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JESSUP COMPENDIUM PROLOGUE

This compilation represents the energy, both intellectual and physical, of thousands of law students and professionals from around the world who have been involved with the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition since its inception in 1960. It is a compendium of the Jessup problems, winning memorials, and where available judges' briefs, official rules plus the Competition results.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is a moot court exercise for students of international law. It began in 1960; the product of efforts by a small number of highly motivated law students from three American law schools. At first known only as the International Law Moot Court Competition, it was renamed in 1963 to recognize the notable accomplishments and contributions of Judge Philip C. Jessup as an international legal practitioner, scholar, teacher, and member of the International Court of Justice from 1961 until 1970.

The Competition requires teams of law students to research, draft and then orally defend memorials responsive to the issues posed in a hypothetical problem. Each year the problem is authored by a leading international scholar or practitioner on the topic of timely and global significance.

The Jessup is currently separated into two divisions — the National and International. From its beginning with three law schools participating, the National Division has grown to involve over 120 law schools from across the United States. Winners from each of the eleven regional competitions advance to the final rounds held in Washington, D.C. each spring. Advancement is based upon the combined scores obtained for both the written and oral segments of the competition. The regional winners then compete to determine the National Division winner.

The International Division also began very slowly with the participation of a few Canadian teams within the then solely domestic Jessup. In the late 60's and early 70's the interest of foreign schools in the Jessup began to expand and with it came the creation and growth of the International Division. To date over 70 law schools from 38 nations have participated in the Jessup. Each year the International Division expands. The teams from this division also meet in Washington, D.C. for final rounds. Some of the teams are selected via regional rounds similar to the ones held in the U.S., with the winners advancing to Washington, while in the smaller nations a team is chosen in a more individualized process.

The winners of the National and International Divisions then meet in a Jessup Round to decide the winner of the Jessup Cup, i.e., the over-all winner of the Competition. Awards are also given at the regional, National, International, and Jessup Round levels for the Best Oralist. The best memorials from each domestic regional are separately judged for the Rutgers Award, which is given to honor the best memorial submitted in the National Jessup. This is done since the team submitting the best memorial in each regional may not necessarily be the team which advances to the finals because that is determined by both oral and written performances.

There is also a best memorial prize for both the National and International Division final rounds.

While there are many moot court competitions which take place each year, the Jessup is truly unique. International in both purpose and scope, the Jessup is a tremendous vehicle for the advancement of international peace and understanding. This Compendium represents the epitome of the written portion of the Jessup and sets forth the winners of the various categories, but the true winners are all those who have participated in the Jessup and the world which they will be the leaders of tomorrow.