

# The Activities

Starting in August 2010 Preparation of how to write a memorandum, International Arbitration and CISG

- October 1, 2010 Distribution of the "problem" in form of an extract from a case file. The "problem" serves as basis for the Moot Court competition.
- December 9, 2010 Deadline for submission of Claimant's memorandum
- January 20, 2011 Deadline for submission of Respondent's memorandum
- until April 2011 Preparation for the oral pleadings
- April 14-21, 2011 Oral pleadings in Vienna

July 16, 2010

After having been chosen for the moot, we all were curious and excited about our team members. Finally we got the possibility to get to know each other a little bit. At a breakfast we discussed several organisational issues about our teamwork and the moot. At the evening we had the chance to meet our team and coaches plus some members of the former teams at a barbecue.

August 9, 2010

Today we had an introduction into the field of commercial arbitration held by Reinmar Wolff. He provided our team with an interactive workshop. We feel challenged by the interesting subject and are motivated to set our efforts on the Moot case. At the end of the day, we received the official Vis Moot Court schedule. It seems that we are going to be very busy for the next eight months.

September 2, 2010

From August 31 until September 2 we attend the FMAA Drafting School in Frankfurt. Besides an instructive and interesting workshop on drafting a memorandum we heard a number of lectures covering topics like international commercial arbitration, the CISG, the arbitration agreement and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards. It was exciting getting to know the members of the other teams including during the evening program. We enjoyed the time in Frankfurt very much and appreciate the chance to take part in such a successful event.



For one week we attended the "Düsseldorf International Arbitration School". The program not only provided us with many interesting lectures held by great speakers, but also gave us the opportunity to get to know law practitioners and members of other Vis Moot teams. Thanks to the evening program we also got quickly acquainted with the city's sights and attractions. All in all, it was a great and instructive week for us.

September 20 to 24, 2010



October 1, 2010

On October 1, we attended the "VIS Day" in Frankfurt. We were provided with lectures on the different stages of arbitration and helpful advice on how to effectively conduct research, draft a good memorandum and plead successfully in front of a tribunal.

October 4, 2010

On October 1 this year's Moot case was published. It is essentially about the question whether the delivery of 200 tons of squid was in conformity with the parties' sales contract. Claimant (our client) argues that the delivery was not useable for the intended purposes and consequently claims reimbursement of the purchase price and damages. In the following months it will be our job to write a memorandum to convince the tribunal that our client's assertions are correct. We are already very busy working on our first outline.

December 9, 2010

After more than two months of hard work, our Memorandum for Claimant was due on Thursday by midnight. We spent the whole last day together with our coaches in the institute's library to make our last improvements. Finally, it was once again stressful: We corrected last errors, checked cross references and completed last formatting issues. At 11.58 pm we ultimately submitted our memorandum. Now we have managed the first part of the competition!

January 21, 2011

Yesterday night at 11:56 pm we submitted our Memorandum for Respondent. After having received Claimant's memorandum from the Tulane University only a few days after submission of our Memorandum for Claimant, our new task was to reply to this memorandum from Respondent's point of view and to rebut the arguments of the Tulane team. Approximately five weeks of hard work later we finally managed this part of the moot as well. Thereby we finished the writing phase and in a few days we will start to prepare for the oral pleadings. We will first prepare internally, and then participate in rehearsal pleadings in law firms. Later, we will participate in pre-moots in Düsseldorf and Moscow where we will again meet foreign teams. We will also host the Marburg Mini Moot again. On March 16, 2011 we will welcome the teams from Frankfurt and Gießen to a Hessian pre-round in the assembly hall of our old university.



January 22, 2011

Today we got to know which our four opposing teams for the oral pleadings in Vienna will be. Two of them are from the USA (Tulane University and University of Denver), one is from Nigeria (Delta State University) and one from Turkey (Yeditepe University). In order to prepare ourselves for these pleadings, we are going to study the memoranda written by those teams.

Last Monday we started our preparation for the oral hearings. We learned that writing a memorandum is a completely different job than trying to convince a tribunal orally in a very short time. In order to become more confident, we now practice our pleading every day. It is quite a challenge but it is also good fun. We are excited to meet another team for the first time on Saturday.

