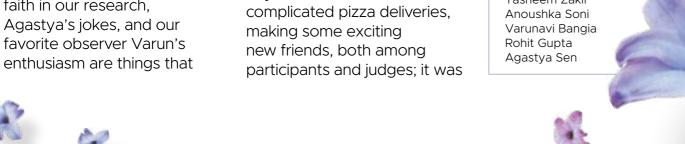
also committed to the service

world needs lawyers who

of humanity.

fraternity who guided us, have strengthened our hopes of being able to be of service to humanity.

We were devastated that we could not meet and be further inspired by teams internationally. Yet, we concur that this is what the spirit of the Jessup demanded this year, and we hope that all participants are safe and well. In the twilight of our journey, we believe our sleepless nights, our preparations with the support of Broseph (our dog-official "Jessupup" as per another team!) and the many sacrifices have all been worthwhile—we are grateful to become a part of the Jessup community.







#389 Gujarat National Law University

Each of us espoused different motivations when we first negotiated the formation of a team. Akanksha was besotted by the thrill of advocacy, Samaksh was enamored by the prospects of team and travel, Samira sought academic fascination and frustration, and Varun was bent on staking claim to the Jessup legacy.

As time passed and we assumed the wholesome quality of a team, these ideations were consumed by the singular goal of "cracking the problem." What followed

was two months alone on a residential campus, as our college peers went home for the winter break. And just like that, Jessup became an adventure.

A lucky pup on campus almost acquired the Botega namesake, pizza and "21 jump street" was a rewarding departure from the dystopian WALL, Helian tariffs merited mention at every mundane meal, and Ms. Grey found redemption on a midnight ice-cream raid. Our journey spanned three cities, hundreds of enigmatic conversations, thousands of scholarly pages, and countless cups of coffee from an over-exploited, newly installed coffee machine.

For these experiences, and more, we are indebted to each other, and to Jessup.

We are also grateful to our coach, Vishakha Choudhary—who tirelessly entertained our calls and complaints, and all the other Jessupers, from the boy who left us a box of goodies to get us through memo submission, to the seniors who ran down the hallways celebrating our success like their own.

It was awe-inspiring to see the dedication of the Jessup alumni community. But as we enter the portals of Jessup alumni ourselves, we recognize from where such devotion stems. From the sense of fraternity that Jessup inspires. Barriers of time, distance, language and nationality dissolve in the collective experience, in the shared sense that Jessup is more than just a moot. It is a life-goal, it is a life-lesson, and for that brief, interminable period—it is a lifestyle.



Varun Srinivasan Samaksh Sood Samira Mathias Akanksha Singh











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INDONESIA

#227

Universitas Katolik Parahyangan

When we first started mooting, neither of us knew just what we were getting into. We didn't think Jessup would mean so much to us. It wasn't just another competition anymore and qualifying to Washington, DC became our ultimate dream. After failing last year, we promised to return again stronger, more experienced, and most importantly as a team. It's been 11 years since our campus last qualified to the International Rounds. This year was going to be the year we would make it there again.

We understood that this was not going to be an easy task. There were so many obstacles along the road and for most of us in the team this is the last year we'll be able to compete. To say that we were under a lot of pressure is an understatement. However, we are nothing if not dedicated, stubborn even. Nothing was going to stop us from achieving

everything we sought out to do. Then, against all odds, we did. Words cannot describe the feeling of hearing our team number followed by "Congratulations! You're going to DC!"

The cancellation of the International Rounds was devastating. We have worked so hard only for fate to deal us a bad hand. Nevertheless, not a single one of us regretted competing this year. To be a part of Jessup's long and proud history has been a life-changing experience for us. We have learned so much, come so far, and have become all the better for it. It has definitely been a roller-coaster of emotions. but we wouldn't have it any other way. We will always hold Jessup in a special place in our hearts. Rest assured, we will return, victorious, next year.

Sincerely,

Team 227



Gregorius Sachio Wibisono (Coach) Teddy Trianto Antono (Coach) John Lumbantobing (Advisor) Theodora Saputri (Advisor) Theo Prawiradirdja Clemens Danang Aurelia Livya Poluan Vincent Jiadi Sabella Jane Tjasa











Team roster

Intan Inayatun Soeparna (Advisor) Thesalonica Shinta Pramita Natalia Kurniawan Frans Yosua Putra Iskandar Katherine Abidea Salim Zalfa Attivah Faradiba Jatmiko

#378 Universitas Airlangga

To our university, the Jessup is more than just a competition. It is a chance for us to learn, grow and work with some of the best legal institutions in Indonesia. Coming from a small university, we had always felt disadvantaged by the lack of resources and coaches. This inspired us to work harder and smarter to craft arguments that were air-tight. It was our seniors who had created a Jessup ecosystem that pushed us to be a better, stronger team. As a result, we became a team that was dedicated to Adawa and Rasasa. The Jessup also presented numerous working opportunities, as law firms were lining up to provide sponsorships and internship opportunities for the team. For that, we are forever grateful for this community and competition.





#463

Universitas Padjadjaran

I am at a loss for words to even begin to describe what the Jessup meant to me and my teammates. I think I speak not only for my team but for all delegates around the world that we are eternally grateful to have participated in the Jessup. Through the Jessup, my teammates and I have been able to develop exponentially as law students. The Jessup has undeniably increased our skills in legal research, writing and oral advocacy. Outside of that, the connections we have gained through the Jessup, whether it be growing with each other throughout this process as a team or networking with prominent lawvers and other competitors from different law schools. were invaluable and will be cherished for years to come.

This particular Jessup season meant a lot to my teammates and me, since it was the first time in my university's history in competing in the Jessup that our team made it through the grand finals and qualified for the International Rounds in Washington, DC. The moment when judges announced we had won our semi-final rounds, and the atmosphere of pleading in the grand finals will forever be etched in my memory. That this was all we had worked towards. That the late nights of practice, heated debates, and literal blood, sweat and tears was worth it.

Thank you to my teammates, our coaches, the advisors, everyone who has helped in the process, the Indonesian National Rounds Committee and ILSA for making the Jessup possible.

Team roster

Diajeng Wulan Christianti (Advisor) Yogi Bratajaya Agung Kurniawan Sihombing Indira Priandani Fara Aliftisha Maharani Syifa Adila





#721 Universitas Islam Indonesia



Team roster

Fasya Addina (Coach)
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Christoper Cason (Advisor)
Ardya Syafhana
Rafi Nasrulloh Muhammad Romdoni
Annisa Aulya Putri
Rukma Hermawan
Alfi Nurjannah

The Agents of 721 would like to present two propositions:

First, Jessup is a combination of the prospect of self-improvement and collective passion striving to be the best of the best. You invest immeasurable attention, time, and energy in it with unwavering commitment.

Second, even without physically attending the International Rounds, in the past eight months, the Agents have witnessed the value of hard work that recognizes no limit, sincerity, patience, tolerance, and the knowledge that family does not always mean by blood.

Hence, we respectfully submit to the Court a promise that UII will return to the 2021 Jessup International Rounds.

These photographs may serve as the guardian of that promise. They capture and immortalize Jessup is a combination of the prospect of self-improvement and collective passion striving to be the best of the best.

the smiles of our three oralists, Ardya Syafhana, Rafi Nasrulloh Muhammad Romdoni and Alfi Nurjannah; our coaches, Christopher Cason, J.D., and Nur Gemilang Mahardhika, S.H., LL.M.; our researchers, Rukma Hermawan and Annisa Aulya Putri; our manager, Arief Hasanul Husnan Nasution; and our supporters from Ull's Board of Alumni. As you can see, the fires do not die from morning to evening despite the exhausting Rounds.

Thank you, and may it please the Court, we will be seeing you next year.



IRAQ

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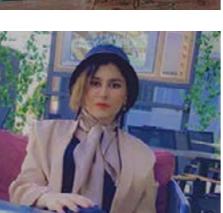
American University of Iraq-Sulaymaniyah

Team roster

Hedi Hamad Amin (Advisor) Davar Abdulla Mohammed Abbas Dilan Sirwan Noor Omer Evan Jaaf

It does not take a genius to recognize the importance of the Jessup Moot Court Competition for law students who are willing to expand their knowledge concerning international law. I can say that the competition enlightened our way as a team towards a better understanding of international law issues and challenges. I believe that the Jessup Competition is the heart of the Cultural Revolution as it embodies all the accomplishments of law students in a single yet glamorous competition. My team and I worked on the legal issues effortlessly despite the challenges. However difficult, however competitive, the amount of work we put in was worth it because the particular





knowledge this competition provides is perfectly designed to build a haven of study from which we could discuss the many perspectives on the legal issues. In addition, I think participating in the Jessup Competition is crucial





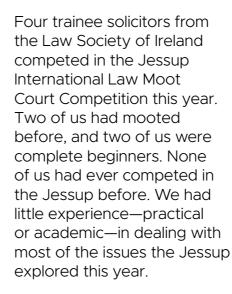
in cultivating the knowledge associated with international law, and I am so lucky I have participated in something that makes saying goodbye so hard.



IRELAND

#493

Law Society of Ireland



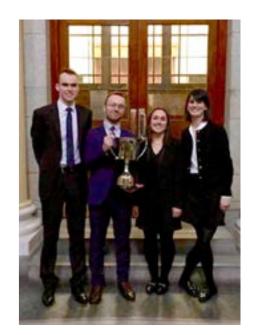
Throughout our time competing we faced several hurdles and we competed against a high standard of competition at the Irish National Rounds. The Law Society of Ireland ultimately won the Irish National Rounds in the Four Courts in Dublin, leaving us excited for the International Rounds in Washington, DC.

We are deeply concerned by the spread of COVID-19 globally, and believe that the measures taken by ILSA are the sole appropriate response to this crisis. Our submissions were the result of hours of practice, research, and argument amongst ourselves and our coach. It was a deeply rewarding experience to compete in the Jessup this year and we were delighted to win the Irish National Rounds.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our coach, Deirdre Potenz, who had a transformative effect on our ability as advocates. As a former Jessup competitor, her able coaching and knowledge of the competition were indispensable to us. We would also like to express our thanks to the Law Society of Ireland for supporting us throughout the competition.

Team roster

Deirdre Potenz (Advisor) Louise O'Callaghan Shauna Scannell Sam Elliott Darren McConnon









ISRAEL



Hi everyone! We're the Hebrew University of Jerusalem team— Oren Rachmiel, Daniel Feld, Lina Tabari, Noya Doron, and Lianna Bernstein. We started our research wayyy back in April and were lucky to be assisted by our amazing coaches—Dr. Tamar Megiddo, and student coach, Jiries Elias.

Some of our favorite memories of Jessup were getting to be the first students in the university every
Sunday morning at 9 am to
start practice (WOOHOO),
staying up all night in the 24hour library of the computer
science students to finish our
memorials, and competing
in the national competition
during our finals period. Even
though it got pretty hectic at
times, it was always fun to
be together.:)

The best parts about the Jessup for us were learning

#165 Hebrew University

Team roster

Tamar Megiddo (Coach) Jiries Elias (Assistant Coach) Tal Mimran (Advisor) Lina Tabari Daniel Feld Oren Rachmiel Lianna Bernstein Noya Doron



how to do a #fire rebuttal (and surrebuttal for the Respondents), getting to the point where we could answer any questions that the judges threw at us with confidence, and THE TEAM THE TEAM THE TEAM! Even though we were excited to meet all of you in Washington, we feel lucky to have finished the year with a great new group of friends!

ITALY

#642

Università degli studi di Bari

We are Gianmaria Iliade, Mariapia Piacenza, Paola Rizzi, Rossana Sasso and Roberta Strippoli, members of the "Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro" team!

The Jessup Competition has been an unforgettable experience for us, five guys who jumped into something that they were sure was bigger than them, five near strangers trying to do something that, in their city, had never been done before.

Jessup has been so many things for us, undoubtedly a source of struggle and inspiration, a reason for sleepless nights spent rummaging through documents, wondering how to better understand a concept that we never seemed able to fully grasp.

It has been a competition, the most difficult we ever sustained, but it was also a unique opportunity to meet people from all over Italy, to connect with someone who has the same passion as us.

It was challenging, but so much more than that. It was desperation every time we couldn't find the perfect document, but also bonding in front of a beer at 6 p.m. because "we think better this way." I was hiding under the covers the night before the oral pleadings, overwhelmed and convinced of being hopeless, but also knowing that, in that very room, at 2 am in the morning, there were four other people ready to lift you up.

It was the anxiety of standing up to speak for the first time, but also the screams of joy of discovering that we were the first Italian team to have ever qualified, at its first participation, for the Semi-Finals.

It was a room that, on the first day, had five strangers but in the end only saw friends.









Team roster

Federico Ceci (Advisor)
Francesco Emanuele Celentano (Advisor)
Roberta Strippoli
Paola Francesca Rizzi
Gianmaria Iliade
Mariapia Piacenza
Rossanna Sasso





#759

Università degli Studi di Milano

The Jessup is an amazing challenge that changes you not only as a law student, but mainly as a person. Jessup for us meant meeting new people with whom you had to gain confidence very soon, since the research work was very tough and demanded a huge amount of cooperation from the very beginning. Jessup was the sense of exhaustion leaving the university when everyone was already gone. It was the sense of sudden joy for finding a solution to a complex problem and the mounting feeling of despair

for discovering days later that such a solution was actually unsustainable. In time, we soon turned out as great friends and this nice working environment transformed tensions into mutual help and support, leading us to the victory at the National Rounds!

In fact, it is not just studying hard, simulations, drafting memorials, skipping lunches and getting crazy, but it is also chiefly friendship, kindness, self-esteem, determination and passion.

Team roster

Luigi Crema (Coach)
Riccardo Danelli (Advisor)
Giovanni Della Chà (Advisor)
Chiara Buffoni (Advisor)
Evelina Marazza (Advisor)
Jacopo Natali (Advisor)
Giorgia Paris (Advisor)
Martina Danesi (Advisor)
Fabio Gallo Perozzi (Advisor)
Emil Tan (Advisor)
Alessandro Canosa
Rachele Magnaghi
Candida Mistrorigo
Giacomo Poletti
Arianna Ragione

The Jessup is an amazing challenge that changes you not only as a law student, but mainly as a person.







JAMAICA

#622

Norman Manley Law School

Greetings fellow Jessupers,

Much like all the other teams around the world, we are extremely saddened at the cancellation of the International Rounds. Even in the midst of this crushing COVID-sanctioned disappointment, we remain hopeful that the spirit of the Jessup is left undamaged. No doubt the spirit of the Jessup remains ever more contagious.

We anticipate that our Crosinian counterparts had the enriching experience that we did through researching and fierce argument.

Nevertheless, we are all Jessupers. Don't forget that. Maybe one day some of us will meet during an ICJ dispute, a WTO dispute, an ICC dispute or a matter that encompasses all three tribunals. Who knows? Until then, The Norman Manley Law School Jessup Team wishes you all the best in your future endeavors.



