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

**General Invitation to Sponsors:**

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, now 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. We anticipate that there will be 16 participating law schools this year. 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 a web page which has been set up on the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law web site at <http://faculty.law.ubc.ca/jessup>. More information is also available on the International Law Students Association's web site at [www.ilsa.org](http://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.

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. We are hoping to raise approximately \$75,000 from law firm donations.

In addition to needing financial assistance, we also require volunteer judges. I anticipate that we will need upward of 144 judges for the oral competition rounds, some of whom will need to be bilingual. If anyone in your firm has an interest in international law, I would encourage them 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 any member of your firm is interested in volunteering as either an oral judge or a memorial judge, please have them complete a Judge Registration Form found on the competition web page.

For those volunteer judges who might be attending from outside of the Vancouver area, 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 hotel accommodations are required in Vancouver during the competition that accommodation arrangements are made before this date.

Traditionally, both local and national law firms have generously supported the Jessup competition. We are hopeful that your firm will agree to support the competition this year. If at all possible, it would be most helpful if you could provide confirmation of your firm's support **by no later than November 1, 2003**. To this end, please complete and return a Sponsor Registration Form found on the competition web page. Tax receipts will be issued for any cash contribution made payable to the Faculty of Law, and any donation will, of course, be recognized in the official program for the competition, and, if requested, a link will be set up to your firm's website from our web page .

To assistance you in determining whether you firm is able to act as a sponsor, here are more details on our sponsorship goals for this year's Jessup moot.

All sponsors will receive an acknowledgement in our competition program based upon the amount of donation given. The levels for this year's competition are:

Friends	- less than \$500
Supporters	- \$500 to \$999
Sustainers	- \$1000 to \$2499
Advocates	- \$2500 to \$4999
Patrons	- \$5000 to \$9999
Benefactors	- \$10,000+

In addition to these levels of sponsorship, your firm may also specify the category for which it wants its donation earmarked. This year the specific categories for sponsorship are:

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| 1) Opening Receptions:                           |          |                      |
| a) for Students                                  | \$4000   |                      |
| b) for Judges / Volunteers                       | \$4000   |                      |
| 2) Catering:                                     |          |                      |
| a) Student / Volunteer Breakfast                 | \$2000   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| b) Judges Breakfast                              | \$1500   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| c) Student / Volunteer Lunch                     | \$4500   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| d) Judges Lunch                                  | \$3500   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| e) Student / Volunteer Snacks                    | \$1000   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| f) Judges Snacks                                 | \$1000   | (Day One or Day Two) |
| g) Lunch for Four Finalist Teams                 | \$750    |                      |
| h) Breakfast for Final Round Judges / Volunteers | \$550    |                      |
| i) Lunch for Final Round Judges / Volunteers     | \$650    |                      |
| 3) Private Reception at Vancouver Aquarium       | \$25,000 |                      |
| 4) Final Awards Banquet:                         |          |                      |
| a) Cocktail Reception                            | \$2000   |                      |
| b) Dinner  | \$15,000 |                      |
| c) Dance   | \$4500   |                      |
| 5) Trophies/Awards for top teams/oralists:       | \$7500   |                      |
| 6) Competition Gifts:                            |          |                      |
| a) Students / Volunteers                         | \$3000   |                      |
| b) Judges  | \$3000   |                      |
| 7) Travel Honoraria for Final Round Judges:      | \$6000   |                      |
| 8) Airport Transfers:                            | \$5500   |                      |
| 9) Administration Costs:                         |          |                      |
| a) Courtroom Facility Costs                      | \$4500   |                      |
| b) Written Translation Costs                     | \$10,000 |                      |
| c) Simultaneous Translation Costs                | \$15,000 |                      |
| d) Printing Costs                                | \$5500   |                      |

The amounts listed are what we would deem to be "primary sponsorship" of the category. Certainly, if your firm would like to make a smaller donation in any of the categories, then we would consider this to be "sponsorship in part".

Depending upon the category selected, arrangements can be made for the most appropriate type of signage (i.e. posters, table cards, leaflets etc.) to be provided by your firm to acknowledge the donation.

Of course, donations need not be earmarked for any particular category.

In addition to listing our sponsors in the competition program, we would welcome you to provide us with an "ad" which we will publish in the program. Each sponsor is invited to provide a full page black and white "ad". For example, it could include your logo and address for your offices, as well as a message to the students. If your firm decides to donate and wants to place such an "ad" in the competition program, I must have received the hard copy of your "ad" **by no later than December 15, 2003** in order to meet our printing deadlines. Please note there is no additional financial commitment required for the placement of this "ad".

It is not only our goal to find funding for this year's competition, we would very much like to establish a stable sponsorship base for future Jessup competitions. With regard to long term sponsorship opportunities, there are two opportunities currently available. First, there is the annual award called the Canadian Spirit of the Jessup Award. Our proposal is to name this award after the firm willing to make a 5-year commitment of \$10,000/year. The rotating trophy would bear the name of the firm.

Our second proposal for securing long term sponsorship is to name the Canadian National Division Qualifying Tournament after the firm willing to make a 5-year commitment of \$25,000/year. Wherever the name of the competition appears in the competition materials, the name of the firm would also appear.

Thanks to the very generous donations of our sponsors, the Canadian National Division Qualifying Tournament has become a top tier annual event not to be missed by those interested in international law. The intense academic challenge of the competition attracts some of Canada's top law students. While we would, of course, welcome members of your firm as judges, if your firm would like to simply attend to meet and possibly recruit the students, then I would encourage your firm to attend the private reception being held at the Vancouver Aquarium on Friday, February 13, 2004. If your firm is interested, we would be happy to make arrangements for tables so that your firm may distribute articling student materials. Additionally, your firm is welcome to send delegates to attend our Final Awards Banquet and Dance. Tickets for the private reception at the Vancouver Aquarium are complimentary; however, tickets for the Final Awards Banquet and Dance are available at a cost of \$75.00 per person for those persons not otherwise acting as judges at the competition.

I hope this information has been of some assistance to you. 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 require further information or clarification on either the 2004 or the 2005 competition, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to speaking with you in the near future regarding your firm's support of the Jessup competition. - *Jamie*