Today we hosted the third Marburg Mini Moot. The Alte Aula's atmosphere was perfect to welcome the teams from Frankfurt and Giessen, the arbitrators and our guests. It was exciting to show our guests what exactly we had worked on for the last six months. The teams from Frankfurt and Giessen again were pleasant but challenging opponents. The high-profile tribunal consisting of Dr. Kautz, Prof. Dr. Klöhn, Dr. Kölbl and Prof. Dr. Roth was a special experience. The mixture of practitioner and lecturers resulted in a lot of tricky but helpful questions. After the pleading, the arbitrators, teams and friends of the moot concluded the day together in a relaxed atmosphere.

February 9, 2011

March 16, 2011



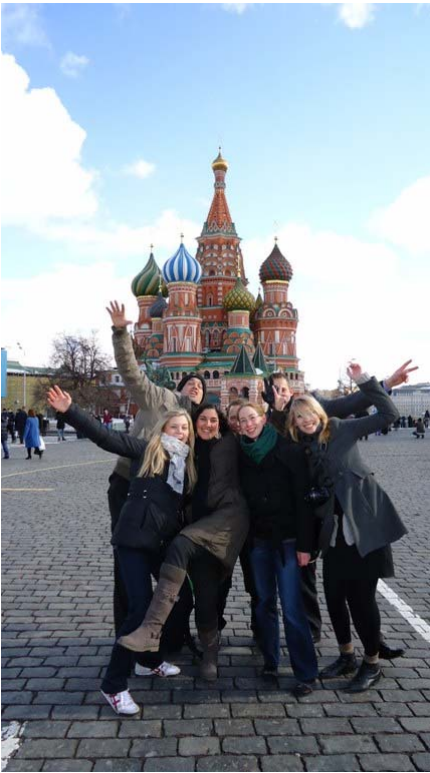
Today our sponsor [Fritz Winter](#) gave us the exciting opportunity to experience the world of hot molten iron and to learn about the manufacturing of brake discs and cylinder blocks. However, before we could start our tour we had to "accessorize" our business dresses with blue overalls, reflective vests and protective helmets. After that, Mr. Gemmerich from Fritz Winter showed us the huge production site and the various machines. We thus got to know a completely different field of work: molten iron instead of books and enormous manufacturing halls instead of libraries and comparatively small offices. Afterwards, Mr. Krebs led us back on more familiar terrain, when he told us about the variety in working as a managing director and lawyer for Fritz Winter. The intricacies of working in different fields of law and with many different people sounded challenging and exciting at the same time. Thus, we not only learned about metal processing but also about the perspectives of working as in-house counsel at an impressive company like Fritz Winter.

March 23, 2011



March 29, 2011

One of our highlights of the Moot Court was definitely the Moscow Pre-Moot. Right upon our arrival at the airport, our hosts from Lomonosov University took great care of us. And we were really thankful to have such great support for our first steps – not only is Moscow a very big city but all signs are also generally kept in Cyrillic. However, thanks to the guidance of our Russian colleagues, we quickly found our way around the city. For the next two days we then had Pleadings against various teams from different nationalities. We gave our best and – despite the strong competition – our team finally made third place and Sarah Hachmeister was even awarded a prize for the best oralist. With such good results it was even more fun to explore the city. We used our remaining time to see the Red Square, the Kremlin and numerous other beautiful sights of Moscow. We had a very good time and in the end some of us are now even able to read Cyrillic letters.



April 11, 2011

From Thursday to Saturday we participated with 21 other teams in the pre-moot in Düsseldorf. We established many new contacts and met challenging teams from Guildford (England), Brno (Czech Republic), Cracow (Poland) and Sydney (Australia). It was a great opportunity to practice our pleadings once again with teams from other jurisdictions before we will leave for Vienna next Thursday.



April 13, 2011

Yesterday, the Team from Queen's University (Canada) visited us in Marburg. After a short tour through the city - we visited the Elisabeth Church, the "Oberstadt" and the castle - we had two more practice pleadings. Afterwards, we concluded the day together with a dinner. It was a pleasure for us to have the Queen's team in Marburg and we enjoyed the time spent together very much.



April 26, 2011

Our last and most important stage of the moot was the week in Vienna. 262 teams from 66 countries took part in this year's 18<sup>th</sup> Vis Moot. Although, we did not manage it into the elimination rounds we had good pleadings and could gain a lot of experience. In the various side-events of the moot we met many students and arbitrators from all over the world and had much fun.



May 6, 2011

Yesterday, our Dean Prof. Gornig hosted a "welcome back" champagne reception for us and handed over our certificates of participation. This was the official ending of the Moot Court 2010/11 and the adequate finale to a very exciting time in our studies. We would like to thank again all our supporters who made this unique experience possible for us.