Team roster

Marc Ramsay (Coach) Christine Brooks Andrena Athill Rojae Brown James-Erle Kirkland Zachary Phillips







JAPAN

#349 Sophia University





Team roster

Yuta Murakami Miki Tokunaga Iori Nihira Kazuki Yamada Mako Watanabe

The Jessup 2020 was definitely a part of our life.



This journey of almost 6-months to dig into the world of Adawa and Rasasa has been a wonderful one, giving us excitement and enlightening experience on the fragmentation of international law and some hot issues surrounding the Helian Hyacinth. We must say furthermore we were so blessed to have the opportunity to work closely with our team of dedicated

students and create a strong bond between us. The Jessup 2020 was definitely a part of our life. Lastly, we are so full of gratitude to all the organizers, judges and participants of the qualifying round in Japan; we also are obliged to our coaches who kindly supported us in the entire period of this Jessup season. ありがとうございまし た。("Thank you" in Japanese) **#779**

Kyoto University

What is the 2020 Jessup Cup for me? Through the competition, I realized "the fellowship and mutual support," though it did in an unexpected manner.

Two years ago when I began university - I was determined to learn international law and acquire the skill of grasping things from many angles, by participating in the Jessup International Rounds in order to serve, in the future, the global community. After that, I spent the following days practicing English and improving oral and written proceedings, in order to participate in the International Rounds. As a result of the two-year effort, I won the National Rounds and gained



the chance to take part in the International Rounds.

As is known well, however, the Competition was cancelled. It seemed to me that I lost the chance. Nonetheless, the cancellation, ironically, told me the importance of "fellowship and mutual support" in our global community. I learned it by facing the most difficult circumstances regarding COVID-19 in a more effective way than any other way.

Nowadays, more and more people around the world are losing their lives due to

COVID-19. The only way left for me to tackle such serious situations is to learn international law, and, based on the knowledge and the way of thinking, in the future, I would like to contribute to the realization of international peace and security, even when facing the most severe situation.

Team roster

Ryoya Miyoshi Hiroshi Tanioka Kohei Nishioka Anna Kreshchenko Kohdai Kimura









JORDAN

#783 University of Jordan



It has been enlightening to take this journey together, representing The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The Jessup had been the most incredible journey for the past five months. Since October, our team put its heart and soul into ensuring our best endeavors are fulfilled. It has become our daily bread and we dwelled into parsecs otherwise unknown to us. It has been enlightening to take this journey together, representing The Hashemite

Team roster

Omar Okour (Coach)
Mohammad Aladham (Advisor)
Sara Jiries (Advisor)
Noura Alami
Shaha Alassaf
Layan Haj Khalil
Sura Smadi
Mohammad Mufid Qurashi



Kingdom of Jordan in, what can only be described as an unprecedented experience. Our legal careers are still in infancy, but we hope that with the knowledge and fortitude the Jessup competition has provided us with, we shall grow ever more eager to learn and practice international law and stand right and just.

KAZAKHSTAN

#706

M. Narikbayev KAZGUU University

We are glad to go through all these nine months of sleepless nights, research, arguments and countless oral rounds. Looking back we see how Jessup matured our personal growth. We dedicated our efforts to make every day of work count even in the situation when our participation at all was uncertain. Preparing for this year's Jessup taught us many valuable lessons. Even after the shattered disappointment we all faced, we would never wish to reverse the time or trade this invaluable experience for anything else. Let this year be a reminder for all of us to value every moment and never give up in spite of all the hardships.

Best regards,

KAZGUU Jessup Team

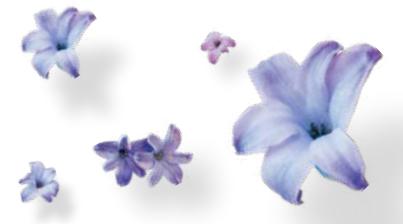


Anna Dolidze (Coach) Miras Daulenov (Coach) Ualsher Akhanov Askar Tazhanov Alina Rakhimzhanova Anar Beisenova Binazir Moldabekova



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KENYA

#842 University of Nairobi

The Kenyan Jessup Team 2020, Number 842 is made up of three seasoned mooters, Charity Ouma, Amor Aska and Alima Mubassu. Having participated in several national and international Moot Court competitions such as the Nuremberg moot 2019 and the All Africa Competitions 2019, the 2020 Philip C. Jessup moot court competition as the "mother of all moots" was to be a crown of our participation in Moot Court Competitions.

In our interaction with former participants of the competition and material related to the competition. we realized even before participation that this competition demands absolute dedication and simply the best of the best. It is for this reason that we started preparations even before the release of the question with research into the general anticipated themes and analysis of past memorials. We knew that









to leave the mark that we intended to in Washington, we would need to prove ourselves among the best and thus capable of facing the best of the best, which is the crop that the Jessup competition admits.

Words cannot capture the investment and passion that we put into our participation in the competition.

We thus embarked on the journey that is wellknown to any member of the "Jessupers" club that is drafting and redrafting arguments to the point of perfection. The efforts can hopefully be seen in our wellargued written submissions, which were a product of an uncounted number of drafts culminating in ingenious arguments worthy of the pertinent questions in the Case Concerning the Helian Hyacinth. They gratefully earned us a prospective slot as Team Kenya following our win at the National Rounds.

Words cannot capture the investment and passion that we put into our participation in the competition. We, therefore, fully own the disappointment with which the organizers

Team roster

Samson Alosa (Coach) Charity Ouma Aska Amor Alima Mubassu



have sympathized at the cancellation of the competition. With similar understanding, we are in support of the decision to uphold public health above all else and deeply grateful to the Philip C. Jessup organizers for the development that participation in this competition has offered us thus far. We consider ourselves Jessupers for the experience. Special thanks to the University of Nairobi School of Law for allowing us participation in this and other competitions, Mr. Dominic for making the National Rounds possible, our Patron Mr. Alosa for wholesome guidance. Leone, Nkarichia, Deborah and numerous friends for training with us and encouraging us, and the Almighty God for his love and guidance.

KOSOVO

#457

University of Pristina

This journey of almost eight months has been a wonderful one. Our team quarantined for eight months away from our social life. We put in enormous investments of time, energy and passion. We spent the last eight months breathing life into the world of Adawa and Rasasa, starting from the trepidation after going through the problem for the first time, to pouring countless hours into legal research and writing.

We participated in the Friendly Rounds in Prague and we were soooo ready for the final stage: Washington, DC and the International Rounds.

We are very sad that we will not have the chance to meet with all of you in DC.

We really appreciate every moment we spent together in this!

Jessup, you have our hearts!

Team roster

Dren Doli (Advisor) Bonita Saliu Zgjim Mikullovci Dren Qerimi Levik Rashiti Rina Mehana











KUWAIT

#228 Kuwait International Law School

Team roster

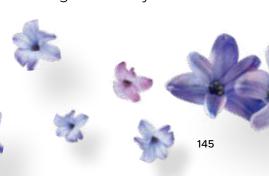
Fatemah Albader (Coach) Julie Yassine (Advisor) Haya Alrujaib Zain Alansari Nour Alnaqeeb Fatemah Alzahraa Hamad Maha Abdullah

After months of latenight practice and endless amounts of coffee, our team was ready to head to the International Rounds. To hear that this year the Jessup was cancelled was, to say the least, devastating. Nonetheless, these past few months have been amazing, and it has shown us the meaning of teamwork and dedication. We, the Kuwait International Law School Team, persevered. If we could do it all over again knowing that we would not be able to compete, we still would. Jessup is now a part of who we are. The meaning of Jessup, and the honor to have come this far, will carry with us for life, transcending our days in law school.

Participating in the Jessup has also provided us with a rich educational experience. More personally, it taught us the strength of teamwork. Our coaches also given us an immense amount of knowledge, including how to research more effectively. After doing Jessup, we feel that our skills have drastically elevated, such that it will help us in our future careers. In addition, we learned that self-satisfaction is far greater than obtaining a win, because the real competition is our own minds and the limitations we set for ourselves. In this regard, we are thankful that the Jessup has helped us exceed our own expectations.

Already, we feel that the Jessup helped improve our skills, including commitment, patience, and learning to acknowledge weaknesses.

The Jessup changes you. It gets to you. It keeps you going. Notwithstanding current events, we still hold ourselves to be part of the Jessup community. We are now a part of the Jessup family. We hope to be able to come back next year, and the years after that—as competitors, and eventually as judges. The Jessup will not be forgotten this year.



KYRGYZSTAN

#220

Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University

We are the team from Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University #220. The participation at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is our first experience, so everything that happened within this competition happened to us for the first time!

It took us three hours by car, one hour by plane and four hours at the airport to get to the National Qualifying Rounds of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan in Tashkent. Despite this we were full of enthusiasm and passionate about getting into the White & Case International Rounds and competing against other teams from 100 other countries and jurisdictions.

Due to the fact that we took part in this competition for the first time, the National Qualifying Rounds were full of useful experience for each of us. But also there were some incidents. So in one of the rounds, one of our speakers got so ill that he had to get an IV. One of our researchers had to square off before a panel of judges. It was really a kind of emotional stress for our participant! But the preparation and work until 5 am allowed us to perform well and lead our team to the finals of the competition.

We learned to conduct a dialogue with the judges, as well as listen to our opponents and prepare counterarguments. The most important thing is that we have learned to work as a team. Each team member

was an element of the overall mechanism that worked to achieve the result. We got an invitation to the International Rounds of the Jessup in Washington. All this time we have been living in the world with the State of Adawa and the Republic of Rasasa in the Region of Crosinia, the only place on Earth where the Helian Hyacinth is cultivated.

Team roster

Aliya Maralbaeva (Advisor) Nazira Tursunbaeva (Advisor) Elina Salyzhanova Temirlan Tagaibaev Danil Tsoi Zhibek Kydyrova Ramilia Almazbekova



#300

American University in Central Asia

We will never say that everything that we went through during the preparation for the competition went in vain, because we became a family.

This year, Kyrgyzstan for the first time went to the National Rounds. These rounds were conducted by Uzbek National Administrators in Tashkent in parallel with Uzbek National Rounds, concluding it with Uzbek-Kyrgyz Friendly Rounds. Four teams participated in the Kyrgyz National Rounds, so we did our best to advance. Many sleepless nights and days we walked together, many books and cases we read while researching and writing a memorandum. Every day we arranged pleadings in front of each other to improve our oral and presentation skills. We were all thrilled.

During National Rounds, we supported each other. We helped with research, helped with getting rid of nervous situations, and the reason why we didn't have stressful situations is because of each other; the aura of the working atmosphere was inspiring and joyful. We always laughed at different things during our preparation, and therefore we got used to each other very quickly. Teamwork is very important in every work.

The Team 300 would like to say thanks to everyone who was preparing for rounds, everyone who volunteered and everyone who organized rounds. These are incredible people. Another big thank you we would like to say to our coach Ms. Arina Efremova—she is the one who led us to success.

She was the one who prayed for us and helped us a lot. Thank you!!!

Team roster

Arina Efremova (Coach)
Suzanna Boozari Moghaddam
(Coach)
Elina Aibek Kyzy
Guzal Alimova
Bakai Abdykul Uulu
Takhmina Alikbaeva









LITHUANIA

#570

Vytautas Magnus University

For us this year's Jessup started quite early. We started working in summer, went to various summer schools, learned and practiced the necessary skills to become a better oralist and to achieve better results in DC. Our team consisted of four members and one coach. Two members participated for the first time.

This year we invested a lot of time and effort, because we believed in ourselves. We were also determined that we could achieve better results considering that we already had experience from the previous year.

of drafting memorials we noticed that the experience we had was really helpful. However, it was really hard to decide which arguments to leave and which to cross out, as there was not enough space for everything. Even before the memorials submission deadline we were working on certain issues and technical aspects. Still, we managed to submit everything on time and that was a huge relief, which lasted for that night only. The next morning we started practicing our Oral Rounds.

Especially during the process





Deividas Uzkurys (Coach) Gustas Armalis Remigijus Čapas Aurimas Kavaliauskas Andrius Martovičius

We also had some hard times, especially during preparations and due to constant stress. But at the same time it was the moment when we finally became a team. It was a very interesting period which lasted until March, when we participated in the European Friendly. After the Friendly rounds, we were happy about our performance and certain that we have strong arguments. In particular, we felt that we are moving forward.

It was very sad when we learned that the International Rounds are cancelled. Nevertheless, Jessup is mainly about the journey and people. We were glad that we had such an opportunity and we hope that 2021 will be even more interestina.

LUXEMBOURG

#679

Université de Luxembourg





Team roster

Owiso Owiso (Advisor) Kelly Blount (Advisor) Catia Monteiro Andreia Sofia Rodrigues Cavaleiro Shamroz Kalim Khawaja Caroline Zoé Anne Alexandra Debue



Participating in the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition was an enriching experience on a personal, academic and professional level. As agents of the Republic of Rasasa and the State of Adawa, our team acquired a considerable knowledge on research techniques and the ability to plead, which is essential for a future career in the legal sector. The preparation for Washington demonstrates the necessity and importance of teamwork, as well as

commitment and hard work. Furthermore, we are also very grateful to our coaches for their guidance and team spirit.

We are deeply saddened by the cancellation of the international rounds due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, being able to represent the University of Luxembourg in the largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the world was truly an unforgettable experience.

MALAYSIA

#318 University of Malaya

Unorthodox. Complex.
Exhilarating. These words
flashed in our minds as
we first read the tale of
Adawa and Rasasa in
September 2019. Looking
back, these same three words
describe our experience
gearing up for the world's
largest battle of advocacy—
Jessup 2020.

Unorthodox, because for the first time, the University of Malaya was represented by an all-girls team, proud and ready to fly Malaysia's flag at the international stage. Complex, because albeit our similar sexes, our brains diverged in ideas. strategy and argumentation. Exhilarating, because due to this complexity, research was grueling, yet rewarding; drafting was making the incomprehensible, comprehensible; and hours of oral training left us breathless with adrenaline. With every practice session, we were bruised, but our ammunition of international law grew,

and our spirits remained high. We had each other's backs through every session.

At last, we emerged victorious at the National Round with the team operating as a well-oiled machine. We won not only the National Championship, but the experience of a lifetime, diving into the depths of secluded corners of international law with the camaraderie to match. We laughed, cried and shared cultures, snacks and slangs. Jessup 2020

has been nothing short of a wild ride, and although the place did not take us to DC, the souvenirs of friendship, determination and the passion for international advocacy picked up along the way are tokens we shall forever treasure. And for that, to Adawa and Rasasa, we are eternally grateful!

