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Foreword by the Organisers

Dear Students, dear Team-Coaches, dear Arbitrators,

We cordially welcome you to the III. Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds!

When the idea for the Pre-Moot Rounds was born in 2007, we did not anticipate such an overwhelming and continuing feedback. This year, there will be again some 100 students in 22 teams from 12 countries pleading before arbitral tribunals made of more than 80 arbitrators. It is probably safe to say that from the very beginning of their existence, the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds embody the international spirit that characterizes the Willem C. Vis Moot Court so well.



The Vis Moot was not only designed as an educational tool which is fun for both students and arbitrators, but also to provide a platform for meeting fellow students and arbitrators from all over the world. In the words of Professor Bergsten, the Vis Moot's founder, these social contacts provide the "lubrication" that makes international commercial law function smoothly.

We hope that the III. Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds will provide you with plenty of opportunities to meet students as well as arbitrators, and look forward to seeing you – either in the hearing room or during one of the social events!



Yours sincerely,



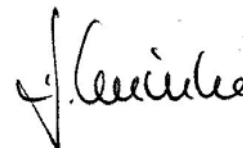
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About the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds

Purpose



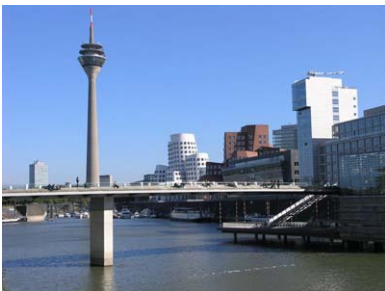
The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court was born out of the impression that both international commercial law and arbitration practice were underrepresented in legal education. Although the Moot is disguised as a competition, it is primarily designed to be an educational tool that teaches advocacy skills and enables students to get to know unfamiliar fields of law.

The same applies to the Pre-Moot Rounds. Intended to be a final rehearsal opportunity for the teams participating in the Vis Moot, they are organised as a competition and, very much like in the Vis Moot itself, a winner will be determined in the end. However, the primary goal is not to find out who is the best. Rather, it is for the students to improve their pleading skills in the spirit of a “friendly game”. To achieve this purpose, the arbitrators are urged to provide the students with comprehensive and constructive feedback on their performances.

Yet, the Pre-Moot Rounds are much more than merely an educational tool. They are also designed to serve as a platform for networking, establishing relationships with lawyers and judges working in the fields of international business law and arbitration – and last but not least, to provide some fun!



Venue and Date



Düsseldorf, the capital of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia and one of the economic and cultural centres of Germany, is located in the densely populated Rhine/Ruhr metropolitan area. Since the era of industrialisation, Düsseldorf has been the place of business of major enterprises and globally operating companies. Besides being famous for its carnival, trade fairs and fashion, Düsseldorf is also known for the boulevard “Königsallee”, a popular shopping destination where some of the most reputed jewellery shops and designer labels have their stores.

But Düsseldorf is not only a good place to shop: Because of the numerous bars side-by-side, Düsseldorf’s old town is sometimes called “the world’s longest counter”. The breweries that brew the so-called “Altbier” (a top-fermented German dark beer) are renowned all over the world!

It goes without saying that many of the major national and international law firms have offices in Düsseldorf. Their commitment to the Moot and the leisure activities this city offers convinced the organisers that Düsseldorf would prove to be a suitable venue for the Pre-Moot Rounds. Needless to say that the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds are here to stay – they will be held in Düsseldorf annually the last weekend before the Vis Moot in Vienna, allowing the participating students to do what the media coverage of the 1st Pre-Moot Rounds appropriately called “Um die Wette plädieren” – pleading as hard as one can!



About the organisers

The Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds are organised by the regional subsection Rhine/Ruhr of the German Institution of Arbitration's Young Arbitration Practitioners' Group (www.dis40.de), the Friends of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law (www.jura.uni-duesseldorf.de/vereine/freundeskreis), and the Düsseldorf Moot Association (www.uni-duesseldorf.de/dma).

DMA / Düsseldorf Moot Association



The Düsseldorf Moot Association was founded in 2006 by former Moot Court participants. It is a registered non-profit association aiming to foster international law and experience throughout participation in Moot Court competitions. Although the Düsseldorf faculty of law is one of the youngest in Germany, it can look back on a long-lasting Moot Court tradition. It was Prof. Dr. Dr. Juliane Kokott, nowadays Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, who supervised the very first Moot team of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law in 1997. Since this time, several different teams have participated in prestigious competitions. In 2005, a group of students initiated participation of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law in the Willem C. Vis Moot Competition. Participation has been a story of success since.

Friends of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law

The Association of 'Friends of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law' was founded in 1997. We support the faculty in teaching and research financially and intellectually, promote the exchange of ideas among our members and with the local bar, and, not at least, offer our graduates the opportunity to stay connected to each other and to their alma mater. Our association supports studies abroad, awards doctoral fellowships, gives publication grants, and finances courses. The association currently has about 900 members.

At the beginning of the winter semester 2007/2008, the Friends of Düsseldorf Faculty of Law developed a new concept and a substantially expanded program. Besides a newsletter, which appears at regular intervals, a national and international internship program was started, the Düsseldorf Internship Program (DIP) - for members who are German law students and trainee lawyers. Since 2009 we are proud to belong to the organisers of the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds.



DIS 40



The DIS40 was founded in 2002 to provide a discussion forum for young arbitration practitioners. To this end, DIS40 organizes two conferences per year on a nationwide level, which are usually held in conjunction with the semi-annual DIS conferences. To these conferences, which discuss specific practical issues arising in arbitration proceedings, one or two experienced arbitration practitioners are invited as "discussion leaders." In addition, its various regional sub-groups, which are located, inter alia, in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Stuttgart and Paris, hold separate meetings at an informal level to exchange experiences. Membership is open to all arbitration practitioners who are below 40. The DIS40 cooperates with its sister organisations in other countries and has organised joint conferences. DIS40 is sponsor of the Co-Chairs' Circle, an informal networking group of the co-chairs of the global under 40 arbitration groups.

A Successful Start ... and Some (Negligible) Frictions: About the 1st Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds

By Ulrike Gantenberg¹ and Thorsten Henze²



Although the town of Düsseldorf has been a place for international business for years and is therefore used to welcoming visitors from all over the world, some people might have wondered about the great number of German and foreign students circulating in March 2008 between the different law firms in Düsseldorf's city centre, all dressed like "real" lawyers. This is their story ...

Those who have experienced the Willem C. Vis Moot Court in Vienna as arbitrator or team member will without hesitation say that "the Moot" is not only a great educational success, but also a fantastic opportunity to meet people from all over the world

and enjoy a unique time, thanks to the mix of international spirit and local charm - two ingredients which the city of Düsseldorf provides to a similar degree! It was inter alia for this reason that in 2007, Thorsten Henze from the Düsseldorf Moot Association and Jakob Sättler from the Frankfurt Moot Alumni Association teamed up with Ulrike Gantenberg, at that time chair of the subsection Rhine/Ruhr of the German Institution of Arbitration's Young Arbitration Practitioners' Group (DIS40 Rhine/Ruhr), to bring a piece of the "Vienna atmosphere" to the Rhine and offer teams from all over the world an opportunity to practice their moot skills in the run-up to Vienna.

A blast of ideas at the beginning, the Pre-Moot idea quickly gained momentum. It soon turned out that an event of this size could not be organised by a small team, but rather needed a movement to come to life. Luckily, we were joined by David Quinke, the new chair of the DIS40 Rhine/Ruhr and a Vis Moot alumnus himself, and supported by many "helping hands" from the Düsseldorf Moot Association and the law firm Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek. Due to the great number of dedicated helpers, all issues that arose during the organisation like housing, receptions, venues and social events were smoothly taken care of. Many discussed proposals and dismissed ideas later, the Pre-Moot Rounds slowly but surely took shape. Although still an adventure, the first feedback was encouraging: Several law firms generously offered their conference rooms to host the practice pleadings,³ and practitioners from Germany and abroad volunteered to participate as arbitrators.

Yet, as the moot lives to a great part due to its participants, we eagerly awaited the responses to the invitations we sent to the teams: Would the Pre-Moot fit in the teams' schedules? Would it be of interest for teams to practice so closely before the finals in Vienna? The answer – welcomed with relief by the organisers – was YES! We received applications from 18 teams from eight countries who wanted to take part in the experiment of the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds.⁴ What an overwhelming feedback! Unfortunately, one of the Indian teams did not obtain a visa in time and had to refrain from participating. Luckily, not more teams suffered this fate.

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³ Pleading venues were provided by: Bird & Bird, Clifford Chance, Cohausz & Florack, Hengeler Mueller, Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Kapellmann & Partner, Lovells, Picot and White & Case.

⁴ Participating teams came from the following universities – in alphabetical order: University of Bangalore (India), University of Bonn (Germany), University of Bremen (Germany), University of Cologne (Germany), Columbia University (USA), University of Düsseldorf (Germany), University of Frankfurt (Germany), University of Giessen (Germany), University of Hamburg (Germany), University of Hanover (Germany), University of Heidelberg (Germany), University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain), Macquarie University (Australia), University of Reykjavik (Iceland), University of Saarbrücken (Germany), University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and University of Warsaw (Poland).

The 1st Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds started with an evening reception in the evening of 6 March, 2008. From the very beginning, one could feel the vibrant spirit of the Vis Moot when about 150 students, legal practitioners, lawyers, judges and in-house-counsels gathered. Officially opened by Jens Bredow, Secretary General of the German Institution of Arbitration, the Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds quickly proved to resemble the Vienna original to a great degree – however, a lot smaller and therefore with its own identity and charm. After the opening reception, the crowd ended up in one of Düsseldorf’s most popular party hot spots, the “Milchbar” at the 3001 club in the Media Harbour. Who said that lawyers can not party!?!



Shortly before the first round of pleadings was scheduled to begin, the first team was missing. Luckily, some minutes later it turned out that the two members of the University of Warsaw’s team had driven fourteen hours in a row to Düsseldorf and had just arrived in time for the first pleading. Such enthusiasm can only be found at a Moot competition!

Yet among all the participants, we are sure that one team will especially remember the Pre-Moot: The team of the University Carlos III of Madrid, who pleaded for the first time against other teams in Düsseldorf and won in Vienna one week later the Frédéric Eisemann Award for the best prevailing team in the Oral Arguments. Congratulations! We are proud to have had the team amongst our participants. The first pleading day ended with a guided City Walk through Düsseldorf’s famous old town, followed with traditional snacks and typical Düsseldorf Altbier (old beer) in a brewery.



