

Shearn Delamore & Co.

2020 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Malaysian National Rounds)

The 2020 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Malaysian National Rounds) was hosted by the International Islamic University's Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws at its Gombak Campus on 15 and 16 February.

The “*Jessups*”, organised by the International Law Students Association, is the oldest and the largest international moot competition in the world attracting 700 law schools from 100 countries. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between nations before the International Court of Justice.

Shearn Delamore & Co has been a firm supporter of the Malaysian National Rounds of the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition since 2005. This year marks as our 15th year sponsoring this prestigious international law moot completion amongst law students in Malaysian universities.

The 2020 Jessup Problem was “*The Case Concerning The Helian Hyacinth*” — an international dispute between the State of Adawa and the Republic of Rasasa, two neighbouring countries in the Region of Crosinia.

The 2020 Jessup Problem concerned four issues:

- a) State succession to treaties;
- b) the legality of autonomous weapons systems;
- c) overlapping international jurisdictions in the context of a trade dispute; and
- d) the arrest of a State's foreign minister pursuant to a warrant issued by the International Criminal Court.

This year six teams from local law faculties competed for the esteemed Shearn Delamore & Co. National Championship Challenge Trophy along with the other coveted awards that included the Errol D. Shearn Best Oralist Award and the Adrian W. Delamore Best Written Memorial Award.

The 2020 National Final was a closely fought round between the Applicant Team from the International Islamic University and the Respondent Team from University of Malaya.

The five “*Justices*” who presided over the Final Round were Datuk Noordin Binti Badaruddin (Judge of the High Court of Malaya), our partner Mr [G Rajasingam](#) (a twice over ex-Jessup Mooter himself in 1994 and 1995), Ms Anna Tabidze (legal practitioner from Armenia), Puan Melati Binti Tun Abdul Hamid (Malaysian Aviation Commission and an ex-Jessup Best Mooter and Finalist in 2005 international rounds) and Puan Marshila Mohtar (UEM Edgenta Berhad).

University of Malaya emerged as the 2020 National Champions winning the Shearn Delamore & Co. National Round Championship Trophy as well the The Adrian W. Delamore Award for Best Written Memorial whilst Ms Makaela Fehlhaber from Team Respondent/University Malaya won the Errol D. Shearn Award for the Best Oralist.

Team International Islamic University won the 2020 Runner Up Trophy.

The Trophies and Awards were presented to the teams by our partner, Mr [Indran Shanmuganathan](#).

Team University of Malaya and their Written Memorial will be heading to Washington D.C. as they represent Malaysia at the 2020 International Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition which will take place from 14 April to 18 April 2020.



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