Team roster

Raphael Kok (Coach) Caysseny Boonsiri Jessica Wei Zhen Lim Nurul Zafirah Jaya Hui Jun Hong Makaela Fehlhaber



MALTA

#826

University of Malta Faculty of Law

As first time Jessup Competitors, this experience has been both fulfilling and enjoyable—from preparing for the National Rounds to writing up our memorials and participating in the European Friendly in Prague. Despite this experience having been cut short, it was certainly an experience of a lifetime! We have learned to appreciate the multi-facets that make up international law, grow academically and socially, and come out of this competition

more knowledgeable and appreciative of the subject than ever before. Thank you to the organizers and all those involved for providing us with this platform. I hope we get to cross paths again some time soon.

Best regards to all

Team roster

Graziella Schembri (Advisor) Celine Cuschieri Debono (Advisor) Luisa Briffa Sarah Anne Borg Jeremy Mifsud Giovanni Francesco Jin Peralta





MEXICO

#230

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

We are Team 230 from Mexico. Fernando Rea, Monserrat Pérez, Brayan Sánchez and Eduardo Fragoso, we all came together to face stress. tiredness, sleeplessness, tears, and even some warning shots, overcoming our differences to meet the memorial deadline in one of the most thrilling experiences of our lives. When we clicked "send." tears streamed down and all the pressure got released. Our incredible coaches, Mariana Mascorro. Arturo Díaz and Emmanuel González became friends and teachers in life, helping us turn intense feelings into work and enjoyment. We are forever thankful to our team and our family that constantly supported us in this journey.

We could not foresee that the dreams and work that got us together could change in a single moment. But we will get over the feelings of



loss. A lot has changed in the last year. We are not the same people that tried out for the Jessup team. We became a team. We had our share of happy moments, sad moments, hard work and stress, but every single moment was enjoyable. We changed our mindset to believe in ourselves a lot more, and we now know that whatever we want to achieve will always reflect the love. passion and effort put into it; but most importantly, no matter what problems may arise, you will always have a Jessup family to support you.

Team roster

Arturo Díaz Chirino (Advisor)
Mariana Mascorro Osorio (Advisor)
José Emmanuel González Carbajal
(Advisor)
Monserrat Pérez Vázquez
Eduardo Fragoso Jacobo
Brayan Sánchez Hernández
Fernando Rea Morones



#464

Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe









Team roster

Inna Makhniboroda (Advisor) Mariana Garza Andrés Ordaz Mauricio Arciniega Ana Gutiérrez When we first joined Jessup, we set our sights simply on enjoying our participation. After all, this was only the second time in history our university had signed up for the competition, and we were painfully aware of our lack of experience. Eight months later, we sit together once more, writing these lines as national champions.

Jessup was such a rewarding journey. While we certainly hoped to develop our advocacy skills, we never

expected it would teach us priceless lessons on discipline, empathy and compassion. Despite—or perhaps because of—the countless hours spent on writing and research, every second dedicated to the Jessup has been completely worth it. We will forever look back at that period in time not only in terms of sleepless nights and hours of practice, but in terms of endless laughter, personal growth, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

MOLDOVA

#740

Moldova State University

We are the team representing the Republic of Moldova. It's been more than 10 years since Moldova has participated in the Jessup Competition, so it was a double challenge for us. Over the months, we have ventured into the unknown. We have spent days and nights exploring the world of Adawa and Rasasa, finding arguments and creating new pathways for our case. Our Jessup journey was a marvelous rollercoaster of breathtaking moments. It started with the courage of stepping forward and becoming a team. And the moment we heard "The winners of the National Rounds of Moldova are..." we knew we had made it. We had become the best of the best in our country. And the plan was to take over the International Rounds. We, as a team, are grateful that we have had the opportunity for such an incredibly emotional experience.

We look forward to the next year to carry out our plan. Cheers to everyone for making Jessup a unique part of our lives! For sure, this will remain one of the best experiences ever!

Team roster

Valentin Roşca (Advisor) Vlada Pulbere Nadejda Constantinova Alexandra Zavtur Irina Florea Our Jessup journey was a marvelous rollercoaster of breathtaking moments.



MYANMAR

#606 University of Mandalay



For the first four months, we did not have an official proper coach until we reached out to Dr. Myint Zan on our own in January. However, we did previously receive some training in Yangon that was provided by ALSA Myanmar and from our visiting professors and members of our faculty. Everything is very challenging because this is all new to us since it is the second Myanmar Jessup National Round and first moot experience for most of us except Ms. Ingying Khaing. Therefore, to catch up on everything in just six months. we barely took a break since the very day we were selected as a team. During these months, we actually holed up together in one

place trying to develop a better understanding of legal issues, to carry out deep research on legal bases, and to improve our English since it's our second language. We also had a challenging time while researching because we had only limited library resources in our faculty. However, we are, of course, grateful to our faculty members for providing us whatever they could and ILSA for providing us with materials. We did encounter many difficulties not to mention heated controversies. When we looked back at how far we had come. it was quite memorable—how all happy, proud, sad, tiring and depressing moments were compiled in the most productive six months of our lifetime. Despite all those difficulties, we felt like all the difficulties just blew away when we won the National Round and got ourselves a chance to represent our country in the International Rounds in Washington.

Therefore, it was such thunderstruck news to us when we were informed that 2020 Jessup had been cancelled. We were very sad and are still sad to this very day. To us, the Jessup Moot is a life-changing experience and we believe there will be no mooters who will not agree on this. Words alone cannot literally express how great moments, experience and friendship Jessup has brought to us.

This year, it is unfortunate that the COVID-19 pandemic has swept in. We only hope for the day this pandemic will quickly come to an end. We wish everyone good health, happiness and success in the coming years.

Team roster

Myint Zan (Advisor) Ni Ni Win Maung Khin Moh Moh Kyaw Ingying Khaing Khant Zaw Win Phway Thawdar Lwin

NEPAL

#153

Kathmandu School of Law

Namaste from Nepal!!

Kathmandu School of Law was going to represent Nepal in the International Rounds of Jessup 2020. Fortunately or unfortunately (only time will tell), that is not to be.

Team members Prajwol Bickram Rana and Srijan Pant argued for Adawa claiming reparations for Rasasa's illegal actions. Pranjali Kanel and Sudridh Kumar Joshi persistently defended the rationality behind Rasasa's requisite actions.

This journey of almost eight months has been a wonderful one. Starting from the trepidation after going through the Problem for the first time, to banging heads (figuratively as well as literally), to internal and external drama, to midnight

Team roster

Sangroula Yugichha (Advisor) Prajwol Bickram Rana Pranjali Kanel Srijan Pant Sudridh Kumar Joshi walks and hurried mornings waking up, to dejections and triumphs, the vicissitudes have been phenomenal.

During this time, we have not only had the privilege to hone our knowledge on public international law but have also gotten to know each other very well. We celebrated our birthdays together, we argued with each other, we asserted our position and we contended each others' justification! In the beginning, we went out for morning walks at 3 am without sleeping because we could not wrap our heads around the issues. We reached a point when everyone agreed

to a makeover from Pranjali at midnight!

We were hoping to flex some intellectual muscles in the International Rounds and meet some of the best minds in international law, but rebus sic stantibus kicked in.

To end with the words of our awesome coach Yugichha Sangroula: "Dark but, maybe the Helian fields were meant to go extinct. It fought until the end for survival."

In the spirit of the Helian Hyacinth, we are going to move forward till the end.

Happy trails until we meet again!



NETHERLANDS





Jessup 2020 for us was "the hardest job we've ever come to love."

Our team would have represented The Netherlands at this year's International Rounds. Although, in fact, none of us are Dutch. We are Portuguese, Algerian, Zimbabwean and German and, at least in that way, were able to have a truly international experience already in the National Rounds.

For us, Jessup meant and still means something that will never end. There was never an end to the research, never a watertight argument, never nothing to criticize and forever room for improvement. But Jessup was never about being perfect; it is about taking on a challenge and coming out better than when we began. And although we didn't get to go to the International Rounds, the team spirit and love for international law will also never end.

#311 Maastricht University

Team roster

Craig Eggett (Advisor) Sarah Thin (Advisor) Anïssa Boukabous Nga Janda Robyn Titulski Maria Matias

Jessup meant and still means something that will never end.

All of us came in knowing nothing and came out being able to plead international law like it's the air we breathe.

A huge thank-you to our coaches for seeing potential in us and giving us the opportunity to take part in something so big and so rewarding.

NEW ZEALAND

#526 Auckland University



We began our Jessup journey following the end of our exams in November. We traded summer jobs and holidays to work full days and pull all-nighters. Preparing the written memorials was a cycle of heated discussions, changing structures and "yeah, that authority definitely supports that proposition."

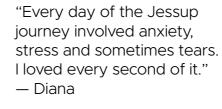
NZ has never been to National Rounds. We relished the opportunity to participate in the European Friendly in Prague. We finished as the top-ranked team after the preliminary rounds, taking home awards for first, second and seventh-best oralist. For a bunch of kiwis flying to the other side of the world, the Friendly was an unforgettable experience.

"Jessup allowed me to experience both mooting and Europe for the first time. It's safe to say I have most definitely caught both the travel and the mooting bug." — Josie

Team roster

Katherine Eichelbaum (Coach) Thomas Richards (Coach) Michael Greatrex Josie Butcher Diana Qiu Don Lye Louis Norton

The Jessup was an incredibly demanding and enriching experience. Researching the issues really opened my eyes to the vast world of international law theory and practice. — Louis



"Whether I will willingly submit to the masochism that is Jessup preparation again, I am not sure. But then, if you see me again next year, you will know." — Don

"All the words I had for Jessup were said in my last speech." — Michael

"Getting to return to the world of Jessup, this time as coach, was one of the most rewarding experiences of my legal career. Although this year's Jessup story was devastatingly cut short, I am so glad to see the institution thriving and cannot wait to give back to this amazing community again." — Katy

"Three hard months forged five excellent young lawyers into one indomitable team. I couldn't be prouder." — Tom







NIGERIA

#208 University of Lagos



The Jessup experience was a new start for the University of Lagos team in terms of international law and mooting generally. It was our first time mooting on international law. At first, we experienced some challenges with respect to handling our issues in the compromis and admittedly, our first few practices were messy.



Team roster

Oreoluwa Adejumo Morenike Oyeleke Fawaz Haroun Edidiong Umoh Ifeoluwa Omisope

However, with the tutelage of the last Nigerian Jessup team qualifiers, we were able to handle the rigors of research, and international law became an interesting field of law to study.

This year's Jessup meant a lot for the team, as it made us better mooters and better students of international law. The competition was definitely a chance to considerably increase our knowledge of international law, experience new things and create tighter bonds among ourselves.

We'll always be grateful for this beautiful opportunity and we hope to participate and qualify again next year for the International Rounds.

We were able to handle the rigors of research, and international law became an interesting field of law to study.



#303

NORTH MACEDONIA

Facultas Iuridica Iustinianus Primus, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

Your Excellencies and may it please the Court. After a long battle with sleep deprivation, legal overloading, too much coffee for one team to consume and grilling oral sessions, Team 303, under the wing and guidance of coaches Sasho Georgievski and Ljupcho Stojkovski, have put down their law books and hung their suits up (for now). The text before you today is one of bittersweet gratitude that hopefully will shed a light on our Jessup journey.

Firstly, we shall demonstrate that Mia Georgievska and Ivana Azhievska were assigned on issues 1 and 2 and managed to disagree on just about every legal issue in the case, which made for quite the entertaining Oral Rounds, so much so that state succession became the most hot-button issue in a case where a literal futuristic, all-powerful robot decides whether to autonomously shoot people. They managed to start on a clean slate with every passing day, though, so we can say team spirit was high.

Next, we shall present two experts who are ready to send a very detailed letter to the WTO and define what an essential security

interest REALLY is whilst simultaneously seeking out state officials to defend (or arrest, really). Elena Jaman and Atanas Avramov took charge of issues 3 and 4 and in under 20 minutes, managed to simplify, construct and effectively argue: the workings of WTO panels, the intricacies of a plant no one can pronounce and immunity for state officials where no cases exist. And they would have gotten away with more if it hadn't been for the meddling judges, too.

Thus, Your Excellencies, we have managed to prove that this team stayed passionate, level-headed and ready for future challenges. As a great man once said, we WILL be back. Thank you and may it please the Court.



Team roster

Ljupcho Stojkovski (Advisor) Sasho Georgievski (Advisor) Elena Jaman Mia Georgievska Atanas Avramov Ivana Azhievska





NORWAY











Team roster Lana Bubalo (Advisor) Ola Johan Settem (Advisor) Tonje Goa Kiøll Gjøran Løvik Orvik Martin Jørgen Thorgersei Marthe Sandve

#436 University of Stavanger

Being a part of the Jessup 2020 Competition has brought us both fun and difficult experiences! It's been long nights and early mornings, but most of all it's given us an extraordinary insight into what it is like to work as lawyers on difficult questions with disagreeing opinions! We are very grateful to have been part of such a competition, and are left with nothing but good memories.



PAKISTAN

#219

Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore

The urge to acquire knowledge and the struggle to progress in the paradigm of law motivated us to participate in the 61st Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2020. We stepped into this competition as a relatively new team, but our eager brains nevertheless desired to put forth the best of ourselves and qualify as one of the top teams for Jessup. We had dabbled in quite a few law competitions over the years, but honestly not a single activity in the law school was as challenging, terrifying yet thrilling, as the Jessup. Participating in it was

nothing short of a dream come true. We thoroughly loved being surrounded by such knowledgeable and intellectual individuals.

We encouraged and inspired each other to do better throughout this journey, and day after day worked even harder. In the course of just four days we managed to grow as a team, learnt the intricacies of international law and ultimately qualified for the prestigious White & Case International Rounds to represent our country in Washington, DC.

We were successfully ranked amongst the top four out of 30 teams that made their mark in the Pakistan National Rounds. Last but not the least, we cherish each and every bit of this beautiful and fruitful journey, and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have been a part of a competition as big as the Jessup. It was truly an unforgettable experience, one that will always remain fresh in our memories!

Team roster

Raza Babar (Coach) Khushbakht Qaiser (Coach) Aateka Shuja Javaria Yaqub Amna Adnan Shafaq Farooq

We encouraged and inspired each other to do better throughout this journey, and day after day worked even harder.



#371 Indus College of Law

The Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition for many years has been introducing fascinating moot problems on captivating subjects of international law. This year, one more time Jessup did not disenchant and launched a case concerning the "Helian Hyacinth."

Our team, which consisted of Miss Siraat Shah, Miss Sana Soomro, Mr. Love Kumar, Miss Zainab Qazi, Mr. Mohsin Sahar and Barrister Taha Rehman Jatoi (Team Advisor) experienced a noteworthy time.

After working for several months (the law of succession, autonomous weapon system and its validity, trade law, immunity, etc.), the rounds went tremendously. It was indeed a four-day competition but has plenty of memories. Queries, arguments, socializing, alarming knock-out rounds, every single hour there was a battle between Adawa and Rasasa.



