

**Jessup International Law Moot
2015 Australian National Rounds
3-7 February 2015, Canberra**

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By email

Dear Professor Stuckey

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (3-7 February 2015)

I am writing to invite your Law School to participate in the 2015 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

The Jessup Moot is the largest and most prestigious mooted competition in the world. Australian National Rounds for the Jessup Moot have been held since 1977, and the Jessup Moot has become the premier mooted competition for Australian law students. The International Finals of the competition, held annually in Washington DC, have regularly been dominated by Australian teams.

For those Law Schools unfamiliar with the Jessup Moot, I have attached with this letter some further background on the competition. Additional information can be obtained from the International Law Students Association (ILSA) website, where the 2015 Competition Rules and the 2015 Moot Problem are posted (<http://www.ilsa.org/jessuphome>).

The Australian National Rounds

Australian teams participating in the Jessup Moot compete in the Australian National Rounds, held at the Australian National University in Canberra. There are four preliminary moots in which each team will be required to moot both the Applicant and Respondent argument twice. Teams will then progress in a finals series, commencing with a Quarter-Final round, followed by a Semi-Final and the Final. The schedule for the 2015 Competition is as follows:

- 12 January 2015 Submission of memorials to National Administrator and to ILSA (**note that this is two days earlier than the deadline on the ILSA Official Schedule**)
- 3 February 2015 Team Registration (ANU College of Law)
- 4 February 2015 Preliminary Moots (ANU College of Law)
- 5 February 2015 Preliminary Moots (ANU College of Law), Competitors BBQ and Announcement of Finalists (ANU College of Law)

6 February 2015 Quarter-Finals (Federal Court of Australia: TBC)

7 February 2015 Semi-Finals (ACT Supreme Court: TBC) and Final and Awards Dinner (High Court of Australia)

An Awards Dinner will be held at the High Court on 7 February 2015 to announce a range of prizes for those participating in the competition, including the winners of the Jessup Cup and the two teams that will represent Australia at the International Finals. In February 2014, it was agreed by the Faculty Advisors and Coaches that there will be a new prize for the 2015 competition for the 'Best Performing Newcomer Team'. This prize will be awarded at the Awards Dinner 'to the team that has only recently competed in the Jessup [Moot] (i.e. within the past four years) and is ranked highest among such teams after the preliminary rounds'. The ticket price for the dinner it is expected to be approximately \$100 per head.

Accommodation

Arrangements have been made for competitors, coaches and advisors to stay at John XXIII College on the ANU campus during the competition should they wish to do so. Further information concerning accommodation at John XXIII is attached to this letter. Contact should be made directly with John XXIII College before 4 November 2014 if you wish to take advantage of this arrangement. Please be aware that accommodation is sometimes difficult to secure in Canberra during the Jessup competition week, and that good accommodation options on or near the ANU Campus include (in addition to John XXIII College): ANU University House, Liversidge Court Apartments and Break Free Capital Tower.

Registration

There is a two-step registration process.

(1) Australian Registration and Competition Fee

The Registration Form is attached. **If your Law School wishes to enter the competition I would be grateful if you would arrange for the Form to be completed and returned to me by email before the end of October.** It is essential that a Coach or Faculty Adviser be nominated for the purposes of ongoing correspondence by email.

Since 1996 the Australian National rounds of the Jessup Moot have attracted a competition fee in order to meet the expenses incurred in administering the competition. As agreed among the participating teams in 1998, the fees were modified to encourage participation by newer and smaller law schools and a graduated fee structure remains in place.

The 2015 fee structure was agreed by Coaches and Faculty Advisors of participating Law Schools in February 2013:

Ordinary registration (teams from ACT, Southern and Central NSW, and Victoria)	\$1,450
Reduced Fee 1 (teams from Northern NSW, Qld, Tasmania and SA)	\$1,050
Reduced Fee 2 (teams from WA, NT and Far North Qld)	\$650
Reduced Fee 3 (teams competing in the Jessup Moot for the first time)	\$200

These fees are not subject to GST. **Payment of fees for the Australian Regional Rounds is not required until a Tax Invoice has been issued following the return of the Australian Registration Form.**

(2) International Registration and Competition Fee

Participation in the competition also involves **separate registration** with the international administrators of the Jessup Moot – ILSA.

Registration with ILSA must be completed online (<http://www.ilsa.org/jessuphome>) by 14 November 2014. Registration with, and payment to, ILSA must be made by this date. This is also the last day on which teams may submit the names of their team members to ILSA.

I do hope that your Law School will enter the 2015 Jessup Moot competition. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage concerning fees, the competition schedule or the competition rules.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Cassimatis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Dr Anthony Cassimatis

HISTORY OF THE PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Jessup Moot is widely recognised as the most prestigious international legal advocacy competition in the world. The Jessup Moot provides competitors with an unparalleled opportunity to work closely in a team to represent fictional States in a hypothetical (but always topical) case before the International Court of Justice on cutting-edge areas of international law. Teams must prepare detailed and lengthy written submissions and then moot against other teams, from around Australia, at the Australian Regional Rounds to be held in Canberra in February. The two finalist teams will then travel to Washington to compete in the International Rounds against teams from around the world.

The Jessup Moot has a history in Australia going back to 1977, when the first Regional Rounds were held in Sydney at which the Final was presided over by Sir Percy Spender, a former Australian President of the International Court of Justice. Professor Ivan Shearer, then of the University of New South Wales, was responsible for initiating the Jessup Moot in Australia, which in its early years regularly attracted eight competing teams from across Australia. In recent years, with the growth of Australian University Law Schools, the number of competing teams has also expanded to include teams from all States, the ACT and Northern Territory (17 teams competed in 2014). Australian teams have enjoyed considerable success in the International Finals of the Jessup Moot held in the US, even from the early days of the Australian competition. Australian teams have won the Jessup Cup on 11 occasions, including most recently the University of Queensland in 2014, and have been runners-up in a further 7 finals.

The Jessup Moot in Australia has long enjoyed a close relationship with the High Court of Australia and the Australian National University College of Law. The preliminary rounds have been held at the Australian National University for many years, while the High Court of Australia has likewise provided the venue for the Australian Final, which is presided over by a High Court judge.

The 2015 Australian competition is again being sponsored by the international law firm, DLA Piper. Support is also provided to the competition by government agencies and various associations with an interest in international law, particularly the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Attorney-General's Department, the International Law Association (Australian Branch), and the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL).

PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION
2015 AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ROUNDS – REGISTRATION FORM

[PLEASE RETURN BY 31 OCTOBER 2014]

Name and Address of Law School	
Name of Coach	
Telephone Numbers	<i>Office</i>
	<i>Home</i>
	<i>Mobile</i>
E-mail	
Name of Faculty Advisor (compulsory)	
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