Jessup Moot Court Team Competes in D.C.

Five students from Loyola University Chicago School of Law represented their school and the United States in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition during March 21-27. The team had previously represented Loyola in the Midwest Super Regional Competition of the competition in Chicago. The team members are Elizabeth Cotignola, Valerie Uribe, Sameena Mohammed, Elizabeth Nelson, and Lindsey Shelp. They are coached by current attorneys and former Jessup competitors Edward Shin, James Weiler, and Matthew Adair.

The competition was a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. Thousands of law students from more than 550 teams from around the world worked all year long on this season’s Jessup problem, which addressed the right to self determination and the lawfulness of measures taken to protect the economic resources of a state. Loyola was the second highest ranked U.S. team. This year’s international competition was the largest in Jessup history, and the advanced rounds were the most diverse, with 16 countries represented, including three U.S. teams: Loyola University Chicago, Columbia University, and Lewis and Clark University. In the preliminary rounds, Loyola competed against Louisiana State University, Lewis and Clark University, a Bosnian team, and a Russian team. In the advanced rounds, they faced a Ukrainian team and a British team from University College London.

One hundred-five teams representing 76 countries advanced to the White & Case International Round of the competition. Loyola finished 13th out of those 105 teams. In addition to their great showing in the oral argument portion of the competition, Loyola’s team also took home an award from 11th best brief out of 105. This showing placed them in the top 2% of teams that competed in the competition worldwide this year. Team member Mohammed worked exclusively on the brief. Team members Nelson and Shelp tied for 63rd best oralist, Uribe was 77th best oralist, and Cotignola was 112th best oralist, out of over 2000 oralists worldwide!

This was the first time Loyola had been represented at the International Competition in 19 years and was a personal best in the competition for the school.
Vis Moot Team Competes in Hong Kong

For the seventh year in a row, Loyola sent a team to Hong Kong to compete in the Willem C. Vis (East) Moot International Commercial Arbitration competition. This year the team consisted of four members: Melissa Bocker, Michael Boyer, Anthony Hernandez, and Brittany Kubes. John Calhoun returned as the team coach, and Nate Hall attended as assistant team coach. In addition to taking home numerous awards, the team took advantage of this valuable opportunity to network and socialize with students, practitioners, and leading scholars in the field from all over the world.

Loyola argued against Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Humboldt University Berlin, Shenzhen University, and Tsinghua University. The team did well enough in the general rounds to finish 16th out of 75, earning it a place in the finals. In the final rounds Loyola argued against Georgetown – the first place team from the general rounds – and lost on a split panel decision. Even so, the team was proud of its accomplishment of finishing in the top 25% of teams from all over the world, and was thrilled to have advanced to the final rounds.

Loyola also accumulated numerous awards at this year’s competition. The team received an Honorable Mention award for the Best Memorandum on behalf of Claimant. It was one of fourteen universities out of 75 to receive such an award. Michael Boyer and Anthony Hernandez each received Honorable Mention awards for Best Oral Advocate. Only nineteen of approximately 300 individual competitors received such an award.

Vis Moot Team Competes in Vienna

The Vienna Vis Moot team of Cerise Fritsch, Chantal Kazay, Mat Mitchell, and Christy Sicher competed in late March in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. The official competition in Vienna is the premiere international commercial arbitration moot, which included 252 teams and over 1,000 student oralists from over 60 countries. Although they did not advance, Loyola did exceedingly well and had excellent performances in the initial four rounds. One student, Chantal Kazay, won the Martin Domke Best Individual Oralist Honorable Mention Award.

Before heading to Vienna, the team competed in the ICC Pre-Moot in Paris against Kings College London, EFB Paris, ICADE Madrid and the University of Milan. Loyola did exceptionally well, scoring higher than each of the respective teams.
Visit from Jesuit Law School in Mexico

On April 19 and 20, the law school hosted a visit of law students from Universidad Iberoamericana Léon, a Jesuit law school in Léon, Guanajuato, Mexico. Accompanied by their law professor, John Nowell, the Mexican law students met with an immigration judge and toured courts in the Daley Center, as well as sitting in on classes at the law school. After Chicago, the group continued its U.S. tour with a visit to another Jesuit law school, Marquette, in Milwaukee.

Adjunct Faculty Member from France

The law school welcomed Anne-Laure Champetier de Ribes-Justeau to its adjunct faculty this year. Professor Champetier taught a course in “Advanced Business Organizations including a Comparative Law Perspective.” She graduated from the Sorbonne (Panthéon-Sorbonne), where she earned her PhD in 2006. Her book, “Les abus de majorité, de minorité et d’égalité. Etude comparative du droit français et américain des sociétés” (Shareholders oppression and fiduciary duties under French and American Corporate Law). The book was recently published by Dall’ozz; it won the OSCAR prize for Corporate and Securities law as well as the Levy-Ullmann Prize.

Before joining Loyola’s adjunct faculty, she taught at the Sorbonne in Paris for 7 years, teaching to French students as well as American, German and English students. In 1997, she earned a scholarship that led her to pursue her research at Cornell University. She also practiced law at the Groupement de Cartes Bancaires (CB Credit Card Group). She subsequently worked in a law firm attached to the Riom Court of Appeal. Before moving to the US, she was the Managing Editor for the Law and Regulation Review (Droit et Economie de la Régulation) published by the Sciences-Po School of Law in Paris.