On the whole, moot court competitions make students able to learn court ettiquette, but when it comes to Philip C. Jessup, it is more methodical. The Jessup guide made the competition more comprehensible. It had a bunch of rules and penalties (in case we went against the rules), which made competitors more attentive and observant towards the competition.

With this unbiased competition, our team firstly made it to the Quarters (top eight teams) and then to the Semi-finals (top four teams). Ultimately, the team was selected for the International Rounds by

Team roster

Barrister Taha Rehman Jatoi (Advisor) Sana Soomro Zainab Qazi Love Kumar Mohsin Ali Sahar Siraat Shah

getting third place in the Pakistan National Rounds. One team member (Miss Siraat Shah) was also awarded with the title of "Best Oralist at First Place" in the National Rounds.

The team was honored to be selected for the Philip C. Jessup International Rounds. Lastly, Adawa, Rasasa and this matchless case concerning the "Helian Hyacinth" will always remain in our hearts.



#661 Lahore University of Management Sciences

Team roster

Umair Ahmad (Coach) Hassnain Raza Zoha Adeel Allawala Semra Islam Momal Malik Hassan Kamal

When our team was announced back in October 2019, none of us knew what this experience would mean to us after six months. Today as we look back, Jessup was more than a mooting experience for all of us and the entire journey felt like a dream (and we literally cannot stop dreaming about our National Rounds). While we had no social life for months, Jessup taught us about advocacy and international law more

than any professor could do in the same time. More importantly, Jessup taught us how to work as a team—even when we grew tired of each others' faces after spending 10 to 15 hours a day together before the memorial deadline. Jessup for us meant getting drenched in rainy nights, being sick together, bringing on junk food constantly, sleeping in the law library for days, hearing each others' 22-minute speeches so many times that we knew each others' pleadings better than our own.

Our Jessup experience was colored with Hassnain's extremely unfunny puns, Hassan and Momal's exclusive fights, Umair (our coach) scolding Zoha which led to our entertainment, Hassan's "educated guess" about his resources and his late arrivals, Hassnain's annoyingly strict work ethic, Momal smiling at judges, Semra abandoning her home for days, Zoha not knowing her sources, Semra trying to tackle both Jessup and her sister's wedding (in the end, one got cancelled and one got postponed).

Our team experienced highs and lows, grew and learned—culminating into an incredible lifetime experience for all of us. At this point, if we were to get an opportunity to do it all over again, there would not be anything better.

As our team motto goes:
#AdawaGood #RasasaBad.







#775 Pakistan College of Law



During the last seven months, our team at Pakistan College of Law has been through a tremendously memorable experience of the 2020 Jessup Moot Court Competition. Ever since the announcement of the key areas of law which would be the subject of the Jessup Moot Problem, we had begun our journey to prepare for bringing the Jessup Cup home. However, this quest was more colorful, intense and indelible than our team could have ever contemplated.

From the release of the Moot Problem, to the submission of memorials, we experienced a variety of troubling circumstances. However, be it burdens of personal undertakings or involvement in other academic endeavors, our team's strength and dedication to the Jessup spirit was undefeated. More intense, yet, was the oral preparation stage. It was a conundrum of emotions of fury, excitement, awe and joy at the same time. As we persevered, not only did we learn more about the applicant and respondent's case, we also learnt about ourselves as a team, which was united to win the competition.

With each preliminary round passing by, our team gathered more and more stress and presentational experience—reformulating and refining

Team roster

Amna Riaz Ali (Advisor) Rohan Sohail Fatima Khalid Gill Muhammad Raza Aziz Shinza Kafeel Rai Muhammad Salman Kharal

our legal arguments, noting the submissions in our competitors' memorials to address them. Learning of our qualification to the Final Round was phenomenal. We learned that we would present before sitting justices of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Lahore High Court, at the Supreme Court Registry in Lahore. Awe-inspiring was the news. More phenomenal was the experience of being a Supreme Court lawyer before the ICJ at the same time.

It remains a memory which cannot be replaced. The chance to work with an exceptional team; an opportunity to compete with bright competitors and collaborate with Jessup administrators; and present before the Supreme Court and High Court judges and being declared as the winners will always remain an unforgettable journey for us.

PALESTINE







#308 Hebron University

Team roster

Osayd Awawda (Coach) Rami Hraiz Qais Doudin Sara Zayed Majd Aburas

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Sarah: Through participating in this competition, I have learnt to be patient, to work under pressure and to effectively manage my tasks. More importantly, I have improved my argumentation skills: particularly, how to prove my argument and respond to counterclaims. Because the issue I dealt with in this competition was related to international trade, I now have

Majd: Representing my beloved homeland, Palestine, in international competition was a dream coming true. It was not easy for a

a growing interest in that field,

and I am hopeful that I will

one of its subjects.

obtain a Master's degree in

second-year law student such as me to be a team member in a challenging, international competition. Thanks for giving me such pleasure, and I am looking forward to participating in the 2021 Jessup Round.

Rami: I really enjoyed the experience! It improved my understanding of public international law and how its various rules interact. I am hopeful that I will have the chance to participate in another round in the future.

Qais: This is my first time to participate in such a complicated, demanding competition. Nevertheless, I learnt lots of valuable lessons from this experience: how

to handle team pressure; how to be patient; and how to form strong friendships while also becoming more familiar with specific topics of international law.

Osavd: We as Palestinians living under occupation for many years are in great need for every possible means to resist the injustice that we face on a daily basis; international law is certainly one of the most effective avenues that we can seek to do so. The Jessup Competition provides us with the necessary skills to be rigorous, sincere and formidable defenders of our rights in international arenas: the ICJ; the ICC; and the like.

PANAMA

Our Jessup 2020 experience

is accurately described in two

words: fulfilling pain. These

past months have taught us

that the most valuable was:

No matter how smart and

skillful you may be, without

discipline your talents will

Jessup has been an

instrumentality for us to

we depend on others. As

a cell depends on others

to become an organ, we

as individuals depend on

others to continue to move

forward. From the time we

truly realize how much

be tarnished.

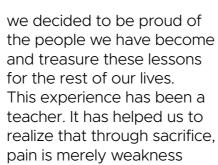
many lessons but we all agree

#265 Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua



received the 2020 Problem, our ways of thinking started to change. One's victory started to become everyone's victory; one's hardships became everyone's.

When a door closes, another one opens. This year our National Rounds were cancelled and we were able to participate for the first time in the European Friendly Rounds. It was there where we accomplished more than we expected and we had the opportunity to win the Spirit of the Jessup Award. Even though the door to the International Rounds closed.



Team roster

leaving our bodies.

Mónica Crespo (Advisor) Ana Santiago (Advisor) Gianfranco Smith (Advisor) Alonso Illueca (Advisor) Felipe Echandi (Advisor) Gloria Correa Eliécer Lu Juan Crespo

PERU

#216

Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos

This Jessup season was an incredible experience full of knowledge, discipline, effort and camaraderie for the Peruvian team. The preparation and organization for the Jessup 2020 Competition began in April 2019. Since then, we had been looking forward to the Compromis with enthusiasm, as well as with a feeling of responsibility and awareness of the hard work the Jessup experience means.

The friendship that developed between us in these months is something priceless and leaves us with a feeling of "it was worth everything." If we could go through everything we lived through, we would certainly do it. The hours of study together, the ideas that we shared and that often contradicted each other, helped us to have a different vision of international law that each one had, which in the end benefited us all.

We thank our team advisor and former Peruvian Jessup teams of 2018 and 2019, as well as our family, colleagues, professors and administrative staff who always supported us before, during and at the end of this experience. Finally, we thank ILSA for introducing us to the world of Adawa and Rasasa, which we will always remember and retain the vast knowledge that it brought to us.



Team roster

Pablo César Rosales Zamora (Coach) Carolina Ximena Labó Silva Francisco Raúl De La Cruz Cárdenas Dayanna Margot Petronila Cruz Quispe Linda Gabriela García Castillo Claudia Isabel Reyes Mollehuanca



PHILIPPINES

#276 University of Santo Tomas



The odds were stacked against us. Our school is relatively new to the Jessup, and no team has ever made it to the advanced rounds of the national competition. Year after year, we'd finish at the bottom half of the overall team rankings, and year after year, we'd try again.

If history was to be made, we thought, it was going to take something special. But we were no special team.
Only one of our oralists had prior Jessup experience. Our two other oralists joined their first moot competition just four months earlier, and our researchers were freshmen who had no moot experience at all.

A podium finish was unlikely, we thought, so we learned to celebrate small victories. Some days, it's when a researcher discovered a strong legal basis for one of our submissions. Other days, it's when an oralist finished a speech without turning red. But most days, just showing up for training was a win.

It took us weeks to really believe that we made it this far. For a while, we forgot that we simply reaped what was sown for years by our school administration, our coaches and all who came before us. They were the giants whose shoulders we stood on, and we owe our success to them.

Team roster

Loverly Barquez (Coach) Miguel Abad (Coach) Al Conrad Espaldon (Advisor) Jeremiah Bataller (Advisor) Clarice Questin (Advisor) Frances Ungria (Advisor) Jhuniel Ong Antipala (Advisor) Jeanne Dumaual (Advisor) Ronald Valdez (Advisor) Karlyn Mae Agcaoili (Advisor) Marie Sybil Tropicales (Advisor) Dyan Marie Lucero (Advisor) Rigor Pascual (Advisor) Anthony de Vera (Advisor) Jesselie Sunga (Advisor Paula Azurin (Advisor) Ricka Abigael Dumelod Cyra Lyn Lim John Christopher Gattoc Haidee Amabel Uv Marc Gabriel Abella

We may not have made it to Washington this year, but someday, another UST team will. May our story inspire them and all beginners around the world to keep going, because if Jessup 2020 taught us one thing, it's that anything can happen.



#434

University of the Philippines





The University of the Philippines (UP) team, composed of Leslie, Abelardo, Anton, Tracy and Bianca, achieved what was thought to be impossible: winning for UP its first three-peat Jessup National Championship.

This feat came with an understanding that triumph entailed making tough calls, sacrificing time, and putting the team above oneself. They believed that if they worked hard enough and made wishes every time the clock strikes 11:11, their dream of becoming Jessup World

Team roster

Rommel Casis (Coach)
Marianne Crielle Vitug (Assistant Coach)
Lee Edson Yarcia (Assistant Coach)
Leslie Diane Torres
Abelardo Hernandez
Anton Miguel Sison
Therese Ravina
Bianca Isabella Ortiz



Champions—UP's second since 1995—would come true. While it felt like the stars had aligned for the team, theirs suddenly became an impossible dream that no sacrifice, hard work, or 11:11 wish could breathe life into.

But despite the pandemic that crushed every team's dream of competing in the world championships, the team finds consolation in the truth that no task is insurmountable and no dream is inconceivable.











#578

Arellano University School of Law

The Jessup 2020 was Arellano Law's second appearance in the competition. The overall experience during the competition was exhilarating and fulfilling. The Moot Court Problem was craftily written and challenging to address. It was also exciting to meet the judges during the Final Round and the Semi-final Round given their achievements. In every match we participated in there was wisdom and knowledge gained.

The judges in every round were eager to share their ideas and wisdom in every phase of the competition.

One went so far as to impart wisdom in life in general.



The competition was an overwhelming source of knowledge, that is clear. It is not only brought by the research itself; it is also brought by the people you're competing with and the judges participating. The common wisdom that was shared is very appropriate in this trying time. Like in the competition, preparation is the key.

Team roster

Ever Rose Paling (Coach) Ralph Derek Manuel Josyl Fructuoso Jeremy Marquez Mercader Jose Carlo Alfonso Abaquita



POLAND



#575

Jagiellonian University Cracow

Jessup 2020 meant for us both tears of joy and pain. It meant stepping way beyond our comfort zones, denying our own essential security interests, being forced to develop hereto unknown skills, master all of the Al-Bashirs and broaden our knowledge to the point where we realized that it is solely up to our critical thinking to come up with and defend solutions which were not there yet in the academic discourse.

Jessup meant adapting to every opponent and advocating before experts

who were trying to "massacre" us like Ms. Grey did in Garantia. It meant advanced multitasking during the academic year and managing a lot more than just two parallelly ongoing proceedings, while denouncing our own rights to (social) life. We were building walls of confidence, team spirit and unique bonds with our coagents. Finally, Jessup meant for us being over the moon—the video picturing the announcement of our victory in the National Rounds will always own a special place in our hearts. We are grateful for

Team roster

Paweł Gadocha (Coach)
Przemyslaw Roguski (Advisor)
Roxana Krzyżowska
Bartłomiej Sendor
Justyna Sikora
Joanna Skrzypek
Anna Zymuła

this opportunity to be a party to this movement of "hostile" growth, while at the same time being devastated that the circumstances denied us and all other advancing teams the chance to feel and live the International Jessup spirit in Washington. #Rasasafirst





PORTUGAL



#325
Faculdade
de Direito da
Universidade
de Lisboa

The University of Lisbon team started the Jessup journey in September 2019. It is composed of four members: Carolina Batista and Tomás Avelar, who represented Adawa, and João Moreira da Silva and Diogo Canário, who argued for Rasasa.

Throughout the whole period, we were expertly led by our coaches: Paulo Simões Ramos; Bernardo Kahn; Rui Lanceiro; Diogo Santana Lopes; Mafalda Cunha Coutinho; and Teresa Pinto, who are also former Jessup competitors.

For seven months, we agonized over the problems of the Compromis. Up until the submission of the memorials, many versions of the same pleadings were written and re-written a thousand times. Many hours were spent on researching the strongest arguments for each party and some nights of sleep were lost.

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After the submission of the memorials, the training for the European Friendly and International Rounds ensued. Daily meetings started in order to achieve the best possible performance. For days, the same pleadings were repeated to exhaustion, but always interrupted and questioned, by the team members who acted as judges to each other.

The preparation came to a close in the Friendly, where we were able to experience the true Jessup spirit. Not only did we engage in legal arguments over the most relevant topics in international law with people from all around the world, but also were able to enjoy ourselves along with everyone else.

The team was devastated by the cancellation of the International Rounds. However, we are forever thankful for the experience we had, not only working back home in Portugal, but also in the European Friendly. Competing in the 2020
Jessup was a life-changing experience. We were able to bond over this year's problem, not only with each other, but also with others who are equally passionate over international law, and for that we are grateful.

Team roster

Paulo Simões Ramos (Advisor)
Rui Tavares Lanceiro (Advisor)
Diogo Santana Lopes (Advisor)
Bernardo Kahn (Advisor)
Diogo Conchinhas (Advisor)
Mafalda Cunha Coutinho (Advisor)
Teresa Pinto (Advisor)
Leonor Catela (Advisor)
Diogo Canário
João Moreira da Silva
Nadia Zatic
Tomás Avelar
Carolina Batista

Competing in the 2020 Jessup was a life-changing experience.



