



The 25th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Law Faculty of the Moldova State University offers to a select number of students in the team that will take part in the 25th Vis Arbitral Moot Court (Vienna, 2017-2018), the biggest and the most prestigious international moot court in Private Law, created in 1994 with the goal of fostering the study of international commercial law and international commercial arbitration, through their application to a concrete problem relating to an international sale contract. More than 400 universities take part in the moot court, including all internationally renowned universities. More information on the moot court: <https://vismoot.pace.edu/>.

The contest consists of a dispute based on a sale and purchase agreement concluded between two contract parties whose states are parties of the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980) (CISG), with an arbitral clause. It includes two phases: first phase consist of drafting of legal memoranda on behalf of Claimant and Respondent, for which participants will perform extensive legal research on international arbitration, international sales law, and conflict of laws, and the second phase involving considerable training in oral advocacy/pleadings, and the presentation of oral arguments before panels of three arbitrators in Vienna. The selected moot team members shall benefit from an excellent professional, social and cultural opportunity.

Prerequisites for Participation:

- 1st to 3rd year law students of Moldova State University;
- strong interest in and excellent knowledge of international commercial law;
- excellent knowledge of English language;
- interest in written and oral advocacy;
- willingness to put the Vis Moot team above any other extracurricular activity.

Interested? Please send your CV in English by no later than **25 April 2017**, via email to **VisMoot.MSUTeam@gmail.com**. Also, please indicate very briefly (1) your grade for each previous year of study, including for the first semester of the current year of study, (2) the level of acknowledge of English (written and spoken) and relevant certificates (if any), (3) if you participated to any pleading or debate contests and what were your results.

The selected students will be invited to an interview to be held in early May 2017. The interview will be held in English and will be meant to determine the level of knowledge of English language, pleading skills, teamwork skills and ability to work under stress, as well as level of knowledge of the applicable law relevant for the contest, i.e.

- the CISG, available at http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/sale_goods.html,
- the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (1985), with amendments as adopted in 2006, available at http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/arbitration/1985Model_arbitration.html.

The MSU Moot Court Team will be coached by: Octavian Cazac, PhD, and Ana Galus, LL.M.