Additional International Law Courses in the Fall

In the last issue of International News (March 2010, p. 4), there was a list of the courses in international and comparative law that are being offered in the fall 2010 semester. Two additional courses were later added to the schedule: International and Comparative Antitrust Law, and European Union Law.

Both of these courses will be taught by Philipp Fabbio, who will be a visiting scholar at the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies for the fall semester. He is Professor of Law at the University of Reggio Calabria, Italy, where he teaches commercial law, antitrust and IP law. He was a full-time faculty member at Sapienza University of Rome School of Law from 2005 to 2008. He was a visiting Professor at Chicago-Kent School of Law in 2008 and University of Verona School of Business, Italy in 2007. From 2002 to 2004 he was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Competition and IP Law in Munich, Germany. He is affiliated with the International Academic Society for Competition Law, the Italian Society of Law and Economics, and serves on the Secretary Committee of the Italian Society for Intellectual Property.

Nigerian Lawyer to Receive S.J.D. in Health Law and Policy

Foluke O. Lawanson will receive her S.J.D. degree in health law and policy at the law school graduation later this month. Ms. Lawanson has been studying at the law school for several years, earning her LL.M. in child and family law in 2007. She earned her LL.B. degree at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife and her B.L. at the Nigerian Law School in Lagos, both in Nigeria. Prior to coming to North America, she practiced law in Nigeria for the Ministry of Justice, for a corporate group, and with a private attorney. She has published Financing Healthcare in Nigeria (2010), and her dissertation, “HIV/AIDS in Africa: the psychosocial health of orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa,” is being completed.
Chile Research Guide Wins Award

The electronic guide “Researching Chile Law,” which was created by Julie-enne Grant, the Foreign and International Law Librarian at Loyola’s law library, was a co-winner of this year’s annual “Outstanding In-House Publication” award of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. The guide has had over 600 hits since the beginning of this year.

Visit of Pakistan Antitrust Official

During the week of April 26 Professor Spencer Waller and The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies hosted Dr. Joseph Wilson, a member of the Competition Commission of Pakistan at the law school. During his visit, Dr. Wilson spoke to the student fellows of the Institute and the editorial board of the International Law Review, guest lectured in Professor Waller’s antitrust class, meet with area antitrust professors and practitioners, and served as a commentator at the 10th annual Antitrust Colloquium.

Summer International Grants Announced

The law school has announced the 2010 winners of its annual program which awards small grants to law students who pursue unpaid or low-paid positions in the area of international law. The students receiving these awards this year are:

- Joshua Dankoff, who will work with UNICEF’s West Africa Regional Office to help map the juvenile justice system in Cameroon.
- Ryan M. Fournier, who will pursue his ongoing research into the international arbitration law of Chile, conducting his work in Santiago.
- Matthew R. Mahre, who will be a summer intern at the law firm of Lehman, Lee & Xu in China.
- Saren Stiegel, who will be an intern at the Pilsen office of the Chicago Legal Clinic, working with international immigration clients.
- Renae M. Yoo, who will intern with the Office of International Cooperation with the Faculty of Law at the University of Tunis II, and with the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, both in Tunisia.

2010-11 Editors of International Law Review

The editors of the International Law Review for the 2010-11 school year were recently elected. They are: Wells Lyons, editor in chief; Furqan Mohammed, Executive Editor in charge of Articles; Brittany Kubes, Feature and Student Articles Editor; Leslie Gutierrez, Symposium Editor; and Michael Eurich, Managing Editor.
Microsoft and Globalization

The 10th annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies was held at the law school on April 30. The afternoon sessions of that program focused on the forthcoming publication of a book by Andrew Gavil and Harry First, Microsoft and the Globalization of Antitrust Law: Competition Policy for the Twenty-First Century (MIT Press, 2010). One panel discussed the U.S. Microsoft litigation, and another focused on Microsoft’s foreign litigation and the future. The latter included speakers from Seikei University in Tokyo, the Pakistan Competition Commission, and Tilburg University in the Netherlands.

Memorial for Victims of Chile Earthquake

On April 19 the law school community had a memorial Mass for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Chile last month. The service, led by the law school’s Jesuit chaplain, Jerry Overbeck, S.J., was celebrated in the campus chapel in the Terry Student Center across the street from the Corboy Law Center. In particular, the service was conducted for the two children of Guillermo Carey, a lawyer in Santiago who has hosted a visit by the law school’s student group each year in its annual research visit to Chile; the young children lost their lives in the tsunami that was precipitated by the devastating earthquake.

Alumna Presents Research at Law and Society Meeting

A Loyola law alumna, Pamela Izvanariu (’07), will present a paper on her current research at the annual Law and Society Meeting in Chicago at the end of May. The theme of the meeting this year is Indigenous Latinas/os’ Linguistic Rights in the U.S. Ms. Izvanariu will be part of a panel of “Real Indians and Others.” Her individual presentation will be on “A Chance to Prevent Indigenous Linguistic and Cultural Death: The Necessity of Recognizing Indigenous Latinos as Indians in the United States.”

Ms. Izvanariu participated in the law school’s annual research program in Chile in spring 2006. She returned to Chile that summer to pursue her research by working with Professor Hugo Rojas at Universidad Alberto Hurtado, our law school’s cooperating law school in Chile, on the situation of the Mapuche people in Chile. Ms. Izvanariu received one of the law school’s international summer grants for that project.

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