PUERTO RICO

#656 Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

Tropical, trembling and challenging: Puerto Rico's Jessup experience was enriching and one of growth. The bonds that have grown over time from our shared experience, hardships, and victory have also been unique and have shown the importance of teamwork among humans. organizations and nations. From the beginning of the competition, we confronted various challenges just like any other country.

However, as students of the law, the Jessup Competition has allowed us to pursue the unsettled, the new and the challenges to overcome in the international legal arena. It has also provided a way to make Puerto Rico an active participant in current world affairs. It is yet to be seen



what the coming challenges will bring, as we are seeing and living them right now.

When we started, our shared knowledge of international law was abysmal. The reality being that in Puerto Rico this field of law is rarely studied and less so practiced. But through our group meetings, research, and, in large part, our coaches' guidance, we were able to understand the basics of international law and formulate arguments that have legal substance. Indeed, the coaching was a great part of the development of our newfound passion.

The Jessup experience has provided us with a powerful tool to foresee events, situations, and come up with answers to unresolved and pressing questions. Some

of the skills that we have honed are effectively working in teams, meeting tight deadlines, public speaking, and more importantly knowing how to answer when we are up against a "hot bench."

As we continue to research, we will grow into future world leaders in the development of international law. With or without a physical competition in Washington, DC, we continue to work on behalf of our island, our country and the world all Jessupers have in common.

Team roster

Paul Cortés Ruis (Advisor)
Mayra Artilles Fonseca (Advisor)
Yaralín Negrón Planell
José Andrés Irizarry Castro
Betsaida Figueroa Hernández
José Luis Maymí González
Daniris Sánchez Príncipe

ROMANIA

#432 Babes-Bolyai University



Team roster

Ioana Stupariu (Advisor) Gabriela Danila (Advisor) Patricia Cimpian Filip Lariu Botond Zoltan Tudor Gheorghe Ion Claudia Pascutoi

There are, indeed, strong reasons why the Jessup is considered to be one of the most prestigious competitions worldwide. The intense and challenging experience of countless hours invested in writing memorials and preparing for the National Oral Rounds has given us the great opportunity to take a more in-depth approach to research and studying. Few things have felt as rewarding as working on the

memorials did, sometimes for

over ten hours straight. It is

true, we faced not only fun moments but also moments of frustration, which in the end taught us how rewarding hard work can be. A valuable thing that we learned to appreciate is teamwork, which proved to be the most important aspect of our growth and success.

As we say goodbye to this year's edition and to the fictional world of Adawa and Rasasa, we would like to acknowledge the very real opportunity of experiencing the work that international

lawyers do before the ICJ. This insight would not have been available to us without Jessup. Without any doubt we have improved our understanding of immunity, parallel proceedings and tariffs, the efficiency of autonomous weapons and the regime of localized treaties.

We would like to thank all of the judges, the organizers and volunteers for making all of it possible. We look forward to seeing you next year!

RUSSIA

#140

Russian State University of Justice, North Caucasian Branch

"I have a dream"—once said Martin Luther King Jr. And we have a dream, an American dream. Taking part in the Jessup Competition for the first time, we could not even imagine that one day our team will be honored to represent Russia and proceed with the International Rounds. Notwithstanding, with each sheet of written memorials, with each passage during Oral Rounds, the Jessup Competition more and more turned from an ordinary student event into the likeness of the Olympic Games, when your daily motto becomes "Citius, Altius, Fortius," and you work harder and harder. For our team, consisting only of two players who have shared all the work of Jessup 2020. the cancellation of the 2020 Jessup International Rounds was a real blow. Being a team from a secondary university, which has no available access to legal resources and which



was for the first time chosen for representation in DC through our team's energy and passion, we considered this trip as a huge chance which was presented by fate and which should have been a breakthrough in our law career. Certainly, no one can live without support. Our support is our coach, who could bring out the team to the international level. Our achievements are literally her merits. All in all, we strongly believe that all roads lead to Rome and one day we will reach the International Rounds once again.



Team roster

Tatiana Novikova (Advisor) Arina Androsova Vladimir Akopyan Stepan Kuts Kristina Karapetyan

#188 MGIMO University



What was the 2020 Jessup? I don't think we know yet. We just can't, considering, you know.

As of now, it is probably a reminder to all of us. A reminder that some things are always beyond our control, no matter our actions and aspirations. You can win the National Championship and not go to the International Rounds. Such are the ways of life; you don't always get what you deserve.

But it is time to move on, allay our despair and try to find a silver lining. Did we become stronger as professionals? Did we make new friends during this journey? Did we feel like the happiest people alive after being announced as the National Champions? Yes, yes and yes.

No one, not even the Coronavirus, can take that away from us.

Team roster

Anastasia Sheyndlina (Coach) Anna Sidneva (Coach) Evgeniya Neverova (Advisor) Nikolai Gryzunov (Advisor) Mikhail Abramov Daniil Shamelo Tamara Posadkova Alexandra Alekhina Alisa Gerasimenko





#255 Saint Petersburg State University



As a not-quite-first-year team, we believe the Jessup isn't just a life-changing experience—at some point, it becomes part of life itself. Being told that you must abandon it and move on is probably similar to what the Pevensie children felt after leaving Narnia for good.

The International Rounds in DC were our long-held dream; yet, twice, our team failed to qualify for them. Despite demotivation, it didn't feel right to simply admit defeat. For most of us, however, this was the final season in moot courts, so we saw it as our last chance. This time, we succeeded (and were a bunch of totally happy nerds for several weeks, continuing our training sessions until the very cancellation day). Sadly, life

has its ways of reminding us that some dreams do not, in fact, come true in the end.

Still, every second we devoted to the Jessup was absolutely worth it. A thrilling intellectual contest and an emotional rollercoaster. the Jessup is, perhaps most importantly, a voyage of self-improvement and self-discovery. We always wondered where it would take us. It taught us, as lawyers, how to plead any case without distorting the truth and slipping into injustice. Hopefully, it made each of us a better person. It certainly gained us many true friends. After all, this is the greatest result we could expect.

As our everyday social life keeps crumbling, the core Jessup values—cooperation and compassion—can keep us all afloat. Undoubtedly, the moot court community will emerge from this crisis stronger than ever.

Team roster

Anastasia Krus (Advisor)
Maarja Pild (Advisor)
Ksenia Shestakova (Advisor)
Dmitry Bartenev (Advisor)
Elizaveta Vasileva
Marina Shelomova
Ksenia Rud
Alisa Shilova
Nikita Gaevoy



Our personal journey might be over; yet the bonds and memories we made along the way is something we will treasure for a lifetime. Thank you for keeping the Jessup legacy safe; it was an honor to belong.



#362

Lomonosov Moscow State University

The Jessup is an unforgettable experience that has just turned over our life. Besides all useful skills for lawyers it develops, Jessup is about true friends, team work, reasoning, compromise with others and the most important—challenge yourself!

Team roster

Aleksandr Nazarov (Coach) Aglaia Melnik (Coach) Ignat Shevchenko Zaliia Karkitbaeva Mariia Antonova Anna Shcherbakova Anastasiia Kuzmina Jessup is about true friends, team work, reasoning, compromise with others and the most important challenge yourself!







SIERRA LEONE

#321 Fourah Bay College

Fourah Bay College was very much excited to be a part of this already cancelled Jessup Competition following our maiden exploit last year. This year we were so determined to leave a mark and to that end, we have been preparing tirelessly.

The Jessup Competition has succeeded in rekindling the desire and interest of many law students here to study electively, as it is here, public international law generally. Prior to this time, many would opt for the other electives.

Our team this time comprises five participants who are all first-timers save for Mohamed Muctarr Bah, who was to compete in his second competition. The names of the other team members are as follows: Despaul J.E.A Black; Mohamed Wurie Bah; Mary Elizabeth Fofanah; and Eku Williams.

Despite the competition's cancellation, we remain thankful and grateful for the experience thus far particularly in the preparation of the respective memorials. That feat alone is remarkable and will remain everlasting in our hearts.

To the Jessup organizers, we send our warmest greetings. Cheers to the Jessup spirit for it is still alive.

Team roster

Karina Krayem (Coach)
Habib Labay Kamara (Advisor)
Rugiatu Sesay (Advisor)
Despaul J.E. Black
Mohamed Wurie Bah
Mohamed Muctarr Bah
Eku Williams
Mary Elizabeth Fofanah





SINGAPORE

#222

National University of Singapore



To our fellow Jessupers, we are truly bummed that we did not get to meet all of you at the International Rounds. Nevertheless, we would like to thank ILSA and the worldwide web for the platform to connect with the Jessup community. In a time of uncertainty, one thing is clear—you guys are nerds and so are we. Solidarity!

To all those who have supported us: It was you that made the experience. We are indebted to the professors and practitioners who were willing to judge us for practice rounds. We are especially grateful for our coaches: the hours they spent with us, their good humor, and their patient

guidance when our ability to form coherent sentences seemed dire. Joshua, David, Victor and Prof Lei Theng, your encouragement kept our spirits high during moments of self-doubt.

We are also thankful for having gone through this together as a team. While the Helian Hyacinth didn't blossom, our friendship certainly did. These nine gestatory months have been sweet and bitter, literally—the sheer amount of lattes and bubble tea we have ingested would make a grad student shudder.

For most of us, this is our last year in school. The Jessup process helped remind us why we came to law school at all—the rigor, the craft, the mental gymnastics. (Competing norms? Divergent fora in a fragmented legal order?) Our collective procrastination was also emblematic of our law school

Team roster

Victor Leong (Coach) Joshua Hiew (Coach) David Tan (Coach) Lei Theng Lim (Coach) Fong Han Tan Gwendolyn Oh Natalee Ho Qianwei Huang Lydia Yun Xin Lee

experience: the "memowriting" trip to Bali, karaoke sessions past midnight.

Being greenhorns at international law made this year's problem all the more fascinating and frustrating. Many thanks (and curses) to the Problem authors. They have shown why human control is needed to spice up a moot.

Just being in this community has given us so much. Thank you and we hope our paths cross in the future.

With love,

The Helian Spice Girls

SLOVAKIA

#468

Comenius University

Team roster

Viktória Marková (Coach) Nikolas Sabjan (Coach) Barbora Švedová Milan Béreš Miroslav Milcher Róbert Košala









SLOVENIA

#699

University of Maribor

It was an immense privilege for us to take part in the greatest and most prestigious moot court competition worldwide, especially as we are only the second generation of the University of Maribor that has attended the Jessup. We were obviously devastated to find out about the cancellation of the White & Case International Rounds as our team was envisaged to represent Slovenia there. Nonetheless, we had experienced the excellence of the Jessup to a

great extent at the European Friendly Rounds in Prague. Besides getting to know our peers, we have enjoyed the Jessup spirit also by meeting and creating friendships with many former participants and future prominent lawyers. Throughout the course of the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court, we deepened our interest in the contemporary issues of public international law, and we consider such competition as a great experience on our educational path which will benefit us further on. By this



Team roster

Matjaž Tratnik (Advisor) Leon Brulc (Advisor) Petra Weingerl (Advisor) Nika Bele Teja Peče Barbara Smogavc Admir Muratović



chance, we would love to express our gratitude to our coaches and to everyone who made this possible for us. We are sending our best wishes to the Jessup community around the world and are looking forward to our further contribution within the next editions of the Jessup Moot Court.

SOUTH AFRICA

#635 University of Cape Town

It was a tremendous honor for us to represent UCT at the Jessup Competition for the first time in several years, particularly in being selected to proceed to the International Rounds in Washington. Though we sometimes encountered challenges, we always overcame them through

a spirit of perseverance, teamwork and friendship. A special thanks must go to Dr. Hannah Woolaver for her vital feedback and patient guidance throughout our preparation. We all learned a great deal, not only about international law, but also about the art of mooting and presenting before several

very testing judges! We have bonded and grown together as a team in what has been one of the highlights of our legal studies. We hope that we have laid the groundwork for future UCT students to go on to even greater heights in the Jessup Competition for years to come.





SOUTH KOREA

#202 Korea University

Yura: It was a great honor for me to have met my teammates and participated in the 2020 Jessup Competition. This astonishing experience helped me to learn and grow up as a law student pursuing a degree in international law. It is disappointing to hear that the International Rounds have been cancelled, but. still, it remains that six months of preparation and National Round inspired me and my teammates a lot. Thank you for giving us this great opportunity and I hope all Jessup competitors stay safe and sound.

Sukhyun: Participating in this year's Jessup Competition was certainly a mind-blowing experience. I could see how legal ideas are practiced in

actual court and learned to see things from different perspectives. Further, six months of preparation gave me a chance to get to know and understand my teammates thoroughly as well. It's so sad to hear the news that this year's International Rounds have been cancelled, but things were going beyond our control and safety is inarquably the most important value. I hope things will get better soon and wish every Jessup competitor to stay safe and sound. Take care and thank you very much!

Younghwan: Participating in the 2020 Jessup Competition was an unforgettable experience in my life.

Team roster

Jinhyoung Hong (Advisor)
Hye Young Min (Advisor)
Okcho Hwang (Advisor)
Pyung-Keun Kang (Advisor)
Jiye Gwon (Advisor)
Younghwan Chun
Sukhyun Jung
Jinmyeong Bok
Yura Bak

Particularly, I am thankful that I had valuable time with my teammates, Yura and Sukhyun. Yura took care of our team with her generosity and excellent social skills. Her objective perspective on various problems was an important asset to our team. Sukhyun, the brilliant member of the team, inspired teammates consistently by her excellent work. Further, she was always with the team from start to end. I'm fully satisfied with this competition because the time I had with my teammates is the best prize for me.



SPAIN

#235

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Greetings everybody, Spain calling!

It was August when María Palos, María Granero, Clara Ruiz. Beatriz Waucquez and Lorenzo Legua got into each other's way in what has been a wonderful series of serendipities. Under the expert advice of our coaches, Javier Pérez and Paola Chamorro, every member of Team #235 had to commit to one of the most insightful researches ever, while sorting out intricate schedule plannings so we could all meet. However, your excellencies, we remained strong-willed at every step of the way: the Bond-esque movie we all had playing in our heads when first reading this year's Problem inspired us



to improve our legal writing, to tackle jurisprudential dilemmas and to ALWAYS hold working breakfasts which included croissants.

In the months that followed. we delved into the difficulties of treaty succession; the WALL's super-duper extra-advanced automatic weaponry brilliance; our Ciceronian moments when talking about lis pendens or electa una via; and our adventure to find some customary rule that supported the lifting of Ms. Grey's personal immunity. At the same time, our coaches could be heard biting their nails because the memorial deadline approached quickly. We were, at every relevant time, human anarchy at its finest. But it worked out in the end, because nobody stopped challenging themselves and nobody stopped believing. When our team number was called out after the Final National Round, we couldn't help but smile in disbelief.

