

The Activities

Starting in September 2009	Preparation of how to write a memorandum, International Arbitration and CISG
2 October 2009	Distribution of the “problem” in form of an extract from a case file. The “problem” serves as basis for the Moot Court competition.
3 December 2009	Deadline for submission of Claimant’s memorandum
21 January 2010	Deadline for submission of Respondent’s memorandum
until March 2010	Preparation for the oral pleadings
25 March – 1 April 2010	Oral pleadings in Vienna

September 2009 Workshop with our coaches in Marburg

During a four-day workshop we learnt about the basic rules of International Arbitration and how to use databases to find authorities. During the first two days of our workshop, we gained an overview about the basic principles of International Arbitration. Furthermore, we also learnt about the differences concerning good and weak memoranda by reading and analyzing earlier memoranda. The aim of the last two days of the workshop was to apply the theory we have learnt to draft a mini memorandum. This was the first challenge for our team and although we were pinched for time, we are satisfied with the result.

Frankfurt Drafting School

7-9 September 2009 Four team members participated in the Frankfurt Drafting School. During three days, we attended interesting lectures given by well-known practitioners which all possessed extensive experience in arbitration. In addition to the theoretical knowledge, we also made our first valuable experiences with regard to teamwork and particularly learnt about things to keep in mind for successful teamwork.

21-25 September 2009 Düsseldorf International Arbitration School

All team members participated in the Düsseldorf International

Arbitration School for one week. The five-day program included basics of international arbitration and the CISG. We also got an overview on recent topics in that area as well as a preview on the rising need for alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Well-known speakers from all over the world pointed out the differences between the varieties of ADR with a special emphasis on how to successfully include an arbitration agreement into a contract. At the end of the Arbitration School, we took part in several panels at the Industrie-Club. One of the main topics was the need for an appellate instance in the area of investment arbitration. Another topic was the arbitrability of intellectual property disputes. The main event was accompanied by a diverse evening program where we got to know the other teams as well as the historic city of Düsseldorf. We thank the organizers for an interesting week at the University in Düsseldorf.

VIS Day in Frankfurt

**2 October
2009**

Today we went to the VIS Day in Frankfurt. A variety of presentations was given and we were provided with a detailed insight into the different stages of an arbitration proceeding. We were given a good deal of practical advice on how to conduct research successfully, draft an appropriate memorandum and how to plead orally. At the end of the event we socialized with the other teams.

The Problem is distributed

**2 October
2009**

Today this year's problem was distributed. We finally can start.

**3
December
2009**

Submission of Memorandum for Claimant

After nine weeks of hard work, we had to submit our Memorandum for Claimant by midnight. The entire team met in the institute's library for a race against time: Last improvements had to be made, a consolidated document had to be created, last errors had to be corrected, cross references had to be checked ... finally, at 11.57 pm, we successfully submitted our document. The first hurdle of the moot competition has been cleared!



Transmission of opposing memorandum

**8
December
2009**

Today we received the Claimant's Memorandum of our opposing team, the National Law School of India. During the next weeks, we will have to argue on the problem from Respondent's point of view and disprove the Indian team's statements. Our Claimant's Memorandum was sent to University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas to be replied to. Therewith also two of our opposing teams in the orals are clear.

**12 January
2010**

We continue working hard to complete our Memorandum for Respondent also in the new year. Yesterday we met with members of last year's team after work for a movie evening and seized the occasion to gain an impression of the upcoming oral phase.

Submission of Memorandum for Respondent

**22 January
2010**

We finally did it - on time we submitted our Memorandum for Respondent. Thereby, the writing phase is over and we can leap at the preparation for the oral pleadings.

In the meantime, we decided to arrange a [Marburg Mini Moot](#) also in this year. We will welcome the Teams of Frankfurt and Gießen to a Hessian pre-round on March 8, 2008 in the assembly hall of our old university. Professors and practitioners will act as arbitrators. We are looking forward to interested guests!

**27 January
2010** **Notice of the Further Opposing Teams**

The oral proceedings have come closer again. Today we were informed about the further opponents in the general rounds in Vienna. We will not only compete against teams from Paris (France) and Bangalore

(India) but also against teams from Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Toronto (Canada).

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**February
2010**

Pre-Moot in Stuttgart

Today we had our first official pleading against the team from the University of Saarbrücken.

Pre-Moot in Prag

In the "golden city" we had six pleadings within two days, which gave us the opportunity to further improve our arguments and our presentation. Among the ten international teams, Marburg was able to reach a strong position. In our spare time, we were able to get to know the beautiful czech capitol.

All in all four exhausting but very successful days in Prague!

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**February
2010**



**9 March
2010**

Marburg Mini Moot

Today the second Marburg Mini Moot took place. In three hearings, the three Hessian teams from Marburg, Gießen and Frankfurt competed against each other under the eyes of a large audience. During the event in the great atmosphere of our old university's assembly hall the teams were confronted with questions of the arbitrators and tried to convince them of their positions. After a successful event the teams and arbitrators let the evening end with a get-together.



Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds

After several law firm pleadings in Frankfurt, our team participated in the third Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds. For two days we competed with other international teams and exchanged experiences. On Friday evening, the teams and arbitrators were invited to gather at the brewery night after we had successfully finished our pleadings. On Saturday we enjoyed an exciting final between the teams from Hamburg and Sydney before we went back to Marburg.

**18-20
March
2010**



**25 March - Vienna
02 April
2010**

Vienna was, without any doubt, the highlight of the moot. 252 universities from 62 different countries participated in the 17th Vis Moot Court. In the general rounds we competed against teams from Brazil, India, France and Canada. While we did not make it to the elimination rounds, we performed well, received very positive

feedback from the arbitrators and gained a lot of experience. Apart from our pleadings, we met many students and arbitrators from all over the world at the various side-events hosted in Vienna. In our free time, we enjoyed the Viennese way of life, cooked together in our flat and celebrated together with other mooties. All in all, the week in Vienna was incredibly exciting and the culminating point after months of hard work.



Welcome Back Champagne Reception

On the occasion of the official ending of the Moot Court 2009/10, the Dean of our faculty hosted a welcome back champagne reception today and handed over our certificates of participation.

Therewith, an exciting and eventful time besides the normal law studies is over now for us. At this point, we would like to thank again all those who supported us as sponsors, arbitrators and advisers.

**15 April
2010**