The next morning, tension of the teams grew when they waited for the great final moment. During the pleadings all teams were rated, and the two best teams were supposed to plead in front of three famous arbitrators from the Rhine/Ruhr region: Dr. Wolfgang Kühn (Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek), Prof. Dr. Siegfried Elsing, LL.M. (Orrick Hölters & Elsing) and Dr. Thomas Kreifels (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer). In the afternoon, all teams gathered in the

Court of Appeals Düsseldorf in a hundred-year-old, very impressive looking building, and eagerly waited for the announcement of the pairing in the final. Although it was a close cut, the teams with the highest overall score in the general pleadings turned out to be Bangalore and Hanover. At the time of announcing the two finalists, the organisers nearly suffered a shock: the Bangalore team was not there! Unfortunately, the three team members got lost in Düsseldorf’s public transportation system and only showed up later after the finals. Lucky runner-up Hamburg replaced Bangalore. After a brilliant and very close pleading, the tribunal decided that Hanover edged out Hamburg and won the 1st Düsseldorf Pre-Moot.

The final pleading was followed by a farewell reception, and after 48 hours the “experiment” ended with many satisfied and happy faces, medals for the winners of the University of Hanover’s team, and certificates for everybody. The 1st Düsseldorf Pre-Moot would not have been possible without the dedication of many people and the generous financial support of different law firms - thanks to all of them.⁵

⁵ The opening reception was sponsored by Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, the final pleading was sponsored by the Prague-based law firm Giese & Partner v.o.s, and the farewell reception was sponsored by White & Case. Further donations were made by Baker & McKenzie and CMS Hasche Sigle.

Moot Court Diplomacy: About the Vis Moot

By Mark R. Shulman⁶



Vienna, April 2006: Three of the world's top arbitrators are in Vienna to hear arguments emerging out of the unfortunate purchase of a machine designed for imprinting candy wrappers. What brings these distinguished jurists - including a former member of the European

Court of Justice - to hear a dispute over a \$42,000 piece of malfunctioning machinery? Why have lawyers from 49 nations been keenly debating the most arcane details of this dispute? Why did Kofi Annan's top lawyer open the proceedings? The simple answer is that hundreds of the world's most sophisticated legal practitioners are involved in an on-going conspiracy of free trade.

This week marks the 13th Willem C. Vis Moot Arbitration. A thousand law students have assembled from 150 law schools representing countries as diverse as Argentina, Ukraine, Iceland and Nigeria. Each team argues both sides of the flexoprint case - a convoluted dispute raising issues of jurisdiction, limitation periods and the performance characteristics of an arcane piece of equipment. The seller is a second-hand equipment supplier in the fictional state of Mediterraneo, while the printer/purchaser is based in Oceania. The UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods (CISG) governs.

For over a quarter of a century, the CISG has provided a common law governing the sale of goods across borders. And for much of that time, the Vis Moot has been training new generations of lawyers to cross borders, transcend cultural differences and level the playing field for merchants from around the world.

In previous eras, the great powers used gunboats to enforce their interpretations of trade deals. More recently, American and European conglomerates deploy armies of lawyers armed with the best training and the most powerful research tools. Today, traders in Guatemala, Serbia and Thailand have local lawyers who have experience arguing advocates from New York and London.

Over the course of this week, leading arbitrators have been mooting the next class of these young lawyers. After each session they provide feedback on making more effective presentations. Lounging in the University of Vienna's *juridicum* between sessions, they offer insights into establishing a career or where to find useful research. The mentoring continues each evening at bars or restaurants.

The Vis Moot makes this possible by requiring arguments in the global language of trade, by which I mean not only English but specifically the English of international commercial litigation. The organiser, Eric Bergsten, a law professor from Pace University School of Law, assembles many of the most talented practitioners. He throws a terrific party. The parties - and the daily cycle of coffee, coffee, beer and then more beer - trigger the quickening for this unique community.

Notwithstanding the jokes, law remains a learned profession. And only a small portion of the learning can be transmitted by books or classroom lectures. Since 1993, the Vis Moot has been rewarding students and encouraging practical training in the Balkans, the former Soviet states, Southeast Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Central America.

That's why I come to Vienna each Easter. For the economy to become both global and sustainable, we need able advocates for everyone. For the profession of law to remain honourable, it must find ways to transmit knowledge between generations and among peoples. And somewhere in the capital city of Oceania, a candy wrapper needs imprinting.

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Schedule of Events, Lounge & Helpline

Helpline

How to get assistance during the Pre-Moot Rounds?

During the Pre-Moot Rounds, Bettina Meisch (tel +49 211 600 55 208) will assist you with any queries you may have.

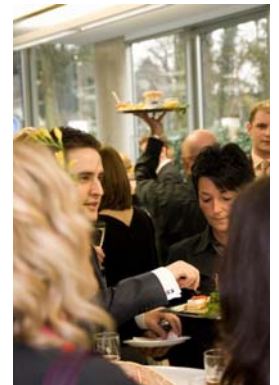
Thursday, March 18

6:00 pm: Registration



All teams are kindly asked to register at the offices of **Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek**, Georg-Glock-Straße 4, shortly before the Welcome Reception. This way, we know that you are in town. The registration desk will be open from Thursday, 6:00 pm until official opening. Please see the List of Venues for directions.

All arbitrators are kindly asked to register either before the Welcome Reception, or on the day of their first pleading, by telephone (+49 211 600 55 208) or by fax (+49 211 600 55 255), but at least one hour before their pleading begins.



7:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Welcome Reception

Welcome Reception for all teams, coaches and arbitrators at the offices of the law firm **Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek**. During the Welcome Reception, arbitrators are invited to participate in a short introduction into the nuts and bolts of moot-arbitrating.

Friday, March 20

9:00 am to 7:00 pm: General Rounds

Pleadings in various law firms in Düsseldorf. Please see the Pleading Schedule for detailed information and the List of Venues for directions.

8:45 pm: Brewery Night

Teams and arbitrators are invited to gather at the **Brewery Schumacher**, Oststraße 123. Snacks, traditional “Altbier” and soft drinks will be provided. Please see the List of Venues for directions.

Düsseldorf is famous for its beer called Altbier, often referred to as Alt (“old beer”). The Alt is a top-fermented beer originating in Westphalia and in Lower Saxony. The fermentation process takes place at a higher temperature than the one used for a bottom-fermented beer, since at the time of its invention there was no technical cooling. When cooling was developed at the end of the 19th century, bottom-fermented brewing spread and Pils became popular. Today, both kinds of beer are available.



In many German dialects, Alt becomes “Aal” (“Dat aale beer”). You can already see from the similar wording that the British “Ale” designates a beer of a top-fermented brewing similar to the Düsseldorf Alt!

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am to 1:00 pm: General Rounds

Pleadings in various law firms in Düsseldorf. Please see the Pleading Schedule for detailed information and the List of Venues for directions.

Noon to 1:45 pm: Lunch

Soups and refreshments will be offered at the offices of **Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek**, Georg-Glock-Straße 4. Please see the List of Venues for directions.

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Final Pleading & Farewell Reception

During the general rounds, the arbitrators will rate the teams. The two best teams will compete in a final pleading before a tribunal consisting of three renowned arbitrators from the Rhine/Ruhr region. The final pleading will take place in the **Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf** (Court of Appeals), Cecilienallee 3. Please see the List of Venues for directions.



All team members will receive a participation certificate. Team coaches may request information about the ranking of their team after the Pre-Moot Rounds via e-mail. Please direct such requests to Bettina Meisch (b.meisch@heuking.de).



If one of the participating teams (the “conflicted team”) is scheduled to plead in Vienna against one of the finalists of the Pre-Moot Rounds, the conflicted team must not attend the final. Instead, it may enjoy a walk along the Rhine or a cup of coffee in one of the cafés at Nordstraße. See the List of Venues for directions (Court of Appeals, Nordstraße is indicated on the right hand side of the map, the Rhine on the left hand side).

The III. Düsseldorf Pre-Moot Rounds will be closed during a Farewell Reception at the **Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf**, taking place immediately after the final pleading. Refreshments will be provided.

The Final Pleading and the Farewell Reception are made possible through a generous donation of the law firm Orrick, Hölter & Elsing.

Lounge

Where to rest during the Pre-Moot Rounds?

During the Pre-Moot Rounds, the offices of Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek at Georg-Glock-Straße 4 will serve as the "Dachgeschoss" of the Juridicum in Vienna, a place that you surely will appreciate. We are looking forward to seeing you there before and between the pleadings!



List of Venues & Maps

All venues can be reached by public transportation. Please see the maps of the pleading- and other venues on the following pages, as well as the map of the city of Düsseldorf thereafter for details.

Timetables of the trams and subways, more detailed maps of Düsseldorf's transportation system, as well as information about multi-day-tickets are available for download in the English language on the website of Düsseldorf's public transportation company (the "Rheinbahn") under www.rheinbahn.com/Pages/default.aspx.

If you need a taxi, dial **+49 211 21 21 21** for the local taxi agency "Rhein-Taxi".

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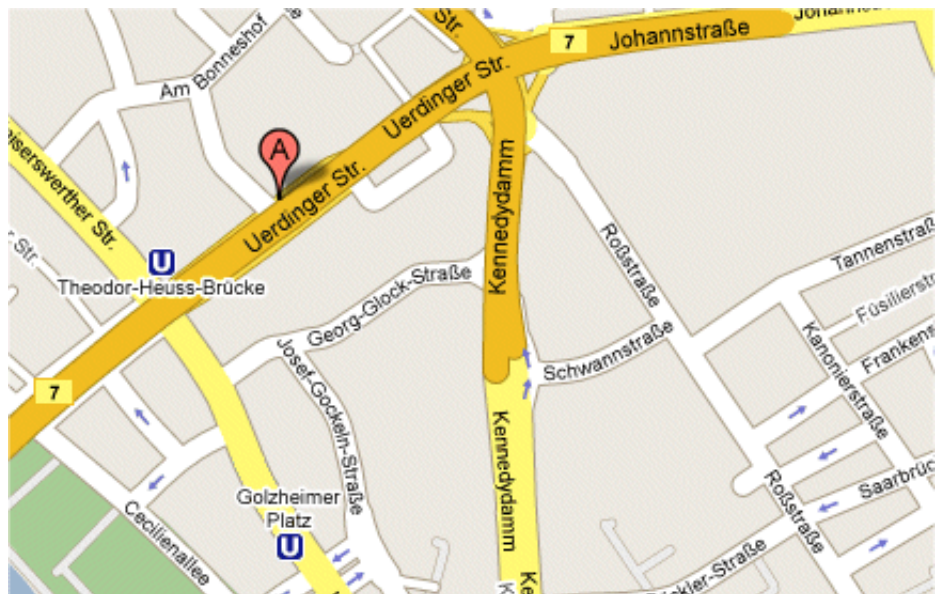
Directions: Trams 703, 706, 712, 713, 715 to Benrather Straße; subways U 70, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 to Steinstraße/Königsallee.