Although we haven't even started to take in what the cancellation means, we hope this initiative will help keep the Helian Hyacinth in bloom!





Team roster

Javier Pérez Fernández (Advisor) Paola Chamorro Cuenca (Advisor) José Lorenzo Legua Anadón María Granero de la Asunción Clara Ruiz Garrido María Palos Pereira Beatriz Waucquez Jiménez

TANZANIA

#**612**

University of Dar es Salaam

The Philip C. Jessup
International Law Moot Court
Competition is the most
prestigious international
moot court competition in the
world and we were happy
to be a part of it. It is a place
where students deal with
very complex cases and we
knew that by participating in
it, we would learn a lot and
have the opportunity to deal

with issues we are passionate about. We signed up, and it was definitely worth it. Even though the White & Case International Rounds did not take place, being a part of the competition and writing our memorials was and is still a very memorable experience for us. We are thankful that we were able to be part of this competition this year.

Team roster

Hilda Tizeba (Coach) Caroline Chita Michael Lukindo







THAILAND

#465

Thammasat University

This Jessup season was one of the toughest yet most rewarding experiences. In the past eight months, we were repeating the following cycle: rushing to university almost every morning; heading back home after the sun sets; or in some cases, when the sun rose the next day; formulating countless arguments for legal issues which we felt unaccustomed to at first. yet somehow our passion for defending them grew stronger with each passing day. We were pushed beyond our limits, both academically and emotionally, but out of

it all we gained the most invaluable reward: a family. The time and energy spent throughout this process gave us countless memories that will stay with us long after this season passes. That is something that we believe every Jessup team this year can relate to, even if we all did not get to go as far as we had hoped. The opportunity to be a part of the Jessup Class of 2020 is one that we will always be grateful for and will always have a special place in our hearts as we move forward in our legal careers.

Team roster

Pananya Larbprasertporn (Advisor) Karn Sittikriengkrai Patcharavadee Kunkeaw Natchanan Buaphin Phuvit Assawarungruang Dollada Kasarn





#515 Chulalongkorn University

We are Chulalongkorn University's Jessup Team from Thailand. We, Pakjira Wichaidit and Chavanin Boonyawairote, represent the State of Adawa. For the respondent, we had Andy Thamsirisup and Chunya Boonyawan defending the Republic of Rasasa. Our team wouldn't be able to make it this far without the brain of the group. our beloved researcher Witsarut Vardkien and the help from our coaches Dr. Pawat Satayanurug and also Professor George Edwards who, regardless of different time zones, staying up all night coaching us via Zoom.

The whole Jessup experience means a lot to us and we are thankful to be a part of this Jessup community.

We had been living in the world of Adawa and Rasasa for the last six months, and we still wish we had a chance to breathe life in that world a little longer. The whole Jessup experience means a lot to us and we are thankful to be a part of this Jessup community. #JessuplsFun2020

Team roster

Pawat Satayanurug (Advisor) George Edwards (Advisor) Pakjira Wichaidit Chunya Boonyawan Andy Thamsirisup Chayanin Boonyawairote Witsarut Vardkien





TURKEY

#315 Galatasaray University

The first few months of Jessup passed in a blink while we were pretending like we understood the Latin maxims that Nurbanu was using. Every sentence of Begüm ended up with her deciding to research another Liberian president before Nuremberg namely Al-Bashir (or any other combination of statepresident-criminal court). Meanwhile, Yavuz and Deniz A. became experts in the weapon industry while wishing to be experts in humanitarian law. Memorial submissions came to an end when Sule enlightened us that it was not "clean state" but "clean slate."

When we got all the three awards on February 23, we all thought that this was the payoff of our long term commitment to our work and our faith in each other. (Except in one of our member's daily skills such as being able to use the toilet lamp without starting a fire.) I remember vividly when our coaches said to encourage us right before the final rounds.

"This is called 'le finale,' we will say it again, you will win, you will strive to win but whatever the results will be, you have already won in our eyes and you are already the champions. May God be your helper!"

None of this would have been possible without the Galatasaray Jessup community and our coaches who provided us with everything from assistance in legal research to shoe polishing service in the morning of the Qualifying Rounds. The uniqueness of our journey would never be the same without Zeynep's beloved stuffed ROBONCH, neverending dessert sessions



Team roster

Deniz Güneri (Coach)
Zeynep Ekinci (Coach)
Bleda Kurtdarcan (Coach)
Tolga Bayrak (Coach)
Yavuz İskit
Şule Göçmen
Fatmanur Banu Hayır
Deniz Aktaş
Begüm Acar

with Deniz G. incessantly praising them and Bleda's sample of an unloaded .50 caliber machine gun bullet. (Literally, we took a photo for proof purposes.)

We were all frustrated the night when the International Rounds were cancelled, meanwhile in times like these everyone has a concession to make and ours was in no way comparable to that of thousands of health workers. Our hearts go out to all Jessup teams having to go through the same feelings.



UGANDA

#257

Uganda Christian University



Team roster

Paul Kalondo (Advisor)
Judy Kyalimpa (Advisor)
Daniella Khanani
Brenda Kasule
Lynnet Nahwera Kwikiriza
Joel Ndyamuhaki
Emmanuel Okia

Normally, we would require more than 100 to 300 words to describe what our experience as a team has been from 20 September, 2019, when the Jessup Problem question was released.

The constitution of the team was concluded on



16 November, 2019, and that is when the real advocacy for Adawa and Rasasa began at Uganda Christian University. The Christmas break was cut short because we had to ensure that our states got the full and proper representation which we tried our best to do.

The whole Jessup experience has honestly taught us what it means to work as a team—to share intimately our troubles and fears and be able to come together for a greater cause. What began for us as a journey to win the National Rounds in 2019, ended as a journey to bring glory to God,

for the trials He helped us overcome. To think that we actually thought of exiting the competition because the odds were against us still plagues our minds to date.

Thank you so much ILSA for this great opportunity to enhance our research skills, expand our knowledge of international law and to build our confidence and advocacy skills. If Washington, DC wasn't the definitive goal, this experience only would suffice. It is sad that we don't get to enjoy the fruits of our labor, but we are grateful regardless.

#500 Cavendish University

Greetings from the Cavendish University Uganda 2020 Jessup Team of Emmanuel Sabwengye, Nagawa Eve Joan (wearing reading glasses) and Grace Mpagi (grey haired) coached by Ayeranga Godfrey.

We had a dramatic season of the Jessup characterized with joy and at times emotional misunderstandings but in the end, we had the courage of stepping forward and becoming a team.

We can never regret and forget the great Jessup memories that included long hours of research and tireless reading. Some of the other favorite moments we had as a team were when we settled down to perfect our oral submissions during the last week towards the National Rounds where at times we would feel too nervous when facing some of the tough judges during the training.

Most importantly is that the Cavendish Team shall never forget the memories of its preparation to meet you guys in Washington.

Attached are some of the pics of the team in action during the National Rounds and the casual ones of research and training.

Thank you.







Team roster

Eve Joan Nagawa

Rogers Aheebwa

Musiime Grace Mpagi

Emmanuel Sabwengye

Nashif Luswata

UKRAINE

#106

Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University

The pictures portray four dedicated girls who were intended to represent Ukraine as a Runner-Up Team of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University.

For our team, Jessup was the biggest challenge that we were eager to take on together. From the very beginning, we made a rule of never making the same mistakes twice and worked on improving ourselves step by step. Looking introspectively, we see how each of us got out of this experience not only as a better mooter but also as a better person.

During nine months of intense preparations, we have formed a strong bond between each other, the one that does not break, as we are no longer participants. We are grateful to our coaches for always being there for us and for the time they invested in our preparation, both mental and professional.



The 2020 Jessup is a special year for its participants that united the teams from all over the globe notwithstanding our common misfortune.

It has taught us to be more compassionate towards each other and firstly showed such an immense strength of the Jessup community.



Team roster

Dmytro Saranchuk (Coach)
Yurii Bedenko (Coach)
Oleksandr Kushch (Advisor)
Oleksii Izotov (Advisor)
Dmytro Izotov (Advisor)
Mykyta Antonov (Advisor)
Anna Nekrasova
Valeriia Yakimova
Nelly Kichigina
Anastasia Mochulska





We're quite sure that some teams will mention the huge legal and public speaking experience, unique friendship and warm memories Jessup gave us and without doubts, such comments must be respected. But what about THE REAL TRUTH about Jessup?

Just for instance, all the holy IRAC letters will be identified as such (you know, in case some honorable judges couldn't find your structure).

I - Jessup, the Great and Powerful, is the one and only issue in your life for the next nine months, bro, just deal with it.

R - Universally recognized international custom "Jessapantium amor vitae non sunt servanda," contained in art. 26 of the Washington, DC Convention of the Law of Tortures enshrines that research is way more effective than food, sleep, spare time and other dangers for any Jessuper's ordinary-people-stuff. You'd better pray at research, turn it into your fetish and, obviously, do it. Saint Crawford-Nicaraguan and your coach preached that research can enhance your public speaking. And please plead, when sleeping and awake, and remember—you only have approximately one minute

A - According to case Rehearsals v. Rest the International Court of Jessupers stated that if you can cope with your coach's questions during pleadings, hit the brakes, leave the building and go find another coach

left. Amen.

#348 National University Odesa Law Academy

Team roster

Oleksii Plotnikov (Advisor) Viktoriia Muzyka (Advisor) Valeriia Kravchenko Olha Ivanitsa Veronika Pshenychnykova Yevgen Malyarchuk Kristina Semenenko

for yourself. There is no rest in this mad world. Moreover, according to the jurisprudence of the National University "Odesa Law Academy" Team, a compelling speaker should go out for the speech when universiting, walking-in-thepark, homing; while under any other circumstances: holidays, dates and shopping. As honorable Court of Slytherin mentioned, "After all these years? Always."

C - To conclude, even though we've written all the above, we were bursting into tears when we discovered the cancelling of White & Case International Rounds. We love you so much, Jessup. And it's definitely our best addiction.

#445

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Despite its official form, the true Jessup spirit is different. It is about questioning yourself and others, pushing and conceding, losing and winning, believing in the best until the very last moment. It is about widening horizons and resolving completely unsolvable cases, and hoping that this world can become a better place because of you. It is about respect and friendship, shared stress and excitement, about reaching your own ceiling and breaking through it each round to become even better. Better than you could have ever imagined. It is about accepting people the way

Team roster

Mariana Antonovych (Coach)
Mariia Stolbova (Coach)
Kateryna Lazarchuk (Advisor)
Daniil Fedorchuk (Advisor)
Oksana Kochkodan (Advisor)
Nobuo Hayashi (Advisor)
Iryna Bogdanova (Advisor)
Tetiana Avdieieva
Lidiia Volkova
Maksym Vishchyk
Volodymyr Hryshko



they are, about community, which cannot be destroyed despite unpredictable circumstances. Being a part of this community even for such a short period of time gave us experience and memories which cannot be overshadowed. Memories about warm hugs before each round, hundreds of thousands of smiles, inside jokes about artificial states involved in artificial litigation on artificial intelligence... about numerous arguments in an attempt to find truth... about reaching a level, when thoughts become identical and words are no longer needed... about becoming the team and just a little bit—a family.





UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

#380 NYU Abu Dhabi

We are extremely proud to

New York University Abu

a diverse background—

the five of us major in

Dhabi, in the 2020 Jessup

Competition. Our team has

different disciplines including

philosophy, political science,

economics, social research

and public policy, and legal

studies. We have lived in the

UAE, Iceland, Armenia, India

and China. Besides the UAE

National Round, one of our

have represented our school.



most memorable experiences was the night of memorial submission when we had coffee and buffalo wings for dinner. We probably will not try that again any time soon. During our preparation for the oral argumentation, our coach Professor Barry Hashimoto led us in an activity to pronounce Latin legal terms with confidence. We have developed a game by quizzing each other on Latin phrases during our dinners

together, which I expect to continue even though our Jessup experience of this year has come to an end. Thank you, Jessup and ILSA, for this amazing opportunity to learn and to bond. We would also like to thank Professor Barry, NYUAD Social Sciences division, Legal Studies Division, Student Life, and Professor Gudmundur Eiriksson for their

encouragement and support.

Team roster

Jerome Varghese

Sona Sargsyan

Hoor Al Nuaimi

Yao Xu

Anna Guðný

Barry Hashimoto (Coach)

UNITED KINGDOM

#613 King's College London



Jessup was a chance to pit our written and oral advocacy against the best mooters in the world. It was interesting to learn how to advance arguments in a clear and persuasive manner—a skill that studying law in a purely academic setting does not necessarily teach. However, it was rewarding to see our hard work pay off when we convinced the bench of a difficult point of law.







Jing Wen So Jonathan Tan





It was heartening to see the team support each other.

learn from each other and

bond over the hundreds of

hours of research, drafting

and moot practice. It was

hard work and one too many

days reading about territorial

treaties, but we would never change a thing. We have

challenge and be confident.

While much of our suffering

was (arguably) attributable

immensely grateful for their

unwavering guidance and

friendship throughout, as

well as the support of the

could not take place this

We have made life-long

friends and developed a

passion for advocacy and

and beyond.

Jessup community at King's

Even though the competition

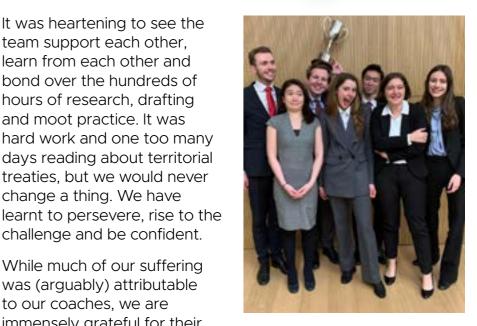
year, we could not be more

thankful for our experience.

to our coaches, we are







international law that will last a lifetime. As banal as it sounds, the journey is so much more important than the destination!

Team roster









UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#108 American University Washington College of Law

While we are devastated the International Rounds have been cancelled, the sine qua non of the Jessup experience is the journey leading to those rounds. Like many other teams, ours found that our most essential interests were the countless nights we spent reading piles of legal articles. The only appropriate remedy for those late nights is the ecstatic feeling that emerges when finding a dispositive

source to perfectly answer a judge's formidable question. More than that, that our coach expertly whipped us into shape, while also being a constant source of support and comfort, is an experience we will cherish always. To see any light between our love for international law, our love for Jessup, and our love for our team members would be to create an artificial distinction.

