

Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition

2013 Compromis Request for Proposals

Dear International Law Enthusiasts,

The International Law Students Association (ILSA), the organization responsible for administering the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, is soliciting proposals for the 2013 Jessup Problem (a.k.a. Jessup *Compromis*). Proposals must be submitted to ILSA's Executive Director, Will Patterson, at wpatterson@ilsa.org, by March 1, 2012.

The Jessup Competition is based on a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. Proposals should be in the form of past Jessup Problems (see links below). Problems will cover four legal issues, reflected in four prayers for relief at the end, and these issues should be realistic, cutting edge international legal questions. The Jessup Problem should be balanced, both legally and morally, providing both sides with strong arguments on each issue. The proposal should also contain a one-page outline of the sub-issues raised by the Problem. Although proposals are not subject to a word count, the final Jessup Problem should be 4,000-5,000 words in length.

Past authors have included international judges, international organization officials, and leading academics and practitioners. The author receives recognition at the World Championship Round in Washington, D.C., in the Jessup issue of the *ILSA Quarterly*, and in the annual volume of the *Jessup Compendium* published by William S. Hein & Co., Inc.

The ILSA Board will select the Jessup Problem from the submitted proposals at its spring meeting in March. In addition to working with the ILSA Executive Office to polish the Problem, the author will be expected to (1) assist with the Bench Memorandum, a guide to assist the brief and oral argument judges; (2) assist with the Clarifications and Corrections process; and (3) assist with the creation of two lists of basic research materials that will be provided to student competitors to level the playing field for those who do not have access to advanced research resources. ILSA retains editorial and intellectual control over all Jessup Competition materials, including the Jessup Problem.

Problems from recent years are available for your reference:

2012: <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/jessup12/compromis.doc>

2011: <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/jessup11/compromis.doc>

2010: <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/jessup10/compromis.doc>

2009: <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/jessup09/compromis.doc>

2008: <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/jessup08/compromis.doc>

Thank you,

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