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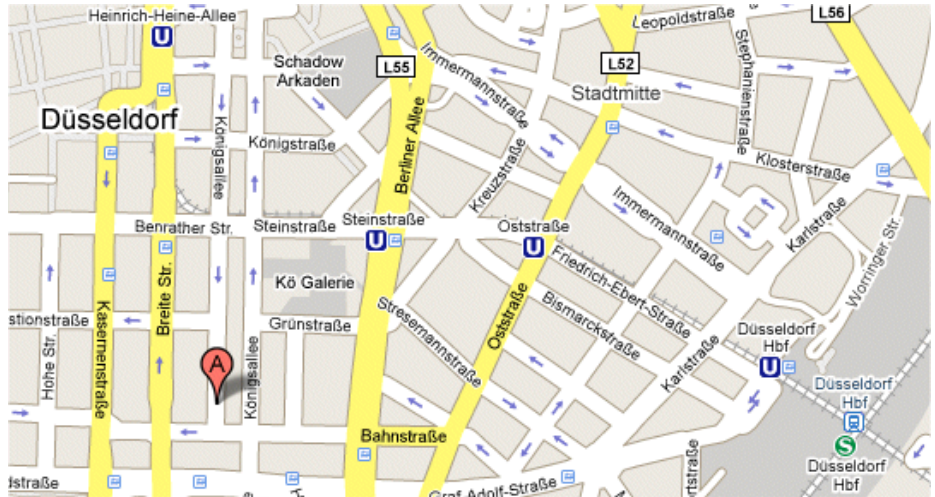
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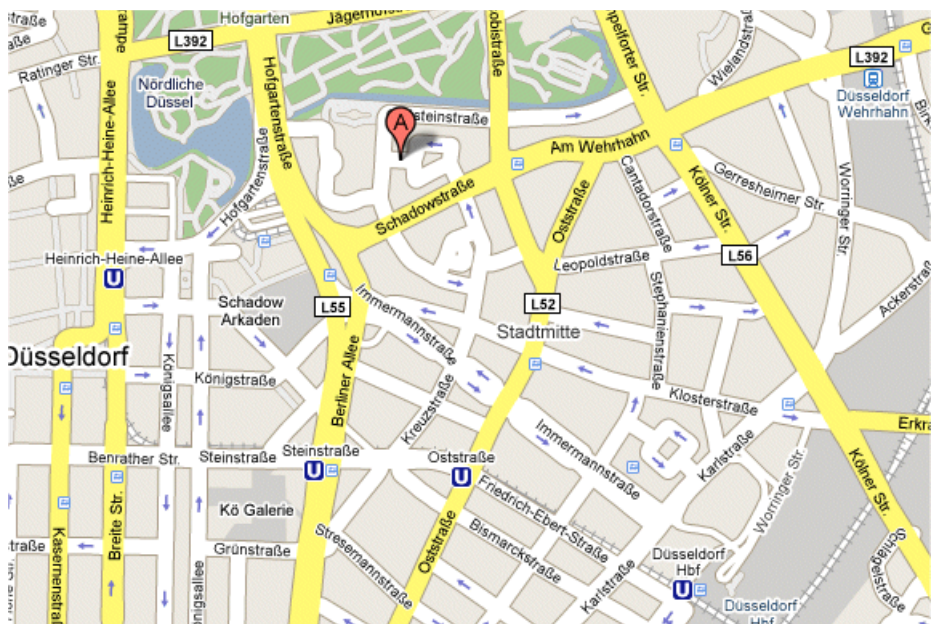
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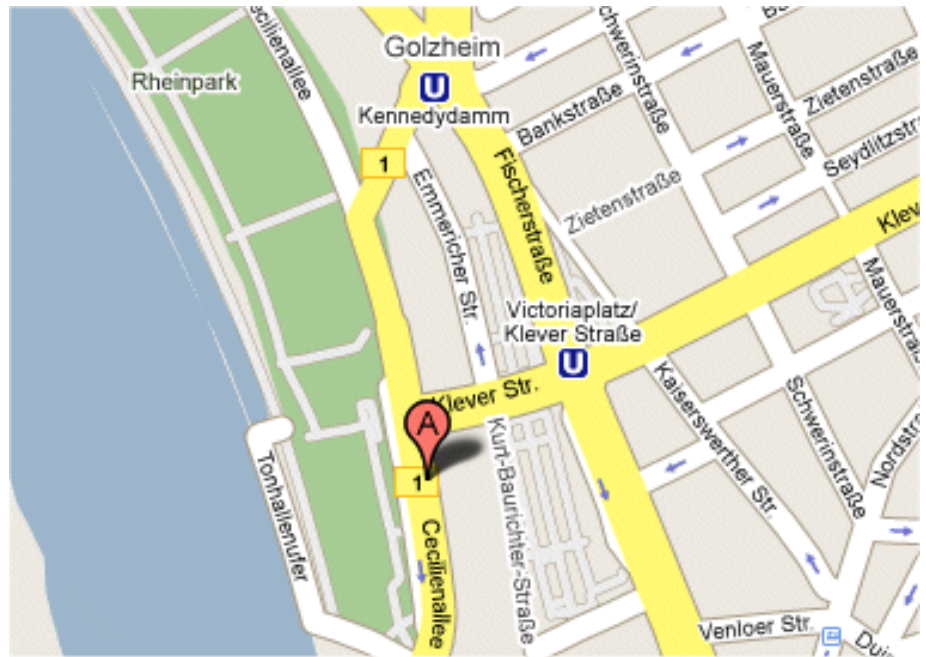


