



The Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

UCD Sutherland School of Law intends to select a number of students to form a team, which will represent UCD at the 25th Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna in spring 2018. This is the biggest and most prestigious international moot court, which aims to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes through its application to a concrete problem of a client and to train law leaders of tomorrow in methods of alternative dispute resolution. Around 340 Law Schools participated in the 24th Vis Moot in 2017.

The moot involves drafting Claimants Memorandum (due early December) and Respondents Memorandum (due at the end of January). The problem is released in October and consists of a dispute arising out of a purchase and sale agreement, which is governed by the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) with a clause that disputes will be referred to arbitration. Vis change the arbitration rules applicable each year, however international arbitration practices such as the UNICITRAL Model Law and the UNIDROIT principles are highly relevant.

In Vienna each team will have 4 rounds of oral pleadings.

Participants will be expected to conduct extensive legal research in drafting their memorandums in areas of international commercial law and arbitration as well as conflict of laws and engage in intensive advocacy training in the second part of the Moot.

The Vis Moot is a unique opportunity for participants to form relationships with participants from all over the world and will be an excellent professional, social and cultural opportunity.

As part of UCD's Vis Team you will receive credit points within the Advanced Mooting Module in the summer semester 2018

Application Requirements:

- 3rd and 4th Year Law Students, 2nd Year MCL's and International Commercial Law LLM students are eligible to apply.
- Strong interest and willingness to learn international commercial law.
- Interest in legal research and advocacy skills.
- Flexibility and dedication to adjust Vis Moot requirements around existing modules.
- Willingness to prioritise the Vis Moot requirements over other extracurricular activities

Application process:

Interested students are required to send a CV and a Personal Statement outlining their relevant experience to date and why they wish to participate in the moot. Applications must be sent to: ucdvismoot@gmail.com by Friday 2nd of June 2017. Successful applicants will be invited to an interview in early June, interviews via Skype can be arranged for those abroad.

For more information on the Vis Moot: <https://vismoot.pace.edu>

The UCD Vis Moot Team will be coached by: Prof Brian Hutchinson and Mariana Verdes BA, MCL.