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Jessup Compendium Prologue

This compilation represents the intellectual and physical energy of thousands of law students and attorneys, judges and professors around the world, who have been involved with the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition since its inception in 1959. It is a compendium of the Jessup problems, winning memorials, judges' memoranda, official rules and Competition results.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is a moot court exercise for students of international law. Initiated in 1959, it was the product of the efforts of a small group of highly motivated law students from three American law schools. Originally entitled the International Moot 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 the United States representative to the International Court of Justice, from 1961 until 1970.

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

Since its creation, the Competition has grown continuously and now some 250 universities in thirty-five countries on six continents participate each year. In the last thirty-one years, over 370 universities in fifty-six countries have participated in the Competition at one time or another. If more than one school in a country wishes to participate in the Competition, the country must hold a national competition (in the United States, there are several regional competitions) to determine which school(s) will represent the country in the International Rounds of the Competition. These national or regional competitions are held from December through March of each year, around the world.

Each country is permitted to send one team to the International Rounds for every group of ten teams competing in its national competition. Team advancement 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. The written materials (the memorials or briefs) constitute one-third of the total team score and the oral pleadings count for two-thirds of the total team score for individual rounds.

Following the preliminary rounds of the International Semifinals competition, the "Top Eight Teams of the World" (limit two per country), advance to the first level of the International Run-Off Rounds to determine the "Top Four Teams of the World." Those teams then compete in the second level of the International Run-Off Rounds to determine the final two teams who will compete in the World Championship Jessup Cup Round.

Competition awards include: Best Memorial Awards and Best Oralist Awards, at the national and regional levels, as well as the international levels; National (Regional) Champion and Runner-Up National (Regional) Champion Awards; Awards for the "Top Eight Teams of the World" and for the "Top Four Teams of the World;" and, the Jessup Cup World Champion and Runner-Up Jessup Cup World Champion Awards. The Jessup Cup World Champion also receives, "in trust," the "World Championship Jessup Cup," featuring the silver Jessup Cup and plaques setting forth the winners of the Competition for the last thirty-one years.

Other Jessup Competition awards include: Best Oralist in the Jessup Cup Round; the Hardy C. Dillard Award for Best Memorial in World Regional Competition; and, the Richard R. Baxter Awards for Best Overall Applicant and Respondent Memorials Submitted in the Competition (these are published annually in the *ILSA Journal of International Law* and this *Compendium*). The top five memorials in International Semifinals competition and the top five memorials in Hardy C. Dillard Award competition are also published in this *Compendium*.

While there are many domestic and regional moot court competitions held around the world each year, the Jessup is truly unique. International in both purpose and scope, the Jessup is an important vehicle for the advancement of international peace and understanding. This *Compendium* represents the epitome of the written portion of the Competition and sets out the winners of the various categories. But, the true winners are all of those who have participated in the Jessup and the world in which they will be tomorrow's leaders.