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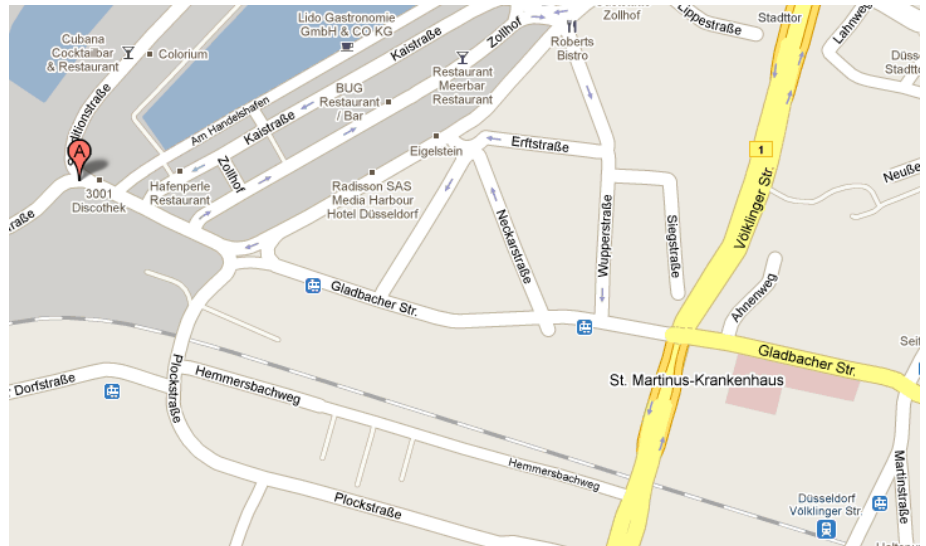
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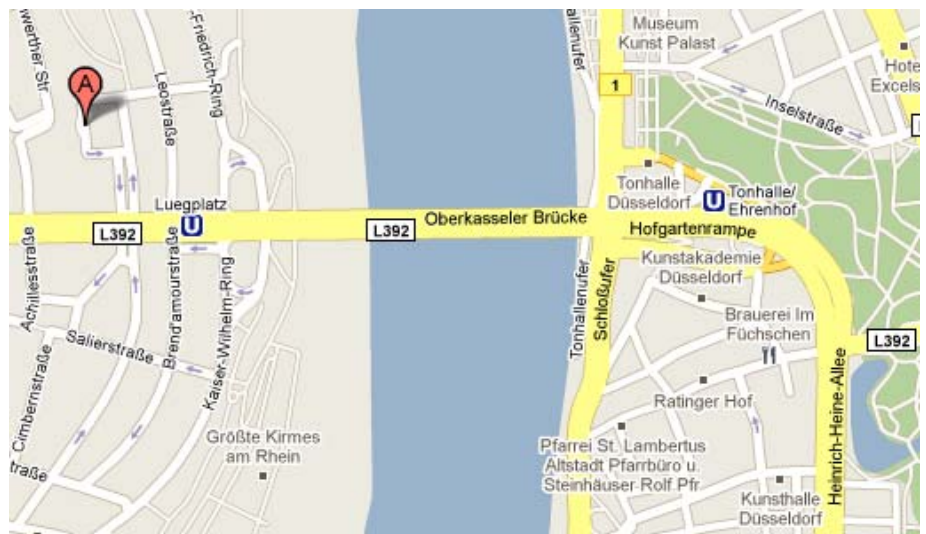
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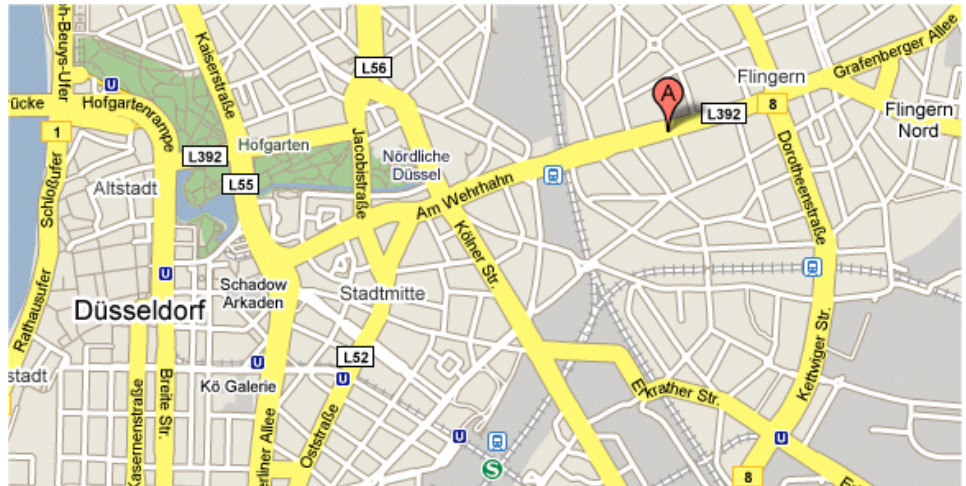
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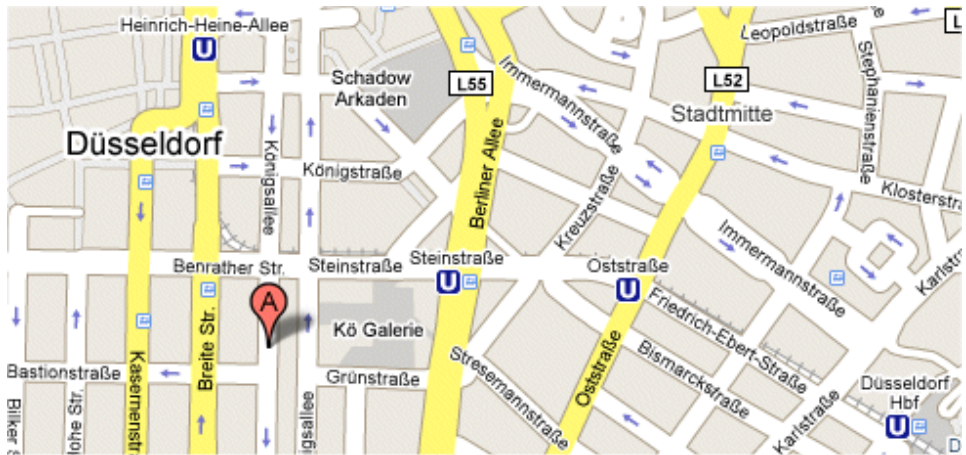
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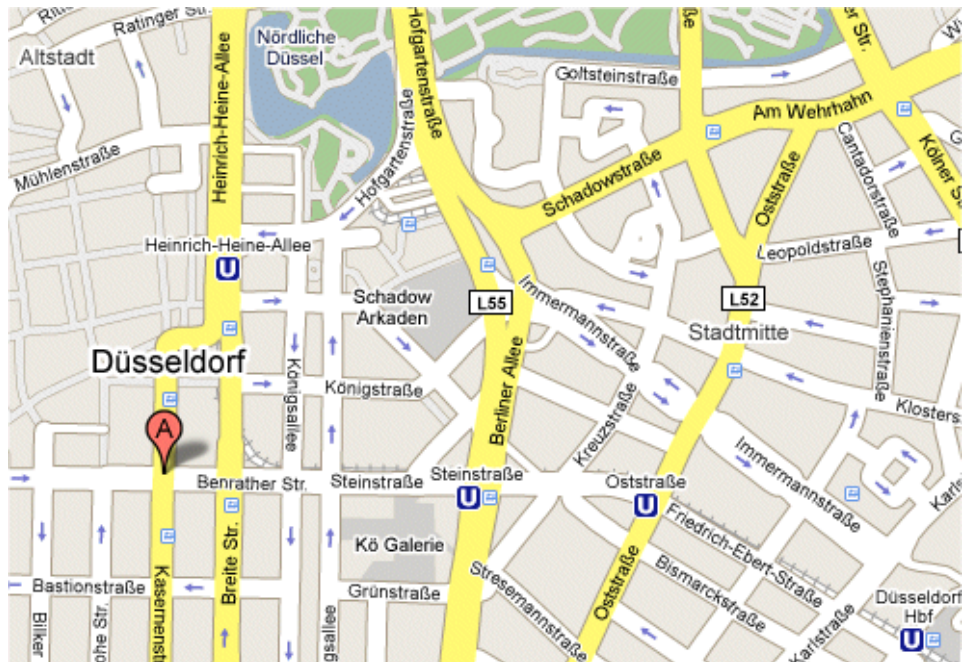
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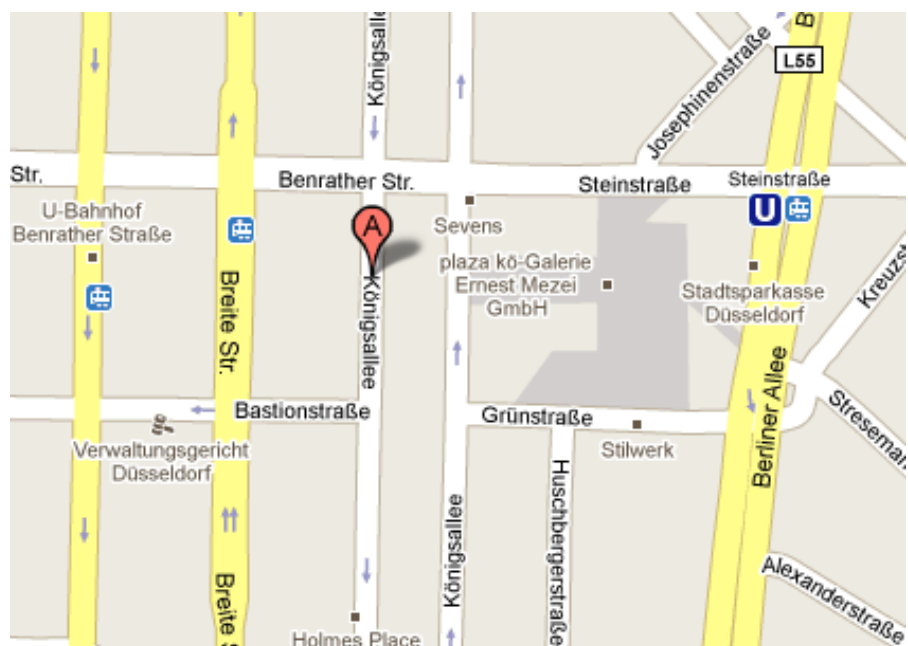
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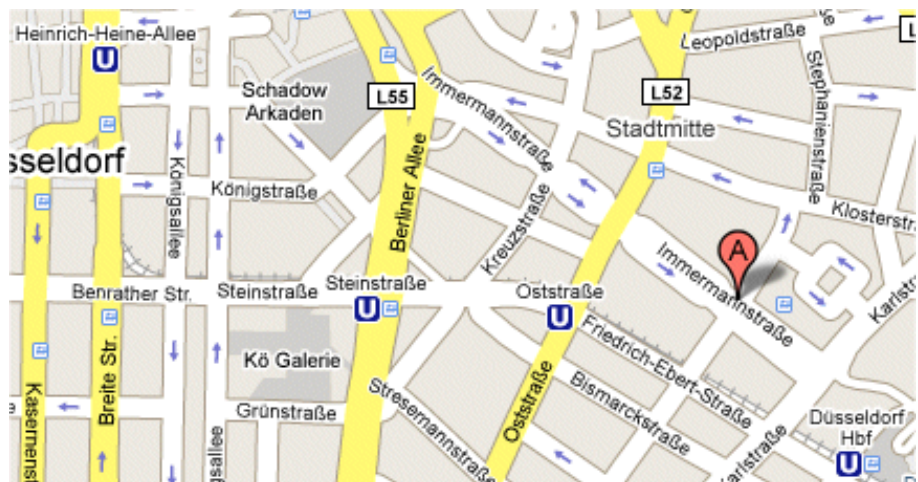
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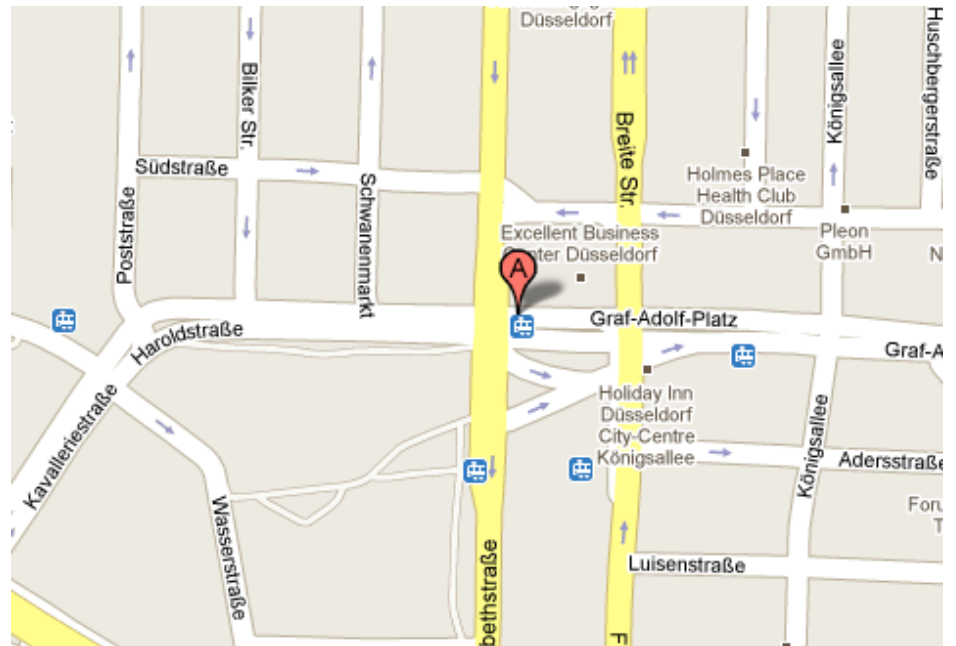
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Dr. Udo von Fragstein primarily advises in national and international sales law, competition law, and antitrust law. Another main focus of his activity lies in trade and contract law. Dr. von Fragstein gives regular lectures on these subjects and is the author of diverse legal publications. Since January 2007, Dr. von Fragstein has been a partner of Franz Rechtsanwälte. From 1997 to 2006 he was with Velten Franz Jakoby (a partner since 2000). In 1999, Dr. von Fragstein was Visiting Attorney at O'Melveny & Myers, London. He studied law at the Universities of Münster and Hagen (LL.D., Münster, 1997) and was admitted to the bar in 1997. From 1993 to 1995, Dr. von Fragstein was an associate lecturer at the Institute for German and European Legal History at the University of Münster. From 1995 to 1997, he was assistant lecturer at the Institute for Information, Telecommunications, and Media Law of the University of Düsseldorf.



