



INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION IN VIENNA



NYU will send a team to the 31st edition of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot which takes place in Vienna, Austria. It is a unique competition that is designed to foster an interest in, and develop the requisite skill set for, a successful career in the fields of international commercial law and international commercial arbitration. The competition provides an unparalleled personal and professional experience; students find that their participation in the Moot is not only academically enriching, but also a delightful cross-cultural experience before and in Vienna.

Goals of the Moot – The objective is to stimulate the study of international commercial law, especially UNCITRAL legal texts, and the use of arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism. It is a clinical exercise designed to train law students through two distinct, yet equally important, phases: the writing of memoranda for Claimant and Respondent and oral advocacy in a simulated arbitral setting. Both phases are adjudicated by prominent arbitration practitioners and scholars.

Structure of the Moot – The Moot involves a dispute arising out of a contract of sale between two nationals of states parties to the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Additional information about the competition is available at https://www.vismoot.org/31st_vis_moot/.

Prerequisites for Participation

- Both JDs and LL.M.s are eligible (1Ls will actively participate in the writing phase but are excused from the orals given the intensity of NYU's workload in the first year; they may secure a spot on next year's team);
- Strong interest in, and familiarity with, international commercial arbitration;
- Basic knowledge of international arbitration, international sales law and business transactions, and/or conflict of laws (enrollment in applicable courses during the 2023-2024 academic year will be considered);
- Interest in written and oral advocacy; and
- Not licensed to practice law in your home jurisdiction (exceptions for first year attorneys are made on a case-by-case basis).

Requirements of Moot Team Members

- Extensive legal research on international arbitration, international sales law, and conflict of laws;
- Preparation of legal memoranda on behalf of Claimant and Respondent;
- Considerable training in oral advocacy;
- Oral arguments before panels of three arbitrators in Vienna and in pre-moots in New York; and
- Working as a member of a team with individuals coming from different legal and cultural backgrounds.

Interested? Please send your resume and a short letter/email of interest by no later than **October 5, 2023** via email to NYUVisMootTeam@gmail.com.

Info Session: We will hold an info session for applicants on October 3, 2023 at 5:00pm EST by zoom: <https://chaffetzlindsey.zoom.us/j/3957251827>