

14th September, 2026

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition- Nepal National Rounds

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Nepal National Administration of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition cordially invites your institution to participate in the forthcoming edition of the Competition and, in particular, the Nepal National Rounds.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, held annually since 1960, is the world's largest moot court competition and the oldest dedicated to international law. Each year, students from approximately 700 law schools in 100 countries and jurisdictions take part. The Competition simulates a hypothetical dispute between States before the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Participating teams research and argue both sides of the dispute, preparing two written memorials and oral pleadings for the Applicant and the Respondent.

About the Nepal National Rounds:

When more than one team registers from Nepal, a National (Qualifying) Round determines which team or teams will represent Nepal at the International Rounds. Each team competes in preliminary oral rounds, arguing twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent, before a panel of judges drawn from academia and legal practice.

The National Rounds typically take place between January and March, after the Competition Problem is released in September and memorials are submitted in early January.

Why Your Participation Matters:

Under the Official Rules, a Qualifying Round may advance at least one team to the White & Case International Rounds for every eight teams that participate. In practical terms, the more Nepali law schools that register and compete, the more teams can qualify to represent Nepal on the world stage. Our aim this year is to grow the National Rounds so that Nepal can send at least two teams to the International Rounds, and we are therefore encouraging maximum participation from law faculties across the country. Your institution's participation would directly contribute to this effort.

Beyond qualification, participation in the Jessup offers students a distinctive opportunity to strengthen their skills in legal research, written advocacy, and oral argument, deepen their understanding of public international law, and engage with a national and global community of scholars and practitioners. Just as importantly, it helps nurture a stronger moot culture in Nepal, a practice still developing across

many law faculties, but vital for bridging classroom learning and real-world legal advocacy. Every participating institution helps build a national community of mooters, coaches, and judges, while raising the standard of legal education nationwide.

Eligibility and participation:

Teams register directly with the ILSA Executive Office by completing the online Jessup Registration Form and paying the registration fee by the **20th November, 2026**. Because the Official Schedule sets places and deadlines, we encourage you to register early.

Full details on registration, fees, and the schedule are available at

<https://www.ilsa.org/jessup/registering-your-team/>.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to arrange a meeting to discuss the Competition and the registration process.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We sincerely hope to welcome your institution to the Nepal National Rounds and look forward to your participation in this year's Competition.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Pranjali', with a horizontal line underneath.

Pranjali Kanel

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