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Claus Wecker is a partner of White & Case LLP. His principal areas of practice include general corporate and commercial law, M&A, including private equity as well as international construction contracts and project financings. Claus Wecker has extensive experience both in Germany and internationally, mainly in the USA, Asia and Middle East, as well as in various industries, especially in infrastructure projects. Claus Wecker worked as a foreign associate in New York with another international law firm. From 1979 to 1998, he was counsel to Thyssen Handlungsgesellschaft AG, the holding company of all trading and service activities, including international project management and project finance, of the Thyssen Group. As general counsel of Thyssen Telecom AG, he helped to initiate and expand Thyssen's now broad telecommunications activities. In autumn of 1998, Claus Wecker joined White & Case as a partner and helped to set up the new Düsseldorf office.



Thomas Weimann

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Clifford Chance LLP, Düsseldorf

Thomas Weimann has been a partner of Clifford Chance since 1999 and heads the litigation & dispute resolution department in Düsseldorf. He advises clients in all areas of litigation, mediation, contract drafting and contract negotiation. He represents clients as counsel/co-arbitrator in international und national arbitration proceedings. He focuses on post-M&A-litigation, civil engineering/plant engineering and construction litigation, on distribution and product liability law and the field of health care. Thomas Weimann lectures at client seminars and events of industry associations.



Hendrik Westhelle, LL.M.

Rechtsanwalt / Avvocato (Lawyer), Axer Partnerschaft, Cologne and Turin

Hendrik Westhelle is counsel in Axer Partnerschaft since 2006. He is focused on international commercial law, corporate law, cross-border litigation and intellectual property rights. Before joining Axer Partnerschaft he practiced with the law-firm Lexjus Bortolotti & Mathis in Turin. Beginning his legal studies at the University of Freiburg he graduated in law at the University of Cologne. After his graduation he accomplished his legal practice preparation in Cologne and Turin and was afterwards admitted to the Cologne and Turin bar. He received an LL.M from University of Turin and the World Intellectual Property organization (WIPO), Geneva, gaining the Microsoft price for the best non-software-related paper.



Lars Wildhagen

Director of the Friends of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law

Lars Wildhagen studied law at the University of Düsseldorf. In 2004, he graduated in the additional studies on Anglo-American law and in 2007 in Public Economic and Environmental law. After having worked as a student research assistant to Prof. Dr. Lothar Michael (Professor of Public Law), he became Director of the Association of Friends of the Düsseldorf Faculty of Law in August 2007. He is currently working on his Ph.D. thesis in the field of constitutional law. He has been a scholar of the German National Academic Foundation since 2004.



Nils Christian Wighardt

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Hamburg

Nils Christian Wighardt was admitted to the Bar in 2009. He practices real-estate and banking law in Hamburg. Mr. Wighardt studied law at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University of Frankfurt and served his legal traineeship (Referendariat) at the Higher Regional Court of Hamburg. During this time, he worked as a legal trainee in South Africa as well as a trainee with Latham & Watkins. Today, Mr. Wighardt additionally works on a doctoral thesis in the field of International Arbitration. Nils Christian Wighardt has been involved in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court since his appearance in the 12th Moot as a student and in the 14th Moot as a coach of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University of Frankfurt. From 2006-2007 Nils Christian Wighardt has been president of the Frankfurt Moot Alumni Association.



Lorenz Witte, Maître en Droit

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Linklaters LLP, Düsseldorf

Lorenz Witte completed his legal education at the universities of Saarbrücken, Strasbourg (Maître en Droit) and Bonn, where he also served his legal traineeship. During his time as an assistant at the University of Bonn, Lorenz participated in the 12th Vis Moot as coach. From 2006 until December 2008, Lorenz worked in the Dispute Resolution Group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer at Cologne. In 2009, he joined the Corporate Practice Group of Linklaters LLP in Düsseldorf where he specializes in corporate litigation.



Ralf-Thomas Wittmann

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Grooterhorst & Partner, Düsseldorf

Ralf-Thomas Wittmann is partner with Grooterhorst & Partner since 2003. He focuses on private construction law and insurance law, in particular insurances for financial loss, product liability and business liability insurance. He completed his legal education at the universities of Saarbrücken, Toulouse (Université des Sciences Sociales) and Tübingen.



Dr. Reinmar Wolff

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer) and Assistant Professor of Law, University of Marburg

Dr. Reinmar Wolff is a lawyer and Assistant Professor at the University of Marburg where he also co-heads the Vis Moot Court team. Dr. Wolff regularly acts as arbitrator in commercial arbitrations. He has also been engaged in arbitration proceedings under various rules including investment arbitration as counsel and secretary to the tribunal. He regularly lectures and publishes on arbitration and other issues.

Before joining the University of Marburg, he was with Shearman & Sterling LLP in their Frankfurt-based international arbitration practice group.

Arbitrators in the Final Pleading



Prof. Dr. Siegfried H. Elsing, LL.M.

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Orrick Hölters & Elsing, Düsseldorf

Prof. Dr. Siegfried Elsing is partner of Orrick Hölters & Elsing. After completion of his studies at the Universities of Freiburg/Germany, Lausanne, Münster (Dr. iur. 1976) and Yale (LL.M. 1979), Prof. Dr. Elsing started his career as a practicing lawyer in 1979 in Cologne and continued to practice in 1981 and 1982 with a law firm in New York. In 1983, he was admitted to practice in New York. Prof. Dr. Elsing has more than 20 years of experience representing German and international clients in domestic and international disputes both before German State Courts and in national and international commercial arbitrations. He has acted as arbitrator and chairman in more than 60 international arbitral proceedings (ICC, DIS, UNCITRAL, ad hoc etc.). He lectures as Honorary Professor on international commercial arbitration and international civil procedure at the University of Düsseldorf. Prof. Dr. Elsing regularly acts as arbitrator in Vis Moot pleadings in Vienna.



Dr. Wolfgang Kühn

Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer), Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Düsseldorf

Dr. Wolfgang Kühn is senior partner of Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek. Dr. Kühn received his legal education from the Universities of Munich and Münster (Dr. iur. 1971). His areas of practice are corporate law, M&A and international arbitration. Dr. Kühn advised national and foreign clients in a large number of M&A transactions related to the energy, automotive, media (TV), food production and service industries as well as others. He has handled numerous national and international arbitration proceedings as arbitrator or counsel. He is a member of the board of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS), past chairman of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association and past member (1990 to 1996) of the ICC International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.



Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger, LL.M.

Professor of Law, University of Cologne

Professor Dr. Klaus Peter Berger, LL.M. holds the Chair for German and International Private, Commercial and Banking Law, Private International Law and Comparative Law at Cologne University. He is founder and director of the Center for Transnational Law (CENTRAL) and Vice-Chairman of the Board of the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS). He is member of the Global Faculty at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum Mineral Law & Policy (Univ. of Dundee) and organizes regular practice building courses at the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). Professor Berger has acted as arbitrator in more than 40 international arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional. He is co-editor of the German Arbitration Journal –SchiedsVZ.

Participating Teams



Masaryk University, Brno (Czech Republic)



Alica Obertová is a 4th year student at Masaryk University, School of Law. Her research is focused on international law, especially commercial law and commercial arbitration. She has studied at Université Paul Cézanne in France as an Erasmus exchange student and she has recently finished her internship in international law firm Clifford Chance in Prague. She also participated in Vis moot last year. She speaks English and French fluently. She is interested in travelling, art and playing golf.



Eliška Šrotová is a last year student of law at Masaryk University. Besides law, she also studies International Relations and has a bachelor degree from European Studies and International Relations. Regarding international experience, Eliška spent one semester at Aalborg University, Denmark as an Erasmus student. She is fluent in English and has a good command of German. Eliška is participating in Vis moot for the second time.



Ivan Císár is a 1st year postgraduate student at the Department of International and European Law of Masaryk University, School of Law. He specialized in the arbitration as a dispute settlement procedure in the international relations. Ivan graduated with honours in 2009. During his studies, he spent one semester as Erasmus exchange student at Faculty of Law of Lapland University. He obtained practical experiences as intern at law firms in Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. He speaks English fluently. Ivan participated on Vis moot in 2008/2009. He is interested in history.



Martin Pavlus is a student of law at the Masaryk University. He participated in Erasmus study programme at the University of Basel. He worked as an intern for an attorney at law, the Slovak Ministry of foreign affairs and the Parliament of the Slovak republic. Beside his mother language, he speaks fluently English, German and French, and he is a beginner in mandarin Chinese. He is also interested in traveling, hiking and literature.



Radek Ruban is student of 6th semester at Masaryk University, School of Law and of 6th semester at Masaryk University, School of Economics and Administration. Radek is an assistant of the assistant professor at Department of Civil Law at Masaryk University and was therefore participating on preparation of study materials. In September 2009, he obtained research fellowship at Universität Konstanz. He was practicing law at several law firms and has already passed final examination in Economics. Radek speaks English and German fluently and has basics of Russian. In his spare time, Radek is interested in aviation, sports, traveling and reading.



Tomas Demo is a 4th year law student at Faculty of Law, Masaryk University. Recently, he spent one semester at School of Law in Arhus, Denmark. He tailored his legal education to prepare him for the practice of International Business Law and International Arbitration. Over the three years of his studies he found a deep interest in gaining the hands-on experience in Vis Moot Competition. Besides Czech, he speaks English and German. He won the state-championship in wild-water rafting and was a member of Slovak National team.



Tomáš Kašćák is a student of 7th semester at Masaryk University, School of Law and 3rd semester at Masaryk University, School of Economics and Administration. Tomáš spent one semester at University of Helsinki focusing on International Law. He speaks fluently English and German and has also basic knowledge of Russian and Finish. Tomáš focuses mostly on Business Law and Private International Law during his study. In spare time, he enjoys snowboarding and playing golf.



Tomáš Stolina is a law student in his 7th semester. He graduated in 2005 from Klasićké gymnasium Brno where he passed English state exam and FCE and within next year started legal studies at Masaryk University. He passed ILEC (International Legal English Certificate) and speaks English, French and besides, has been learning Polish and Arabic. Since December Tomas has been working as a paralegal in law firm in Brno. Tomas is a member of Confederation of political prisoners in Czech republic.



