

Dear Law Students,

We would like to invite law students to compete in the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Mooting Competition organised by the Association for the organisation and promotion of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot that takes place in Vienna, Austria. The competition is an excellent opportunity to enhance your CV by improving debating skills in the international environment, networking with very high calibre students from the Universities all over the world and developing your expertise in aspects of arbitration and CISG.

#### GOAL OF THE MOOT:

The Moot is intended to stimulate the study of international commercial law, especially the legal texts prepared by the United Nations Commissions on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the use of international commercial arbitration to resolve international commercial disputes. The international nature of the Moot is intended to lead participants to interpret the text of international commercial law in the light of different legal systems and to develop an expertise in advocating a position before an arbitral panel composed of arbitrators from different legal systems. An active social program at the time of oral hearings in Vienna is organized by the Moot Alumni Association with the aim of promoting friendship that can last long after the Moot itself is over.

#### VENUE:

The oral hearings will be held in Vienna, Austria, at the Faculty of Law (Juridicum) of the University of Vienna and at the offices of the law firms Dorda, Brugger & Jordis and DLA Piper Weiss-Tessback Rechtsanwälte GmbH. **Please note that you must be able to travel to Vienna (Austria) for the duration of the moot.**

The general rounds will take place from 16th of April 2011 to 19th of April 2011. Elimination rounds of argument will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2011 with the final round taking place in the evening of Thursday, 21st of April 2011. The first events during the oral hearing are a welcoming party for student participants organized by the Moot Alumni Association on Thursday evening, 14 April 2011, and the official opening with reception on Friday evening, 15 April 2011. The Moot is conducted in English. The registration fee for the competition, travel and accommodation expenses will be paid for by City Law School. You will be allocated a small amount for subsistence while in Vienna but all other incidental expenses will have to be covered by individual students.

#### COMPETITION:

This competition is a very interesting but intense and requires a significant amount of preparation and team work prior the actual event. If you wish to participate you must be prepared to attend regular preparatory meetings, undertake a significant amount of research on Arbitration and International Trade and of course you must be able to travel to Vienna for the oral submissions during the date specified

above. City University will only enter one team and the members of the team will be selected on a competitive basis.

#### CONDITIONS:

If you are interested to participate please familiarise yourself with the relevant rules which can be found on <http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html>. The team will consist of 4 members. You must be a full time student on one of the following programmes: Year 3 LLB / Year 3 LPV / Year 2 GELLB/ GDL / LLM /LPC /BPTC.

You don't have to study Arbitration or CISG Convention but you will need to become familiar with the relevant law and practice applicable to both of those areas during the preparation to be able to participate in the competition.

Interested candidates must apply **not later than by 3pm on Thursday, 22 October 2010**. To be selected you must familiarise yourself with the 2010/2011 mooted problem which is available on the website <http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html>. Then choose ONE GROUND that was submitted to the Arbitration Tribunal for consideration and prepare your Skeleton Argument. The Skeleton Argument should be no longer than 5 A4 pages types in Ariel font 12, standard margins. You can choose whether you wish to argue on behalf of the claimant or respondent provided you make it very clear at the beginning of your skeleton argument. The skeleton arguments and the extract must be submitted to the Law Office (Gloucester Building, City Law School addressed to Sanmeet Kaur) in three hard copies not later than by **3pm on Thursday, 21 October 2010**. You must also submit an electronic copy to [Margaret.Carran.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:Margaret.Carran.1@city.ac.uk) by the same deadline. Please note that you must do both – hard copy and electronic copy. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances and for any reason. The submissions will be assessed and successful candidates will be invited to make oral submission to a panel which will make the final selection. Oral submission will take place shortly after the closing deadline – exact date/time and slots will be notified to successful candidates. **The panel's decision is final and not subject to any appeal.** Unfortunately, due to lack of time we are unable to provide reasons to unsuccessful applicants and accordingly feedback will not be provided.

Any queries should be directed to Sanmeet Kaur on [Sanmeet.Kaur.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:Sanmeet.Kaur.1@city.ac.uk)

This is an exciting opportunity to participate in a very prestigious international competition and it gives excellent opportunity for public speaking on an international level, networking and personal development.

I am looking forward to your successful applications.

Kind regards.

Margaret Carran.