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**SUBJECT: OADR 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Moot Competition 2022**

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The Legal Education Board, in partnership with the Department of Justice – Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR), invites all law schools to the upcoming **1<sup>st</sup> OADR Pre-Moot Competition 2022**, to be held from January to February 2022.

The OADR Pre-Moot Competition aims to train prospective students who will be competing in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and those generally interested in International Commercial Arbitration. Each edition of the competition will concentrate on critical issues in International Commercial Law.

Interested participants may register by sending their Letter of Intent to [mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com](mailto:mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com). The deadline for submission of registration is on November 30, 2021. Please see the attached guidelines for the details and schedule of the competition. For inquiries and concerns, you may send an email to [mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com](mailto:mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com).

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## **OFFICE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **First OADR Pre-Moot Competition 2022**

#### **Overview**

The Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) Pre-moot is the 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-moot competition mounted by the OADR in partnership with the Legal Education Board (LEB) and supported by the Association of Law Students of the Philippines (ALSP). This Pre-moot competition is aimed at being a training opportunity for students who will be competing in the Vis Moot and students generally interested in International Commercial Arbitration.

The OADR Pre-moot echoes the goal of the Vis Moot to stimulate the study of the International Commercial Law & the use of Arbitration to resolve International Commercial disputes.

#### **General Provisions**

The OADR Pre-moot competition is anchored on the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (hereinafter "Vis Moot") which is a competition for the promotion of International Commercial Arbitration. Each edition of the competition concentrates on a critical issue in International Commercial Law.

The OADR Pre-moot competition will use the Vis Moot problem and its corresponding rules. The copy of the problem that will be used 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the Vis Moot is available at [https://cisgmoot.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Vis-Moot-29\\_final-1.pdf](https://cisgmoot.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Vis-Moot-29_final-1.pdf).

#### **Participants**

All registered participants for this competition are those who were able to send their letter of intent to join to the OADR Moot Secretariat official email on or before the registration deadline. The official list of participants shall be posted in the OADR official Facebook page by December 2021/January 2022.

Once officially recognized as part of the list of participants, all teams are expected to participate for the whole duration of the Pre-Moot competition.

Participants are expected to prepare their memorials as Claimant and Respondent for the problem but this is not a required submission for the competition. Such memorials will be used as their reference material for the oral presentations during the competition proper.

During the competition proper, the participants will be divided into Claimant and Respondent teams where they will address jurisdictional issues, merits of the problem/case, and their respective arguments within a thirty (30) minute timeframe presenting in front of the arbitral tribunal.



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### **Arbitrators**

Judge arbitrators for this Pre-moot competition will be composed of volunteer lawyers and legal professionals with international arbitration background and experience.

The performance of the participating teams during the competition proper will be judged by three members tribunals acting as an arbitral tribunal. The tribunal may ask questions during the oral presentations or thereafter and are requested to mark the overall performance of each participating team in tackling the assigned pre-moot problem.

### **Competition Venue**

The competition shall be conducted virtually via the Zoom video conferencing platform in order to prioritize the safety of the participants, judge arbitrators, and the Moot Secretariat.

Should there be any changes in the official competition venue, the Moot Secretariat will contact the participants, judge arbitrators, and other concerned parties through an official advisory.

### **Tentative Competition Timeline**

<b>Pre-Moot Events Agenda</b>	<b>Date</b>
Registration deadline	30 November 2021
Virtual Mooting Workshop: Legal Research, Legal Writing, Oral Advocacy Skills	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> week of January 2022
OADR Pre-Moot Competition Proper	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022
Closing and Awarding Ceremony	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022

<b>Pre-Moot Competition Proper</b>	<b>Date</b>
General Rounds	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022
Announcement of Top Qualifying Teams	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022
Quarter-finals	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022
Semi-finals	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022
Finals & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> week of February 2022

### **Communications**

All communications regarding the Pre-Moot shall be made from to the OADR Moot Secretariat via email ([mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com](mailto:mootsecretariat.oadr@gmail.com))