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Jessup Compendium Prologue

This compilation represents the intellectual and physical energy of thousands of law students, attorneys, judges and professors from around the world who have been involved with The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition since its inception in 1959. The Compendium contains the Jessup Problem, winning memorials, Judges' Bench Memorandum, Official Rules and Competition results.

The Competition requires teams of two to five law students to research, draft and orally defend Memorials that are responsive to the issues posed in a hypothetical case. Each year, the problem is authored by international scholars and practitioners on topics of timely and global significance.

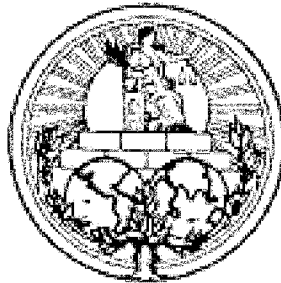
Since its creation, the Competition has grown dramatically. If more than one school in a country wishes to participate in the Competition, the country must hold one or more Regional or National Competitions to determine which school or schools will represent the country in the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds. These preliminary Competitions are held throughout the world from December through February. Countries that have 20 or more teams competing in the National or Regional Rounds are entitled to more than one representative team at the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds.

Team rank in the Competition is based upon win-loss records, which are determined by the combined scores of the written and oral portions of individual rounds. Memorials constitute one-third of the team score, and oral pleadings count for the remaining two-thirds.

The Shearman & Sterling International Rounds begin with the preliminary rounds, in which each team argues orally four times, twice as the Applicant and twice as the Respondent. Following the preliminary rounds, the top twenty-four teams compete in single-elimination (or "knock-out") advanced rounds. Finally, the two winning teams from the Advanced Rounds compete against each other in the Shearman & Sterling Jessup Cup Championship Round.

Competition awards include Shearman & Sterling Jessup Cup Championship Team and World Runner-up trophies, as well as team awards for Quarterfinalists, Semifinalists, and top Memorials (the Evans Awards). Top individual oralists are also recognized at the Regional/National and International levels. The Shearman & Sterling Jessup Cup World Champion receives, "in trust," the "World Championship Jessup Cup," featuring the silver Jessup Cup and the plaques setting forth the winners of the Competition since its inception.

Other Jessup Competition awards include: The Stephen M. Schwebel Award (awarded by judges' vote to the Best Oralist in the Jessup Final Round); the International Law Institute Award (given to the Best Oralist from a non-native English-speaking country); the Spirit of the Jessup Award (selected by the participants in the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds, and awarded to the team that best exemplifies the spirit of the Competition); the Steven M. Schneebaum Outstanding National Administrator Award; and the Pamela M. Young Award, which recognizes the outstanding contributions of individual volunteers.



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