Slavomír Halla (Coach)

Slavomír Halla is a former Vis Moot participant, now acting as a coach of the Masaryk University Vis moot team. During his studies at the Masaryk University, School of Law, Mr. Halla also spent several months in Chicago at the John Marshall Law School as an exchange student and worked as an intern for one of the City of Chicago Commissioners, too. Besides working full time as an in-house counsel for an international drilling company, he started postgraduate studies in private international law program with special focus on international trade and arbitration. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, badminton, jogging or reading a good detective story.



Tomáš Hülle (Coach)

Tomáš Hülle is working in the Prague office of Schönherr as a member of the corporate, commercial and real estate practice groups. He studied law at Masaryk University, School of Law, graduating in 2008 and University of Bialystock, School of Law as an exchange student. He has also participated on several summer schools focusing mostly on ADR procedures and information technology law. During his studies he focused on arbitration, unfair competition, trademarks, information technology law and commercial law and completed internships with major law firms. In 2009, he has obtained Rectors award for the best magister students of Masaryk University. Currently, he is also writing a Ph.D. thesis in the field of international arbitration and domain name disputes resolution. Tomáš participated in the Moot in 2009 and is coach for Masaryk University. In his spare time, he enjoys playing squash, skiing, visiting theatre and reading.

Rheinische Wilhelms University, Bonn (Germany)



Arne Katharina Ruhwinkel graduated from school in June 2008. In October 2008 she moved to Bonn and started studying law at the 'Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität' Bonn. During 11th grade Arne was an exchange student in Longmont, Colorado, USA. Arne's English is fluent. She also has basic knowledge in French and the qualification in Latin. In her spare time she enjoys reading as well as playing tennis.



Jan-B. Fischer attended elementary school at the Goetheschule in Essen (2000-2008). He was educated in Latin, English and Italian with the latter ones being partially specialised for business and economic fields. Jan did different internships, for instance in a tax accountancy (2006) and a forwarding company (2007/2008), gaining insight in both financial and legal issues, which led to his strong interest in law and jurisprudence. In October 2008 he started his studies at the University of Bonn. He plans to choose mergers & acquisitions and/or trade law as his main field of later professional activity.



Moritz Müller-Leibenger is a law student in his third semester at the University of Bonn. He graduated with Abitur at the "Gymnasium Rodenkirchen" in Cologne. Before commencing his studies he interned at the law firm of Cornelius, Bartenbach, Haesemann & Partner' where he gained a first impression of working with cases and the law itself. During high school he spent one year abroad at an American preparatory school where he became fluent in English. Furthermore, he has knowledge of Spanish and French. In his free time he likes to play tennis and guitar. Additionally Moritz participates in the management of a local political organisation.



Rene Rosenau attended the bilingual (German-French) section of the Friedrich-Ebert-Gymnasium Bonn. He received not only the German Abitur in 2007 but also took the French Baccalauréat and a qualification in Latin. During his school time he had the opportunity to participate on several exchange projects: He went to Toulouse, Meudon and Montpellier in France, as well as to Australia. Rene started his law degree in April 2008 at the University of Bonn. Besides, he worked as a student assistant for the Institute of International Law under Prof. Dolzer



Richard Hoyle is currently studying Law during his Erasmus year at the University of Bonn. In the UK, he studies Law and German Law at Oxford University, where he received one of the top three marks in his first year exams. Last year, he represented Oxford in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot, winning the best oralist award in the UK final. This summer, Richard worked for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law where he co-wrote a research paper for the Ministry of Justice entitled 'Alternative Dispute Resolution in Germany'. He also interned at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and Essex Court Chambers.



Stefan Heise's interest in the law originates from his interest in effective ways of dispute resolution. He started his law degree studies in Bonn in the summer semester of 2008 after graduation and civil service. Stefan is interested in how the law can serve trade, to make it quicker and safer, as well as more profitable for the parties. In his spare time Stefan Heise likes to read or to play the guitar and piano in a band. He speaks English and Spanish fluently (both as part of his 'Leistungskurs') and has basic knowledge in French (DEL F 1) and Latin (Latinum).



Antonia Papenheim (Coach)

Antonia graduated from the Erzbischöfliches Suitbertus-Gymnasium Düsseldorf in 2007 and then started her law studies at the University of Bonn. After graduation she was a temporary assistant at the law firm Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek. In the summer of 2009, she was an intern at the 'Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend' in Berlin. Prior to coaching the Bonn Moot Court Team this summer, she participated in the 16th Vis Moot 2008/09 herself. Since September 2008, Antonia has been working as a student research assistant at the chair of Private International Law.



Steven Reinhold (Coach)

Steven is a Student Research Assistant with Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wagner LL.M at the Institute for Civil Procedure and Conflict Management, and in his fifth semester. Prior to coaching the Willem C Vis Moot Court team he participated in the competition last year, in which Bonn reached the Round of 64. Having been raised bilingually, Steven enjoys the trans-national aspect of the Moot and comparing different approaches to legal problems. Outside of his law degree he is a keen rugby player and his favourite fruit is the kiwi.



University of Cologne (Germany)



Anna Lotte Böttcher (23) is in her 4th semester of legal studies at the University of Cologne. Since March 2009 she has been working as a student assistant for Prof. Dr. Ehrlicke at the Department for Energy Law. After high school she worked as a volunteer in Brazil for a year and completed one year of studies at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands in European Studies. She gained practical skills during an internship at the Landschaftsverband Rheinland in Cologne. Anna speaks English and Portuguese, acquired the Latinum, and possesses a good knowledge of the Spanish as well as a basic knowledge of the French language.



Melanie Maria Kaspers (22) is in her 5th semester of legal studies at the University of Cologne. Additionally, she is working as a student assistant at the institute for Banking Law in Cologne, led by Professor Dr. Berger LL.M. Melanie gained practical legal experience during two internships at the Law Office Hecker, Werner, Himmelreich in Cologne and also at the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) in Düsseldorf. Furthermore Melanie speaks English fluently and has acquired advanced Latin proficiency. Melanie speaks French and Spanish well. **Gregor R. Owsianowski** (23) is in his 6th semester of legal studies at the University of Cologne. He graduated his basic studies at the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich. He gained practical legal experience in several renowned law firms and in the legal department of an internationally active German publishing company. Gregor speaks English fluently and has profound knowledge of the French language.



Katharina Schesler (23) is in her 6th semester of studying law at the University of Cologne where her legal studies focus on "Private Business and Procedural Law". Since April 2009 she Katharina worked as a student assistant for Prof. Dr. Kay Windthorst in the Institute for Public and Administrative Law. In the fall semester 2008/2009 she took part in the ERASMUS exchange program in Florence. She gained practical experience during her internships at Studio Legale Nistri in Florence and in the administrative offices of Agency for Freight Traffic in Cologne. Katharina speaks English and Russian fluently and has acquired advanced Latin proficiency. Katharina speaks Italian well.



Gregor R. Owsianowski (23) is in his 6th semester of legal studies at the University of Cologne. He graduated his basic studies at the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich. He gained practical legal experience in several renowned law firms and in the legal department of an internationally active German publishing company. Gregor speaks English fluently and has profound knowledge of the French language.



Jagiellonian University

Jagiellonian University, Cracow (Poland)



Andrzej Olaś is a fifth-year law student at the Jagiellonian University. His legal interests are focused on private law with a special emphasis on commercial law and civil procedure. He graduated from the JU-CUA School of American Law. Currently he works as an intern at one of the leading Polish law firms. Andrzej perceives his participation in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot as an inspiring challenge and a great opportunity to improve his lawyering skills. Privately he is a bookworm, theatre enthusiast and cinemagoer as well as a real all-kind-of-sports maniac.



Basia Sobowska is a fifth-year law student at the Jagiellonian University. Her interests are focused on business international law, including commercial arbitration and commercial law. As an assistant in the Civil Law Section of the Legal Clinic to the Jagiellonian University she has developed a wide range of lawyering skills. Therefore, willing to provide direct assistance to people who cannot afford professional aid, she has founded a student clinic along with other students and one of the leading Polish law firms. By way of international exchanges and an internship in the European Parliament Basia could confront her legal education with international standards. As an exchange student she spent last year at Katholieke Univeriteit Leuven in Belgium. She successfully represented the university in the Lachs Moot Court, where her team took 2nd place and won the price of best memorials. Apart from her studies Basia is currently gaining a valuable experience in one of the leading international law firms. Her biggest passions are volleyball and travels. She speaks English and German, and can communicate in Dutch, Spanish and French.



Daniel Zatorski is a 4th year Law and 3rd year American Studies student. Apart from international commercial law his main legal interests are focused on intellectual property and law & economics. His second faculty allows him to pursue his other hobby - American culture, including its legal aspects. Daniel participated in the JU-CUA American Law Program and completed it with an A- grade. He had an opportunity to broaden his knowledge of international commercial law during the Augsburg Summer Program in European and International Economic Law. He also took part in the Seminar on the Economic Analysis of Law held at Frauenchiemsee where he gave a speech on the topic of "The Method of Teleological Interpretation (Legislative Intent)". Daniel is also a member of the JU American Studies Academic Circle.



Jakub Majewski is a 3rd year law student of law at the Jagiellonian University. His main areas of interest are civil and administrative law and he has a future ambition of becoming a trial lawyer. In his free time he plays computer games, sails and reads Angloamerican literature. He participated in several competitions organised by our Law Faculty and now intends gain some international and national experience in that matter, hoping it will bring his dream a little closer.



Katarzyna Kempa is a 5th-year law student at Jagiellonian University. She participates in the Moot for the second time. Kasia receives a scholarship of Św. Jan Kanty Foundation. She graduated from JU-CUA American Law Programme in 2009. She had an opportunity to improve her lawyering skills by way of internships in leading law firms. In the first semester of 2009/2010 academic year she is studying at University of Versailles. Kasia speaks fluent English and French. In the future she would like to obtain a LLM degree from an English university and work as an international lawyer. She is currently writing her thesis on international commercial arbitration in light of recent EU regulations. In free time she travels, reads and sings in a rock band. She also adores museums and modern art exhibitions.



