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Canadian National Division
Qualifying Tournament
of the
Philip C. Jessup International Law
Moot Court Competition

General Invitation to Judges:

My name is Jamie Larkam and I am the National Administrator for the Canadian National Division Qualifying Tournament of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. This year the Canadian Qualifying Tournament is being hosted by the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia and will be held in Vancouver, B.C. from February 11 - 14, 2004.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition is a prestigious, internationally recognized moot competition, created in the United States in 1959 by the International Law Students Association. It is the largest and fastest growing moot court competition in the world, involving more than 1700 students from more than 400 law schools in almost 80 nations on six continents.

The Canadian National Division Qualifying Tournament is open to all law schools in Canada, and students may participate in either English or French. The Canadian Qualifying Tournament determines the two Canadian teams that will go on to represent Canada at the International Rounds to be held in Washington, D.C. in April.

Information related to the 2004 Jessup Competition has been and will continue to be posted on the competition web page <http://faculty.law.ubc.ca/jessup>. Information is also available on the International Law Students Association's web site at www.ilsa.org.

The 2004 Jessup problem, called the *compromis*, is entitled "The Case Concerning the International Criminal Court". Once the problem is released in September 2003, a full copy of the *compromis* will be available on the competition web page.

I anticipate that we will need upward of 144 judges for the oral competition rounds, some of whom will need to be bilingual. If you have an interest in international law, I would encourage you to volunteer to act as a judge for the oral competition rounds. We will also need a number of judges to evaluate the written arguments, called memorials. As with the oral round judges, a number of the memorial judges will need to be fluent in French as the written arguments may be submitted in either French or English. The memorials will need to be evaluated between January 23 and February 6, 2004.

If you are interested in volunteering as either an oral judge or a memorial judge, please complete a Judge Registration Form found on the competition web page.

The Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina has been chosen as the conference hotel, and, with the exception of a private reception to be held at the Vancouver Aquarium, all activities associated with the competition will be held at the Westin Bayshore. Information on hotel reservations is available on the competition web page. Please note that the block of rooms at the guaranteed conference rate will be released on January 14, 2004, so please ensure that if you require hotel accommodations in Vancouver during the competition that your accommodation arrangements are made before this date.

In addition to needing judges, we also require financial assistance. The financial burden of hosting the Canadian National Tournament is significant. Each participating law school pays a registration fee, but these contributions only cover a small portion of the overall budget. The remainder of the expenses must be offset by donations and grants from both the private and public sector. Tax receipts will be issued for any cash contribution made payable to the UBC Faculty of Law, and any donation will, of course, be recognized in the official program for the competition.

For your information, the 2005 competition will be hosted by the University of Victoria Faculty of Law. I will again be acting as the Canadian National Administrator for the 2005 competition. If you have any questions or would like more information about either the 2004 or the 2005 competition, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to welcoming you to the competition. - *Jamie*