Team roster

Catherine Newcombe (Coach) Dimitar Georgiev Stephanie Herrman Anthony Nardi Erin Downey Ciara Beaulieu





#141 Arizona State University





Team roster

Rob Gordon (Coach)
Amanda Newman (Coach)
David Pace
Zachary Weiss
Leanne Hay
Daniel Weiss
Emiley Pagrabs

When our team looks back on Jessup, we think about two very different aspects. We remember vividly the difficulty of preparing. From countless hours spent studying alone, trying to master our issues. to collaborating together; editing, discussing, arguing, and thinking collectively. We pored over the problem for hours at a time. We drew diagrams and theories on white boards. We were vigorously questioned and critiqued by judges in practice rounds. At times, we struggled with our arguments to the point that we believed we didn't know anything at all. Although this was the difficult part of Jessup, it was also the part that bound us together as a team. It made us closer, and looking back, we are grateful for that struggle. And that is because we also remember the thrill and adrenaline rush of the

competition. The satisfaction of answering a judge's difficult question by recalling the text of a treaty or facts of a case. The excitement of delivering a persuasive argument under the stress of competition. The nervous anticipation of watching each other as we delivered our arguments, but knowing that we would perform admirably. At the Pacific Regional Qualifying Competition, our faith in one another was unfaltering. Our bond was unbreakable. And we succeeded the only way we believe it is possible to succeed in the Jessup, as a team. Although the opportunity to compete in the Jessup has come to an end for most of the team. the bonds we built along the way have not ended. Just as in the Jessup, we moved forward and succeeded only as a team, so too in life do we move forward together.

#172 University of Washington

Your Excellencies, President Pindro, and may it please the Jessup.

Hello from the University of Washington School of Law's Jessup squad, hailing from Seattle, USA. Our team consists of David Wang and Dailey Koga (Agents for Applicant), Molly Gibbons and Lulu Anderson (Agents for Respondent), Julia Fleming (Of Counsel), and Team Advisors Greg Porter and Jackson Marchant.

The UW Jessup Team made the International Rounds last year for the first time in 15 years, and we were thrilled



to have made it again this year. Our team is incredibly appreciative of the friendships we developed, the solidarity we created, the pain that we survived, and the knowledge that we garnered—all of which was only possible through the Jessup. (We are also thankful for the opportunity to never think about some issues, such as automatic treaty succession and the WTO's exclusive jurisdiction, ever again.)

Like most other US law schools, our legal education focuses almost exclusively on US national law. The Jessup program we are building at UW helps supplement our legal training with an opportunity to engage both theoretically and practically with a global rule of law that we often take for granted. This is more important than ever as we collectively face crises requiring international structure and cooperation. including global health crises and climate change.



Team roster

Gregory Porter (Coach)
Jackson Marchant (Advisor)
Lulu Anderson
Dailey Koga
Molly Gibbons
Julia Fleming
David Wang

While we are disappointed that we were unable to meet everyone in DC this year, we are also confident that the Jessup community will emerge from this crisis with even more resolve. From those of us who are returning, we look forward to the next year's challenge. From those of us who are graduating, thanks for the memories and the opportunities.

And, as we constantly said this year: Live. Laugh. Lis pendens.

University of Washington #GoDawgs

#249

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

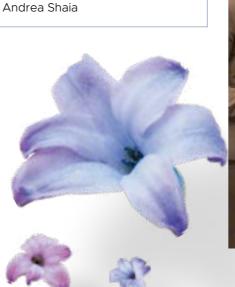
Case Western Reserve
University School of Law
made it to the International
Competition this year for
the third year in a row! We
worked harder than ever
before to get to this point.
Our team was dedicated with
our love for the law and with
our love for the Jessup. We
learned so much together
and we pushed ourselves

to be our best. For those on our team graduating, we will take the skills we have learned and put them to good use as lawyers of the next generation. For those on our team who have another year to compete, we know you will make us proud next year competing at the Jessup.

Jessup brings people from all over the world together and works towards international cooperation. Our team has worked to embody the spirit of the Jessup. We wish we could be with you all in Washington, DC Our hearts are with you all as we face this pandemic together.

Team roster

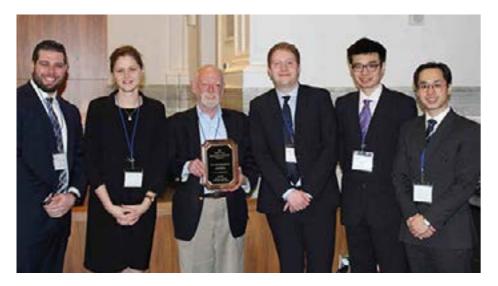
Michael Scharf (Coach) Tessa Oates Anthony Severyn Laura Graham Elizabeth Safier Andrea Shaia





#269

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

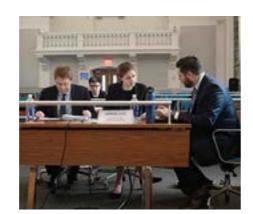


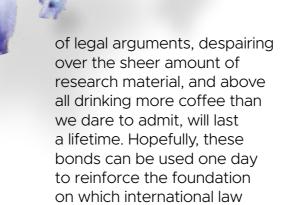
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies #269

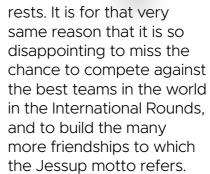
Competing in the Jessup is daunting, especially if you are the only non-law school participating in your region. Despite this mental hurdle, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) has bravely faced that challenge for now 30 years under the incredible guidance of Professor Steven M. Schneebaum. Despite Professor Schneebaum's

reassurance that we were well prepared for the competition, there was this nagging voice in the back of our heads: "How can non-lawyers ever live up to Jessup's standards?" Against all odds, we took up the challenge and we grew because of it with every round we competed in. To each of us, seeing our personal growth over the course of a few months has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives.

As a team, we quickly realized that participating had allowed us to live Jessup's informal motto: "In the future, world leaders will look upon each other differently, because they met here first, as friends." SAIS is devoted to the study of international affairs. As a team representing three nationalities—American, German. Chinese—we experienced the very best that can come out of international cooperation. The bonds that we have formed through countless hours debating the facts, clashing over the importance











Team roster

Steven M. Schneebaum (Coach) Miriam Elena Siemes Jonas Präfke Kangdi Cheng Jordan Victor Hongyi Lin



#301 Cornell University



The 2019 – 2020 Jessup season meant a lot to the Cornell Law team, particularly because of the opportunities that it afforded us. It allowed our team to engage with fascinating and long-debated topics in international law that many of us had never before encountered; the opportunity for each of us to feel a sense of empowerment as we challenged ourselves

in improving our research, writing and oral advocacy skills; the opportunity to meet other like-minded colleagues and distinguished scholars and authors from across the country; and most importantly, the opportunity to meet life-long friends who are as devoted and passionate about the same issues and provide hope that we can have a better tomorrow. We are proud to have represented Cornell Law and to have qualified for the International Rounds—a feat that our school has not achieved in more than 10 years. Amidst these unprecedented, uncertain, and trying times, the Cornell Law Team is grateful and appreciative for all of these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that this Jessup Competition has provided us.





Team roster
Valeria Chiappini (Coach)
Sumridhi Kaur
Allyesha Hall
Camila Machado
Joshua Howard
Nolan Bouchane



#431 Columbia Law School



High excitement—and high anxiety—characterized the beginning of this year for our team. Even as the new members of the team adjusted to the format of the competition and grappled with the issues, we all felt a shared sense of drive and resolve in every practice and research meeting.

Now, with the International Rounds cancelled, we have had an opportunity to take a step back from the intensity of the competition and reflect on the broader realities of why public international law and the Jessup Competition are so important. More than ever, we appreciate the friendships, camaraderie,

Team roster

Andrew Connery (Advisor)
Alexandra Nasar (Advisor)
Daniel Fahrenthold (Advisor)
Sara Kaufhardt
Adi Radhakrishnan
Grace Pyo
Emily Drake
Harshil Bansal

and exposure to international law and other teams from this competition. We want to particularly thank the returning members of the team, Sara Kaufhardt and Adi Radhakrishnan, for their constant encouragement, sacrifice, and pushing the entire team to be their best. We also want to thank our advisers and the Columbia Jessup alumni for celebrating us. No matter the competitive outcome, the greatest rewards of competing in Jessup are the relationships and understanding of public international law. Thus, we consider this year a success.

#572 University of Wisconsin



This year was incredibly special for the UW Jessup Team, as it marked the first time we advanced to the International Rounds in recent history. We are sad that we could not compete at the International Rounds this year, but proud of the hard work we put in throughout the year. Our competitors are all very talented oralists who took the time to extensively prepare their issues ahead of the

competition. They mastered both the style and substance of their arguments, and many of the judges commented favorably on their persuasive ability as advocates. We are extra proud of Jordan Vassel for placing second in the Regional Competition, and we'd also like to offer a special shout out to Eugene Krakow and Christina Puhnaty for their invaluable assistance behind the scenes.

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in throughout
the year.

Team roster

Katie Gresham (Coach) Angela O'Brien Zoe Sellman Bella Seeberg Rebecca Rosenthal Jordan Vassel

#828 Washington University



The first time I heard our coach, Judge Gilbert Sison, pitch the reasons for joining the Washington University Jessup Team, he emphasized how competing in the Jessup helps you develop your lawyering muscle: by competing, you would learn how to research, learn how to write and learn how to speak. We learned how to research, write, and speak. But these skills alone cannot capture the real benefit of competing in the Jessup the competition's spirit. This spirit makes the competition the most inspiring, and most empowering, activity in law school.

That we would spend days voluntarily locked in a foot-smelling library room completing a memorial doesn't sound like a selling point, but without that process, we would never have been inspired by the leadership my 2L teammates, Christian Rose, Jessica Yu and Peiran Zhang, demonstrated when they stayed behind every night until our product was polished. Without that process, we would never have been touched by the compassion and kindness our co-captain, Kristina Houtchins, illustrated each morning with the spirit she brought back to start the process over again and to keep us moving forward.

That we would spend five out of seven days a week drilling our performances doesn't sound like a selling point, but without that process, we would never have been empowered by our coaches, including Gil, and Regan Hildebrand, who

Team roster

Gilbert Sison (Coach)
Regan Hildebrand (Coach)
Leila Sadat (Coach)
Kristina Houchins
Megan Ferguson
Peiran Zhang
Jessica Yu
Christian Rose



found the means to help us find the power we had to keep improving. Without this process, we would never have made it to our first International Rounds last year, and would never have observed the true spirit of Jessup—the community that came together, in a million little acts of diplomacy, just to discuss international law. Competing in the Jessup will make us all better lawyers. But, most importantly, competing in the Jessup has already made us better people, and the world a better place.

UZBEKISTAN

#451

Tashkent State University of Law

#AssalomuAlaykum from Tashkent State University of Law's Jessup Team (Uzbekistan). To begin with, I would like to express my gratitude to the #ILSA which, despite the circumstances. is doing everything possible to keep this huge Jessup family together! #Rahmat also to the authors of the #Jessup2020problem, thanks to which our team again locked itself in its room for more than six months and worked tirelessly on themselves—some of my friends sometimes told about how the WALL system is piled from afar in an overwhelming fog like an impregnable fortress and how armed gangs ravage entire villages in their dreams. We, as expected, have become so accustomed to this life that we already believed that we would defend the interests & rights of our homelands in the ICJ!

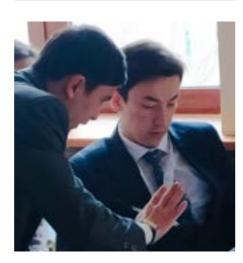
A few words about the Jessup: the most valuable thing in this competition is definitely a #family! These are the people with whom you associate for six months under a single motto: "Get up, eat up, JESSUP!!!" Against the background of the popular topic related to COVID-19, I would like to say something else about another virus—the virus that lives in each of us here—the #virusoflovefortheJessup! It cannot be cured:)

I hope we all will definitely meet with you!

Take care of yourselves!

Team roster

Akbar Rasulov (Advisor)
Akhadjon Khakimov (Advisor)
Muhammadbobur Abdullaev
Toyirov Azizbek
Sayidkomil Ibodullaev
Ibrohimjon Nabijonov
Madina Urmanova





#565

University of World Economy and Diplomacy, International Law Faculty

Greetings from team #565, Uzbekistan!

This year's competition was exceptionally wonderful for our team. We were very proud to represent our university (University of World Economy and Diplomacy) at the Uzbekistan National Rounds and would have been so during the Jessup 2020 International Rounds in Washington, DC.

We had a great National Round, where we met a lot of new friends and wonderful judges who made the Jessup 2020 Uzbekistan National Rounds an amazing event. Special thanks to our National Administrator Salimjon Yusupov for this great event!

Team 565 would like to express their endless gratitude to our fantastic coaches: Sitora Rakhimova, Aziza Saydaripova and Rebecca Brown, Margaux Day, for their support and care and valuable advice, without which we couldn't have won the National Rounds!

With a firm determination. passion and high hopes in our hearts, we were heading to DC to compete with other teams of different countries and jurisdictions. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all of us have been prevented from participating in the Jessup 2020 International Rounds. However, we are Jessupers and we must learn to take any difficulty on the chin! Our team is in a positive mood and we hope to gain our perch in the upcoming Jessup 2021!



Team roster

Sitora Rakhimova (Advisor) Aziza Saydaripova (Advisor) Margaux Day (Advisor) Rebecca Brown (Advisor) Sanjar Norquvatov Madina Dumanova Fatkhulla Nigmonov Zulfiya Gafurova Esmira Saudkasova





VIETNAM

#211

Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Dear ILSA,

We are writing to you in remembrance of all the nostalgic memories we have been through during this precious journey.

Jessup has been such a long journey since the day we decided to step into it. Little were we aware of the difficulties that would have awaited us in the many following months; we held on to this journey without a single thought of giving up, even for an instant. A team of four young ladies, coachless, having nothing, we built up the Jessup planet with all we had and lived the Jessup life like it was the last time we could do it. Deep inside our hearts and minds, we knew and believed that it was worth it.

We were deeply saddened and devastated by the cancellation of this year's International Rounds; however, it is our belief that we have learned and gained a lot during this Jessup journey. We have learned great lessons on patience, dedication, sincerity and especially our friendship. Thank you for making these all happen. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to grow up and to be one of the members of the Jessup community. We wish you all the best for a successful competition next year!

"Travel isn't always pretty. It isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it hurts; it

Team roster

Mai Quyen Nguyen Phuong Linh Le Minh Nguyet Bui Anh Duong Nguyen

even breaks your heart.
But that's okay. The journey changes you; it should change you. It leaves marks on your memory, on your consciousness, on your heart and on your body. You take something with you. Hopefully, you leave something good behind."

