JOINT TRYOUTS FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAMS
(JESSUP, IELMC and Space Law)

The Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Jessup), Stetson International Law Environmental Moot Court Competition (IELMC) and Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Space Law), provide students with exciting opportunities to learn more about international law in general, and as applied to particular hypothetical situations. These competitions dramatically improve writing and oral advocacy skills, and provide exposure to judges and practicing lawyers in our legal community. More importantly, for students who are interested in exploring international law career opportunities (whether primary or in intersections with US legal practice), today’s prestigious moot competitions create gateways for recruitment and advancing student interests in international legal research, internships at top global firms and international courts and tribunals, international and nongovernmental organization work, among others.

There are generally three stages to each of the respective competitions. First, the team must write and submit a memorial (the international equivalent of a brief). Second, the team travels to a regional competition for oral arguments against other law schools. If the team does well enough in the regional competition, it proceeds to the International Finals.

The law school currently provides a stipend to help defray costs associated with attending Jessup and IELMC. Moot court team members are now eligible to earn a total of two (2) credits for their active participation on moot court teams, which is an increase from past practice. The additional credit applies to preparation of the memorial, under the supervision of the Faculty Advisor for the respective team.

Tryouts will take place at times to be determined on Friday, September 6, 2013. Please submit your application via email to Diane Desierto (desierto@hawaii.edu), David Forman (dmforman@hawaii.edu), Vicki Syzmczak (vjs777@hawaii.edu) by 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. If you have questions about any of the respective competitions, please contact Prof. Desierto (Jessup), Prof. Forman (IELMC), or Prof. Syzmczak. We can also put you in touch with returning and/or past team members for a student’s perspective.

Tryouts will be a mock oral argument involving either of two issues from last year’s Jessup competition, one of which will be relevant to the IELMC, and the other for Jessup. You will be provided with a basic primer on international law to help you prepare for the tryouts. Each speaker will have 15 minutes to advocate their assigned position. Do not worry about covering every single argument in
the memorial that will be provided to you following receipt of your application. However, please indicate which arguments you intend to cover as part of a roadmap introducing your arguments at the tryout. You will be evaluated on your ability to present organized and coherent arguments, conform to the style of international oral arguments, and answer questions directly. DO NOT WORRY IF YOU FEEL CONFUSED OR UNPREPARED. Please try out anyway – your Faculty Advisors are here precisely to guide you. We do not require students to have already taken international law or international environmental law courses beforehand, as the Faculty Advisors will be conducting the necessary conceptual training and theoretical instruction.

APPLICATION FOR JOINT INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TRYOUTS
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(1) PERSONAL INFORMATION
   NAME:
   GRADUATION YEAR:
   PHONE:
   EMAIL:

(2) EXPERIENCE. Please provide any background regarding the following (can be in list form):

   (a) classes or professional experience in environmental or international law (including outside of law school).
   (b) research and writing (including first year writing and oral advocacy classes).
   (c) classes you are taking this semester, and planning to take next semester (if you don’t know which, please tell us how many credits you plan to take).
   (d) oral advocacy (including before law school).

(3)_AVAILABILITY

   (a) Please list any other obligations (moot courts, legal journals, extra-curricular activities, etc.) outside of your class schedule.
   (b) Will you be available during winter vacation 2013-2014?
   (c) How many hours a week could you budget to spend on moot court (give a range)?
(d) Do you have any specific time constraints? (i.e., p.m. only, no weekends, etc.)

(4) GENERAL

(a) If selected by all three teams, please rank your preferences and explain.

(b) Tell us any other reasons why you would be a good asset to team.

(c) What ranges of time are you available for tryouts on September 6th?

(5) WRITING SAMPLE
   Please provide a sample of your legal writing and identify the source (law school course, externship, etc.).