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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 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. It began in 1959, the product of efforts by a small number of highly motivated law students from three American law schools. At first only known as 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 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 one or a group of leading international legal scholars or practitioners on a topic of timely and global significance.

From its beginning, the Competition has grown to involve each year over 250 universities in thirty-five countries on six continents. In the last thirty years, over 370 universities in fifty-six countries have participated in the Competition at one time or another. In countries with more than one Jessup team competing, over twenty regional competitions, taking place between December and February of each year, have developed to choose national representatives for the International Semifinals. Each country is allowed to send one team or one team for every group of ten teams competing on the regional level to the international competition. Team advancement in the Competition is based upon win-loss records, determined by the combined scores obtained for both the written and oral segments of an individual round with the written materials constituting one-third and oral pleadings two-thirds of an individual round's decision.

In 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 compete in the World Championship Jessup Cup Round.

Awards in the Competition include best Memorial Awards and Best Oralist Awards on both the regional and international levels, Regional Champion and Runner-Up Regional Champion Awards, Awards of the "Top Eight Teams of the World" and "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" for one year, the world-famous "World Championship Jessup Cup," featuring the silver Jessup Cup and plaques proclaiming the winners of the Competition since its beginning.

Other Jessup Competition awards include Best Oralist in the Jessup Cup Round, the Hardy C. Dillard Award for Best Memorial in World Regional Competition, 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*), and other national awards as the various participating countries deem appropriate. The top five memorials in International Semifinals competition and the top five memorials in Hardy C. Dillard Award competition are also published annually in this *Compendium*.

While there are many domestic and regional moot court competitions which take place each year, the Jessup is truly unique. International in both purposes 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 of which they will be tomorrow's leaders.