WAYNE LAW JESSUP PROGRAM

WHAT IS JESSUP?
- The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in nearly 90 countries. The Competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. Teams represent both countries and prepare oral and written pleadings of the case.
- Jessup prides itself on attracting the best of the best in terms of oral advocates, intelligent writers, and international scholars from law schools around the world. The Competition is notorious for providing a forum for tomorrow’s world leaders and peacemakers to refine their critical thinking, research, and advocacy skills.

HOW DOES THE COMPETITION WORK?
- Every September, the International Law Students Association (ILSA) releases a Special Agreement, or “Compromis,” that describes the dispute, the facts, and the claims being brought by both countries. ILSA also releases preparatory research materials to help teams understand the underlying subjects of law. From there, teams proactively research the issues, prepare written pleadings, or “Memorials,” and practice their oral arguments.
- All Memorials must be submitted in mid-January.
- Because so many law schools from the United States participate in Jessup, ILSA holds six U.S. Regional Competitions in February and March to determine which teams will represent the United States in the final International Rounds in Washington D.C. in April. The top two teams from each Regional Competition advance. Wayne Law competes annually in the Midwest Regional in Chicago.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN JESSUP?
- Each Jessup Team is made up of five law school students.
- Two members will research/write a Memorial and prepare oral arguments on behalf of the “Applicant” country. These members are considered “Researcher/Oralists.”
- Two members will research/write a Memorial and prepare oral arguments on behalf of the “Respondent” country. These members are also considered “Researcher/Oralists.”
- One member will serve as a research assistant and editor of both Memorials. This member does not argue in competition and is considered a “Researcher/Editor.”
- This year, we are looking for three 2Ls/3Ls to fill “Researcher/Oralist” positions

HOW DOES THE TEAM PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITION?
- While the Compromis is released in full in September, ILSA does release a preliminary “first-look” of the legal areas that will be of issue in next year’s Compromis. The 2016-2017 Compromis will concern international water courses, basic human rights to food and water, and situations in which arguable violations of those rights generate refugee outflows.
- During the summer, Professor Fox will deliver background materials on these areas of law. Each team member must review these materials in preparation of the release of the Compromis.
• In the fall semester, the team will schedule bi-weekly meetings based on individual availability to discuss the Compromis, research the issues, discuss arguments, and begin writing the Memorials.
• Also in the fall semester, the team will submit at least three (3) rough drafts of both Applicant and Respondent’s argument section for editing. The team will also schedule at least three (3) oral arguments to practice different arguments and receive feedback.
• The team commits almost all of January to writing, editing, and finalizing the Memorials.
• After Memorials are submitted, the team will schedule four (4) oral arguments every week leading up to the Regional Competition.

**WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER JOINING THE JESSUP TEAM?**

• Participating in the Jessup Competition provides each member with an in-depth, intensive program in legal writing and advocacy in the most high-stakes competition setting possible. Each member will become both an expert in several areas of international law and a remarkably polished oral advocate.
• Because of the immense support from Wayne Law’s Program for International Legal Studies, each member has the opportunity to conduct practice arguments in front of a variety of Wayne Law professors and private practitioners on a weekly (and sometimes daily) basis.
• While the entire competition process is challenging and will push you out of your comfort zone, Wayne Law has been historically very successful in competition. In three out of the past four years, Wayne Law has been named United States Midwest Regional Champion and has collected various awards on the international level.
• Participation in a co-curricular professional organization is paramount to any law student’s ability to be competitive in today’s job market; Jessup is a fantastic opportunity to be unique and impressive.

**HOW DO I TRYOUT?**

• Tryouts will be held approximately May 13-15, 2016 in the Spencer Parrich Auditorium.
• You can sign up for a tryout on TWEN by adding the “Jessup International Moot Court 2015-2016” course and selecting “2016-2017 Jessup Tryouts” from the Sign-Up Sheet tab on the left. Additional information is outlined at the top of the sign-up sheet.
• Each tryout will consist of a 10-minute version of your LRW oral argument. You can elect to tryout with either the Plaintiff or Defendant’s argument.

**IF I AM SELECTED, WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM?**

• Students must enroll in International Law (3 credits) with Professor Fox for the Fall 2015 semester.
• Students must pledge a **two** year commitment for the role for which they are selected.
• Students also must enroll in International Legal Research (1 credit) with Professor Fox for each semester of participation in the Program; while there is no set time for class attendance, this credit represents the **extensive** time and effort necessary to compete successfully.
• Students must bring a positive attitude, diligent work ethic, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW HEADING INTO TRYOUTS?**

• Representing Wayne Law in the Jessup Competition is an important honor, and we are looking for candidates who can demonstrate a fantastic knowledge of the law and the facts, ability to respond to questions, and deliver a confident, poised, deferential, and smooth delivery of the argument.
• Be prepared to get tough questions during your tryout—they will likely be harder than the ones you received from your LRW argument.
• Don’t be frustrated or intimidated; just relax and have fun!

**WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

• Feel free to email Chancellor Sarah Cravens at ft2439@wayne.edu.
• For more information about the Jessup Competition, visit [https://www.jlsa.org/jessuphome](https://www.jlsa.org/jessuphome).