Maciej Durbas pursues his 4th year of law at the Jagiellonian University. He is fully aware that modern, globalized world is shrinking and today a contract between a Polish seller and a Chinese buyer (or more often the other way round) is nothing uncommon. That is why he believes that his interests will help him in his future career. Among his other areas of interest he mentions: theory of law, private law in comparative aspect and last but not least international commercial law and arbitration. He develops his knowledge on those branches of law by way of participation in students' associations. Maciej successfully completed the course on Introduction to French Law last year, and was granted a scholarship programme by the French government. Thanks to the scholarship, Maciej could study for a month in the beautiful city of Orleans. It was a great chance to improve his French, which is now fluent. It is still, nonetheless, not as good as his English. He has also started learning German this year. Apart from studying, which is increasingly time-consuming, Maciej is an advocate of the active style of life. During the whole year he awaits impatiently the first snow to go skiing and while he has to wait for it, he jogs, works out in the gym and plays five-a-side football.



Magda Kofluk is in her 5th year of law studies at Jagiellonian University. She participated in the 8th edition of American Law Program, Summer School on European Private Law at Salzburg University and The 2009 International Business and Trade Summer Law Program. After unforgettable experience of last year's Vis Moot she decided to participate in the competition again. She is also a member of European Youth Parliament and participated in number of sessions. She loves traveling and meeting new people.



Magdalena Inglot pursues her 5th year of law studies at the Jagiellonian University. Her majors are European law, civil and commercial law and intellectual property law. She is currently writing her master's thesis in contract law. She spent last year in Scotland broadening her knowledge of European law. During a one-year internship she gained valuable experience in intellectual property law. She is an active member of the board of International Private Law Society. By taking part in Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Magdalena would like to gather experience in the field of international arbitration and international commercial law. She is fluent in Polish and English and is working on her German. Magdalena loves reading books and climbing, especially in summer.



Pawel Bukiel is studying law at the Jagiellonian University. He completed American Law Program organized jointly by the Jagiellonian University and the Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America. He is preparing his master thesis on intellectual property law. He is also interested in international commercial law. He has graduated from Webster Thomas High School in the US and intends to continue his education in US after obtaining a master degree in Poland. He is fluent in English and has a good command of German (intermediate level). Apart from pursuing his studies he is currently setting up his own business in the music industry, with regard to which he can already pride himself on having worked with US and Polish stars. He is an ardent sports supporter with basketball and football among his favorites. He practiced both sports at a young age.



Urszula Kubicka is a fourth-year law student at the Jagiellonian University. Her main areas of interest are civil law, trade law and the international arbitration procedures. She speaks fluent English and has a good command of German. She sees her participation in the Moot as an opportunity to obtain skills and experience essential for her future career. Negotiations and dispute resolution are other issues that she finds inspiring and vital to modern law systems as well as to business relations. Urszula is fully determined to work hard but also expects that solving problems will bring her a lot of fun. She recognizes Vis Moot Court as a great challenge, which will result in expanding her knowledge in diverse areas.

Agata Waclawik-Wejman, Esq. (Coach)

Agata Waclawik-Wejman is counsel at the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland and member of the Polish-German Center for Banking Law at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. She completed her legal studies at the Jagiellonian University and at the Harvard Law School, she also studied at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She has multi-year work experience in the financial and international development sectors, including serving as management board member of KDPW S.A., the Polish central securities depository and being counsel at the World Bank in Washington D.C. Ms Waclawik-Wejman is attorney and counsellor at law admitted to practice in New York.

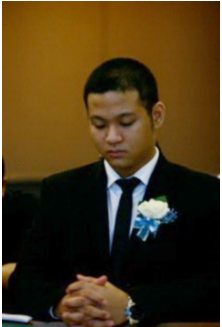
University of Indonesia, Depok (Indonesia)



Grace Gabriella Binowo is a 1st year student in the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia. Prior to joining our Vis Moot team, she had an illustrious career in various high school debating competitions. She represented her province in Indonesian Schools Debating Championship (ISDC) twice while in high school, attaining 7th place in the Top 9 Best Speakers at the national level. Her debating career did not stop there. She recently succeeded in attaining 2nd place in the inter-faculty English Debate Competition – Student’s Scientific Olympiad Universitas Indonesia this year. As a prolific debater, she intends to expand her horizons by participating in this year’s moot.



Naftalia Siregar is not new to the world of international law moots. While in high school, she competed in the Universitas Pelita Harapan Public International Law Moot Court Competition and succeeded to attain the title of champion. Aside from this, she was also awarded the 2nd best oralist in the high school moot. Now in her 2nd year of study in Universitas Indonesia, Naftalia is looking to apply what she's learned in her previous mooting experience as well as attaining new knowledge in private international law.



Simon Barrie Sasmoyo Adiwidagdo was a team member in the 16th Willem C. Vis Arbitration Moot in 2009 and has participated in several other competitions such, Asia Cup Moot Competition 2007 and International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition (IHL) 2008. His abilities were instrumental in achieving "Top Three Prosecutor Team" in IHL as well as 5th place in general category and "Second Best Memorandum" in Asia Cup.



Zefanya Yoyada Siahaan is a 2nd year law student at Universitas Indonesia and a first-timer in Vis. She previously was a debater who participated in various prestigious debating competitions such as the Univesitas Indonesia English Debating Society Founder's Trophy competition in 2008 and the Asian Law Students Association Debate Club Competition in the following year. In this year's moot, she seeks to sharpen her skills of argument as well as socialize with fellow competitors.

Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf (Germany)



Anne Tetz is a law student at the Heinrich-Heine-University of Düsseldorf since the winter semester 2007/2008. She completed a one-year program on Anglo-American law in 2009. Anne decided to participate in the Willem C. Vis Moot, as it provides the opportunity to improve practical and theoretical skills in international commercial law and of course, the opportunity to meet other law students from different backgrounds.



Christopher B. Czibere is studying law since 2007 at the Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf and is currently in his fifth semester. With the Vis Moot he is fascinated by the chance to put theory into practice and meet people and teams from all over the world. His interest in international and foreign law was already fostered by completing the Anglo-American Law program in Düsseldorf. Since January 2009 Christopher is working as a student research at the dean's office. In his spare time he likes to play Badminton and is a passionate skier in the Winter.



Daniel Kaneko took up law studies at the law faculty of Duesseldorf in 2007. The 22-year old successfully participated in a study program on Anglo-American Law and a comparative German-Israeli exchange-seminar. Daniel is a student research assistant at the chair of civil law and intellectual property law (Prof. Dr. Jan Busche). His interest in international arbitration sparked during an internship with a German law firm in Tokyo. In its spare time, Daniel actively plays football and participates in the debating club of the Duesseldorf University.



Denis Schütz has been studying Law at the University of Düsseldorf since October 2007. The 23-year old successfully participated in the one-year study program of Anglo-American Law. Furthermore, Denis delved into foreign law by participating in a German/Israeli exchange-seminar. Denis got valuable insight in practical work during an internship with Heuking Kühn Lühr Wojtek. Moreover, Denis has been working since October 2009 as a student research assistant at the chair for German and International Corporate-, Commercial-, and Antitrust law of Prof. Dr. Christian Kersting, LL.M. (Yale) at the University of Düsseldorf.



Benjamin Renk is studying law in the 3rd year at the Heinrich-Heine-University of Düsseldorf. The charm of participating in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court is on the one hand the sporting ethos “...to grow and gain experience during this challenge...” and on the other hand the possibility to “...improve the linguistic and judicial skills.” The increasing interest in global and commercial relations was justified by working in the commercial company owned by its father and by an internship at the German Bundestag. As a balance to the studies the 23-years old student plays the piano, tennis and football in its free time.



Sabine Faust (Coach)

Sabine Faust studied law in Bonn and Mainz and worked as a lawyer in a mid-sized law firm for international business law afterwards. In summer 2008 she joined the Chair of Civil Law, German and International Corporate, Business and Antitrust Law at the University of Duesseldorf as research assistant and is working on a doctoral thesis with focus on merger control. During the 16th Vis Moot Court, Sabine Faust supported the coaches of the Duesseldorf Team and acted as arbitrator in internal pleadings. In collaboration with Jan Heskamp, she coaches the current Vis Moot Court Team of the University of Duesseldorf.



Jan Heskamp (Coach)

Jan Heskamp currently works as a research fellow at the University of Düsseldorf (Chair of Prof. Dr. Christian Kersting, LL.M. (Yale)). After his graduation from the University of Greifswald he served as a trainee lawyer in Münster, Ankara and Berlin. Jan Heskamp passed his bar exam in 2007 and is currently working on his doctoral thesis in the field of corporate law.



Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt (Germany)



Benjamin Beck studies law at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt a.M. since 2007. His major is “Law and Finance” and accompanied by his works as a student assistant at the Institute for Monetary and Financial Stability. Through various internships he gained first insight into the practice as an attorney of law. This, furthermore, gave him the opportunity to deal with copyright which caught his interest. To advance his knowledge of international commercial arbitration and the English legal terminology, Benjamin participates in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court. In his free time he enjoys playing music, reading contemporary literature and playing badminton.



Dominique J. Finke studies law at the University of Frankfurt/Main in her second year. Already after her 1st semester she started to work for Mrs. Prof. Dr. Katja Langenbacher as an assistant at the research institute for private law, banking and finance. Her main area of interest lies in the field of international commercial law. She took part in the European Summer Scheme an internship programme of an internationally acting law firm. In the context of this internship she made practical experience in London and Frankfurt. The participation at the Willem C. Vis Moot Court opens the chance for her to strengthen her ability to work in a team and to get an insight in new branches of law. Through the intensive work with English legal sources she hopes to enlarge her knowledge in English legal terminology. As a passionate sportsman, Dominique regularly goes to the gym.



Mohammed Nur has been studying law at Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main since the summer semester of 2008. Already at schooldays Mohammed was interested in humanities. His intensive courses were social- and economic science and historic-political science. In summer 2007, Mohammed received his university-entrance diploma. In 2005 Mohammed completed his apprenticeship as an insurance salesman and got constructions in business accountancy and investment management. He participates in the moot to gain practical insight into the fields of international commercial arbitration and international sales law. In his spare time Mohammed volunteered from 1998 to 2006 in the “Diakonisches Hilfswerk”. At present he is student representative of the juridical faculty to commit for the issues of students. He enjoys sports, especially squash.



Nina Pollex is studying law in her fifth semester at the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. The 22-year-old decided to take part in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court for the possibility to work practically at a case in the context of international commercial law. To compete with teams from all over the world appeared to her as a demanding challenge to contribute and extend her knowledge and her skills. Nina has further the preference for working with the English language which developed already during school. She is working as a student assistant at the partnership company Waldeck Rechtsanwälte Frankfurt am Main since 2008. In her free-time, Nina passionately likes to do sports and to play the piano.



