

**Q: What is the Jessup Competition?**

A: The 2016-2017 season marks the 58th year of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 87 countries. Teams of law students compete against one another through the presentation of oral and written pleadings to address timely issues of public international law in the context of a hypothetical legal dispute between nations. The Compromise is the springboard for the Jessup Competition. Written by leading scholars of international law, the Compromise is a compilation of agreed upon facts about the dispute that is submitted for adjudication to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the primary judicial organ of the United Nations. After the Compromise is released, students begin researching and preparing arguments for both sides of the dispute, drafting and editing written pleadings, called "memorials," and practicing oral presentations. Each team prepares two written memorials and two 45-minute oral presentations, one for each party to the dispute (the "Applicant" and the "Respondent"). Teams argue alternately as Applicant and Respondent against competing teams before a panel of judges, simulating a proceeding before the International Court of Justice.

**Q: How do I start a new Jessup Team at my school?**

A: Each school may only enter one team in the Competition. Once you have verified that your school does not already have a Jessup team, we recommend that you seek the advice of faculty members at your school who teach international law or who may be familiar with the Competition. Faculty advisors are useful because they can mobilize the resources of the school to support your team. Many Jessup teams receive funding, advisory support, and academic credit from their schools. Your next step is to introduce the Competition to other students who may be interested in participating on a Jessup team. Once the members of the team are organized, the last step is to contact the ILSA Executive Office at [registration@ilsa.org](mailto:registration@ilsa.org) to register your team. ILSA recommends that new teams read the White & Case Jessup Guide, a student-focused guide to working with the Jessup Problem, researching international law, writing memorials, and presenting oral arguments.

**Jessup Schedule:**

- The deadline for team registration is November 18<sup>th</sup>
- The Compromise was released on September 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>-The first batch of basic materials
- November 18<sup>th</sup>-Second batch of basic materials
- January 13<sup>th</sup>-deadline for submission of materials
- January 28<sup>th</sup>-Iranian National Rounds
- April 9-15<sup>th</sup> International Rounds (Washington D.C.)

Here is the website where all of the Competition Materials can be obtained:

<https://www.ilsa.org/jessuphome/2014-08-15-09-28-07/competition-materials>