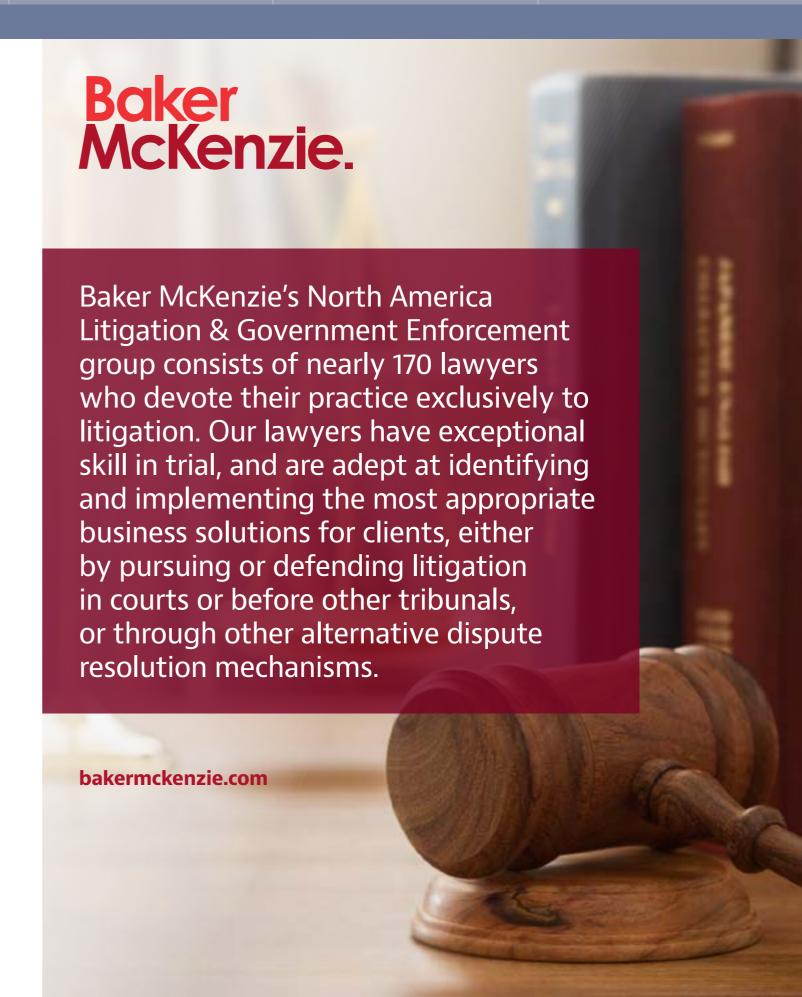
– Anthony Bourdain







DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF VIETNAM



2020 ADVANCING JESSUP TEAMS (NOT FEATURED)

ARMENIA

#730
French University in
Armenia Foundation
Garine Hovsepian (Coach)
Areg Malkhasyan (Coach)

Marina Danielyan

Nareh Honarchian-Masihi

Eliza Sargsyan

Viktorya Shakhmaryan

COLOMBIA

#309

Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

Valentina Gomez

Macarena Ramirez

Emilio Mocarque

Antonia Gorena

ESTONIA

#755
Tallinn University
Law School
Tiina Pajuste (Advisor)

Azalea Maureen Hagerty

Mikko Villa Ilmari Siintola

Heini Tuulikki Äikäs

Hanna Ella Maria Järvinen

GERMANY

#487

Hertie School of Governance

Ana Bobic (Coach)

Theresa Bosl (Coach)

Pierre Thielbörger (Coach)

Mark Dawson (Coach)

Sören Reischert

Michela Pellegatta

Eliza Littleton

Kristina Hatas

Svenja Stäbler

LEBANON

#774

La Sagesse University Karim El Mufti (Advisor)

Lama Sakr

Layal Yammine Rachele Chalhoub

Sacha Hajj Assaf

Nadia El Khalil

MEXICO

#777

Escuela Libre de Derecho

Ana Guadalupe Correa Torres (Advisor)

Francisco Arreguín

Rodríguez (Advisor)

Diego Jaramillo (Advisor)

Isolda María Vela Fuentes

José Mario De la Garza Martins

Eduardo Rodríguez Santos

Salim Arturo González Castañeda

Jesús Martín Corona González

RUSSIA

#116

National Research University Higher School

of Economics

Emil Shagiakhmetov (Coach)

Anastasia Rozeeva (Coach)

Gayane Gulyan (Coach)

Adam Nalgiev

Matvei Tarasov

Elena Naumova

Daria Bukreeva

Alexander Kozhedub

SOUTH AFRICA

#189

University of Pretoria

Sohela Surajpal (Coach)

Mary-Ann Getcliffe (Advisor)

Dire Tladi (Advisor)

Thompson Chengeta

(Advisor)

Kyle Cloete

Kiranteba Coetzee

Dunga Mashilo

SRI LANKA

#260

University of Colombo

Gangulali de Silva

Daniella Perera

Avishka Jayaweera

Taahira Lafir

Saheli Wikramanayake

UNITED KINGDOM

#281

University of Oxford

Harry Stratton (Coach)

Eden Smith

Emily Zhao

Alexander Yean

Vivian Leong

Firdaus Mohandas

UNITED STATES

#175

St. Mary's University Marion Reilly (Coach)

Robert Summers (Advisor)

Lindsey Laielli

Nicole Cooper

Nadeen Abou-Hossa

Melissa Fullmer

Kelsi Owens

#128

University of Texas
Derek Jinks (Advisor)

Jason Gallant

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Brandt Vernon

Andrew Eckhous

Madeline Stein

Miranda Morton

#132

Emory University

Jennifer Huber (Coach)
Jacob Weiss (Coach)

Krishna Shah (Coach)

Tiffany Trussell (Coach)

Margaret Clark Kaela Palmiter

Noemie Broussoux-Coutard

Madeline Young

ZAMBIA

#123

University of Zambia

James Kayula (Advisor)

Nkuta Kabwe

Abednego Chuni

#166

Cavendish University of Zambia

Ndlovu Kwazinkosi (Advisor) Kasuba Mateyo (Advisor)

Maria Siamoya

Nozipho Nkomo

Bwalya Mwewa

Leonard Ngulube



ILSA AND JESSUP AWARDS

HARDY C. DILLARD AWARD

This Award is named in honor of the late Judge Dillard of the International Court of Justice, who was a longtime supporter of the Jessup Competition. The Award is an extension of the US Rutgers Award, initiated at Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey, in 1973. The Award is presented to Teams for excellence in Memorial writing by comparing top Memorials across participating jurisdictions. Memorials of the Teams scoring the highest at each Qualifying Round are considered for the Award.

ALONA E. EVANS AWARD

This Award is named in honor of the late Professor Evans, the first woman to be elected President of the American Society of International Law, and a faithful supporter of the Competition. The Award is presented to Teams for excellence in Memorial writing at the White & Case International Rounds.

RICHARD R. BAXTER AWARD

This Award is named in honor of the late Richard Baxter, who served as Judge of the International Court of Justice, and who was an eminent and pioneering scholar of International Law. The Award is presented to Teams for excellence in Memorial writing by comparing individual Applicant and Respondent Memorials. The Applicant and Respondent Memorials of Teams that receive the Alona E. Evans Award and/or the Hardy C. Dillard Award are considered for the Richard R. Baxter Award. One award will be given to the Best Overall Applicant Memorial and one award will be given to the Best Overall Respondent Memorial. Both winning memorials will be published in the ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law.

THE STEVEN M. SCHNEEBAUM AWARD

This Award is named in honor of Steven M. Schneebaum, an American attorney and scholar who specializes in international dispute resolution and complex litigation. Mr. Schneebaum has filled a critical role in the organization and administration of the Jessup Competition for decades. Among other positions, he has served as a Compromis Author, Chairman of the ILSA Board of Directors, Jessup Coach and Jessup Judge. The award is presented to a National Administrator for outstanding service and dedication to the Jessup Competition.

THE PAMELA M.YOUNG AWARD

Created in 1993 in honor of Pamela Young, Assistant Jessup Administrator from 1974 to 1994, this Award recognizes the outstanding volunteer service of individuals to the Jessup Competition.

THE KING & SPALDING SPIRIT OF THE JESSUP AWARD

The King & Spalding Spirit of the Jessup Award recognizes the Team that best exemplifies the Jessup spirit of camaraderie, academic excellence, competitiveness, and appreciation of fellow competitors. This award is sponsored by King & Spalding and voted upon by the Jessup participants themselves, and is intended to establish the standard to which all participants should strive to govern their performance and professional demeanor. For the 2020 Competitions, teams were invited to submit videos showing their Jessup Spirit.

BAKER MCKENZIE AWARD -BEST MEMORIAL FROM A NEW TEAM

This award recognizes the highest scoring memorial from a team in a country that has competed in the Jessup for three or fewer years.

AWARD WINNERS

ALONA E. EVANS AWARD FOR BEST MEMORIALS AT THE WHITE & CASE INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS:

- 1. Universidad de Chile #383 (Chile)
- 2. Universidad de Buenos Aires #275 (Argentina)
- 3. Eötvös Loránd University #403 (Hungary)
- 4. MGIMO University #188 (Russia)
- 4. Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" #197 (Bulgaria)
- 6. Royal University of Law and Economics #535 (Cambodia)
- 7. University of Padjadjaran #463 (Indonesia)
- 7. National Research University Higher School of Economics #116 (Russia)
- 9. Kuwait International Law School #228 (Kuwait)
- 9. University of Toronto #418 (Canada)
- 11. Saint-Petersburg State University #255 (Russia)
- 11. Sophia University #349 (Japan)
- 13. University of Oxford #281 (United Kingdom)
- 14. American University #108 (USA)
- 14. Renmin University of China #601 (China)
- 14. University of Maribor #699 (Slovenia)
- 17. University of Western Ontario #322 (Canada)
- 17. Airlangga University #378 (Indonesia)
- 19. Peking University #162 (China)
- 19. University of Washington #172 (USA)
- 19. Cornell University #301 (USA)
- 19. University of Sydney #334 (Australia)
- 23. Cairo University (English Section) #520 (Egypt)
- 23. NALSAR School of Law #703 (India)
- 25. National University of Singapore #222 (Singapore)

- 26. Saints Cyril and Methodius University #303 (North Macedonia)
- 26. Gujarat National Law University #389 (India)
- 28. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki #559 (Greece)
- 29. Faculdade Baiana de Direito e Gestão #185 (Brazil)
- 29. University of Helsinki #313 (Finland)
- 29. University of International Business and Economics #567 (China)
- 29. Jagiellonian University Cracow #575 (Poland)
- 33. The WB National University of Juridical Sciences #124 (India)
- 34. Case Western Reserve University #249 (USA)
- 35. Belarusian State University Faculty of International Relations #316 (Belarus)
- 35. Comenius University #468 (Slovakia)
- 37. Yaroslav Mudriy National Law University #106 (Ukraine)
- 38. Auckland University #526 (New Zealand)
- 39. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg #155 (Germany)
- 40. University of Pretoria #189 (South Africa)
- 40. Università degli Studi di Milano #759 (Italy)

HARDY C. DILLARD AWARDS FOR BEST COMBINED MEMORIALS (NATIONAL ROUNDS)

- 1. Universidad de Buenos Aires #275 (Argentina)
- 2. George Washington University #268 (USA)
- 3. Universidad de Chile #383 (Chile)
- 4. Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München #456 (Germany)
- 5. Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" #197 (Bulgaria)
- 6. Royal University of Law and Economics #535 (Cambodia)
- 7. University of Padjadjaran #463 (Indonesia)
- 8. Universitat Pompeu Fabra #359 (Spain)
- 8. University of Toronto #418 (Canada)
- 10. City University of Hong Kong #503 (Hong Kong China)

RICHARD R. BAXTER AWARD FOR BEST APPLICANT MEMORIAL

Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)

RICHARD R. BAXTER AWARD FOR BEST RESPONDENT MEMORIAL

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria)

BAKER MCKENZIE AWARD FOR BEST MEMORIAL FROM A NEW TEAM

University of Mandalay (Myanmar)

BEST OVERALL MEMORIALS AT THE 2020 WHITE & CASE INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS

Applicant - Peking University (China) Respondent - Universidad de Chile (Chile)

SPIRIT OF THE JESSUP AWARD

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (follow this **link** to the team video)

STEVEN M. SCHNEEBAUM AWARD

Volodymyr Solohub and Nikolay Yurlov (Ukraine) Giovanny Vega Barbosa (Colombia) Winnie Wat (Hong Kong China)

PAMELA M. YOUNG AWARD

Michael Peil Professor Zhu Wenqi



ASK ANYTHING: Q&A WITH THE 2020 JESSUP PROBLEM AUTHORS

This year, we held a virtual reveal of the identities of the three authors of the 2020 Jessup Problem: Amir Farhadi, Tim McKenzie and Beatrice Walton. They shared what inspired them to write the problem and answered questions from competitors, coaches, judges and other members of the Jessup community from around the world. This event was sponsored by the American Bar Association International Law Section. A recording of Ask Anything is available to watch on ILSA's Vimeo.

A CONVERSATION WITH JUDGE JOAN DONOGHUE

Hundreds of members of the Jessup Community virtually joined ILSA for a discussion with Judge Joan Donoghue of the International Court of Justice on the Jessup Competition, studying international law, and perspectives on real-world practice in the World Court. Judge Donoghue was interviewed by Dechert passociate Amir Farhadi. A recording of the interview with Judge Donoghue is available to watch on ILSA's Vimeo.

2020 JESSUP COMPETITION VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On 25 April 2020, ILSA hosted a live virtual Awards Ceremony to honor the hard work of teams, coaches, administrators, volunteers and all who support the Jessup—and welcomed Hon. Richard Goldstone to deliver a keynote address. You can watch a recording of the complete Awards Ceremony on ILSA's Vimeo.

KING & SPALDING SPIRIT OF THE JESSUP AWARD

The Spirit of the Jessup Award recognizes the team that best exemplifies the Jessup Competition's spirit of camaraderie, academic excellence, competitiveness and appreciation of fellow competitors. This year teams were invited to submit videos showing why their team's Jessup Spirit deserved recognition. We received some incredible submissions from teams around the world. After online voting, the 2020 Spirit of the Jessup Award went to the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. All of the video submissions are available on ILSA's Vimeo.

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ILSA would like to thank the many Friends of the Jessup, the members of the Board of Directors, ILSA Chapters, judges, bailiffs, volunteers and sponsors around the world for their limitless support of the Jessup Competition. The Jessup would not be possible without their efforts.

Our thanks are also owed to ILSA's Global Partner White & Case. More than just a sponsor, White & Case provides volunteers and technological assistance for the Competition, and has undertaken a number of projects aimed at improving the Jessup experience for everyone involved. We would like to specially recognize Elizabeth Black, who leads all of the Firm's Jessup activities around the world, and Hugh Verrier, the Firm's Chairman.

ILSA is grateful for the support of HeinOnline, Oxford University Press and LexisNexis, and Jus Mundi for providing our student competitors with invaluable access to their legal research databases.

A final word of thanks goes to our Qualifying Round Administrators for their tireless work and dedication on behalf of the Jessup Competition.