Quenie Hubert is in her sixth semester of studying law at Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main. She is particularly interested in the field of international law. Already during school, Quenie's strength was learning languages. She was also very active in the school politics. In a part-time job in one of Frankfurt's law chambers, Quenie already had the opportunity to acquire practical legal knowledge. The reason for participating in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court was to experience team work and gain more practical legal insight in the field of international law. In her free time Quenie enjoys sports and plays soccer at the university.



Tabinda Ghaffar has been studying law at Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main since the winter semester 2006/2007. Already in school she was interested in economics and participated in the project "Wirtschaft am Markt". For this reason she chose her major "Law and Finance". Tabinda gained first practical experience during her internship in the "Deutsche Bank". Since summer 2009 she has been working in the "Institute for Law and Finance" as a student assistant for Prof. Baums. She is participating in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court because she wants to broaden her horizon by interacting with international students and acquire knowledge in International Sales Contract Law. In her free time she likes to read and help students with their homework.



Sebastian von Rabenau (Coach)

Sebastian von Rabenau has been studying law at Goethe-University of Frankfurt/Main since October 2003. He focussed on international and particularly European law during his studies. Sebastian participated in the 16th Willem C. Vis Moot Court for the University of Frankfurt. Currently, he is coaching the University of Frankfurt's Vis Moot team and is Vice President of the Frankfurt Moot Alumni Association e.V. Parallel to his studies he works as (senior) consultant and business development manager for international search companies since 2004. In his free time, Sebastian likes playing tennis and going sailing as well as playing music.



Columbia University, New York (USA)



Anjali Bhat grew up in the U.S. and attended Swarthmore College before starting at Columbia Law School. She is interested in intellectual property law and criminal law.



James Mufei Li grew up in Singapore and Canada and attended the University of Toronto before coming to Columbia Law School. His main interest is in intellectual property, in particular patent litigation and arbitration.



Fordham University, New York (USA)



Christie Houlihan is a law student at Fordham Law School in New York. She is an Assistant Editor of the Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law. Christie received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. Prior to law school, she worked on financing healthcare entitlements as a legislative clerk in the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, and as a policy researcher for Hillary Rodham Clinton's 2006 US Senate re-election campaign.



Defne Gunay is a 2nd year law student at Fordham Law School and is a competitor in the Fordham Vis team. She is also the organizer of the Fordham Dispute Resolution Society's 4th Annual Symposium on Culture and Dispute Resolution Processes, and a Staffer in Fordham's Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Journal. In addition, she is a research assistant for Prof. Roger Goebel, currently working on the third edition of "Cases and Materials on European Union Law" of which he is a co-author. Defne speaks Turkish, English and French. She spent last summer working in the Corporate and M&A department at Pekin & Pekin Law Firm in Istanbul, Turkey.



Linda Kalayjian is a 2nd year law student at Fordham Law School and is a competitor in the Fordham Vis Team. She is also a staff member of the Fordham Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal. Linda completed her undergraduate studies at New York University, majoring in History. Prior to law school, Linda was a corporate legal assistant at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York City.



Anand George (Coach)

Anand is a 3rd year law student at Fordham Law School and is the Assistant Coach of the Fordham Vis team. He is also the organizer of the Fordham Vis Practice Moot, and a Notes and Articles Editor of Fordham's Journal of Corporate and Financial Law. Anand participated in the Vis competition last year in Vienna where he received an honorable mention for best oral advocate. Anand spent last summer working in the patent litigation department at Kenyon & Kenyon LLP and has accepted an offer to work at the firm fulltime upon graduation from law school in May.



Nicole Conner (Coach)

Nicole is a 3rd year law student at Fordham Law School and is the Coach of the Fordham Vis Team. She also participated in the Vis Competition last year. Nicole is the Senior Notes Editor of the Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law. Nicole spent last summer at White & Case LLP's New York office in the arbitration and project finance groups. She has received an offer to join the firm following graduation in May.

Bucerius Law School, Hamburg (Germany)



Franziska Thörle is studying at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg since 2007 and has just completed a semester abroad at Berkeley Law School. She works as a research assistant to Professor Dr. Karsten Thorn, Chair for International Private Law, and as a Campus Captain for Teach First Deutschland. Franziska has previously interned with Lovells LLP and Beiersdorf AG as well as the Legal Advisory Service of gtz in Beijing.



Lola Nick has been enrolled at the Bucerius Law School since October 2007. She previously returned from her one-year stay in France where she worked for an institution for handicapped people. During the 7th Trimester Lola studied at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and is now focusing her studies on international trade. Besides her studies she works as a student research assistant for Prof. Dr. Frank Saliger. She also interned with Clifford Chance LLP, Düsseldorf, and Graf von Westphalen in Hamburg.



Aljosha Barath is studying at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg since 2007.



Sarah Nietner is studying at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg since 2007.



Fabian Walla, LL.B. (Coach)

Fabian is working as a Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter at the Institute for Corporate and Capital Market Law (ICCL) at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg. He studied law at Bucerius Law School and Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, graduating with an LL.B.-degree in 2008 before completing the German state exam in March 2009. During his studies he focused on corporate and capital markets law and completed several internships with major law firms and banks. Currently, he is also writing a doctorate thesis in capital market law under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Veil. In fall 2009 he was a visiting researcher at the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL). Fabian participated in the Moot in 2006 and was a coach for Bucerius in 2008 and 2009. He was an arbitrator in Vienna in 2009 and will be also participate in 2010.



University of Hamburg (Germany)



Max Fielker (21) absolved several student exchange programs to the US, France and Canada during high school. After graduating from a bilingual grammar school in 2006 with the International Baccalaureate Diploma in addition to the German A-Levels, he absolved his military service and founded an it-startup. Ever since the beginning of his law studies at the University of Hamburg in 2008 he has enlisted in different extracurricular activities such as the Think Tank and is an elected student representative at the Faculty of Law. Other than German and English he also speaks French fluently and has basic skills in Spanish. In his spare time, Mr Fielker teaches Karate and Judo to teenagers and enthusiastically practises martial arts himself.



Nina Kunigk (21) successfully took part in the project “Youth Debates” during her time at secondary school. She finished her school career in Hamburg in 2007 and afterwards took up the study of Law at the University of Hamburg. In that context she passed an internship at the Public Prosecution Office Hamburg. Since her fourth term she has been working as a student staff member at the Chair of Public Law. Beside the English language she has profound knowledge of French and Spanish. During her leisure she passionately dances and concerns herself with literature and already participated in some literature-competitions.



Paul Gummert (22) graduated from St.-Viti-Gymnasium Zeven in 2006. He took part in different exchange programs and for many years he was the leader of a students council. In 2006 he started his civilian service at the archaeological institute in Rotenburg (Wümme) and joined a political party. In spring 2007 Mr. Gummert went to Hamburg starting his studies of law. His main interests are International Private Law and litigation. Mr. Gummert made his first experiences while working in different regional courts and the prosecution authority in Hamburg. He works as a consultant in various companies. In his free time Mr. Gummert is a successful handball player in the third German league.



Sophie-Isabelle Horst (21) was born in and grew up Hamburg. At the age of 16, she spent a term at an English boarding school. During her school time she led a debating club focussing on political issues. In 2007 she graduated from grammar school and has been a scholarship holder of the German National Academic foundation since. That same year, she started studying law at the University of Hamburg where she intends to specialise on international public law. Besides speaking English and French, Sophie has been studying Chinese.



Ylva Lorenzen (22), born in 1987, graduated from a German grammar school in 2006. In 2004 she spent a year in the USA and received her High School Diploma. After graduating in Germany she went on to go to Spain for 4 months where she attended a language school. Besides German as her mother tongue Ms Lorenzen speaks English fluently and is also able to hold a conversation in Spanish and French. Ms Lorenzen is studying law at Hamburg University since the end of 2007 and is particularly interested in international law. Within the next weeks she is interning with a notary's office in order to gain practical references. In her spare time Ms Lorenzen likes to play tennis and participates in cultural activities.



Anja Fingerhut (Coach)

Anja graduated from school 2005 in Stuttgart. After staying in New Zealand and Singapore for six months, Ms. Fingerhut started studying law at the University of Hamburg in April 2006. She has chosen private international law as her centre of studies and participated in the Vis Moot 2008/09 where she received an honorable mention for her pleadings in Vienna. Besides coaching the current Vis Moot team she prepares for her 1st legal state exam. The state champion in chess speaks English and French. In her spare time, Ms. Fingerhut enjoys windsurfing and the cultural program in Hamburg.



Christian Steger (Coach)

Christian graduated with his high school diploma in 2004. Afterwards he completed his civilian service and lived in Australia and New Zealand for 9 months. Mr. Steger studies law since April 2006 at Hamburg University. During different internships at (international) Law Firms he gained first practical experiences amongst others in the area of Arbitration and Litigation. Mr. Steger participated in the 16th Vis Moot for the University of Hamburg and was awarded an Honorable Mention for his pleadings in Vienna. He is coaching the current Vis Moot Team of Hamburg University. Besides his studies Mr. Steger works for a Hamburg law firm. Within his leisure he is passionately doing sports.



Jan C. Engelmann (Coach)

After studying in Freiburg, Padova and Hamburg as a German National Merits Foundation scholar, Jan C. Engelmann completed the First State Examination in Law in 2009. He has worked as student assistant at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg and gained further practical experiences at litigation departments of Clifford Chance and White & Case. Jan participated in the Vis Moot for the University of Freiburg in 2005 and went on to cofound and coach the team for the University of Hamburg in 2008. He is currently working on a doctoral thesis in the field of International Civil Procedure.

Queen’s University, Kingston (Canada)



David Bowles

David is a 2nd year law student at Queen’s University. Prior to law school, he studied political science and history at McGill University. Last summer, David worked in criminal defence and will be spending the upcoming summer at Blake, Cassels, and Graydon LLP in Toronto. He is also an avid hockey and rugby player.

David Carter was born and raised in Toronto. He received his B.A. in History and Economics at McGill University, Quebec before coming to Queen’s University to complete his J.D.



Laura Redekop holds a Bachelor of Music, with a focus on vocal performance, from Queen's University. After working as a flight attendant following her undergraduate degree, Laura began law school at Queen's in the fall of 2008. Laura was selected in her first year as one of eight oralists in the Fasken Martineau First Year International Law Moot, and studied comparative law at Queen's International Study Center in England.

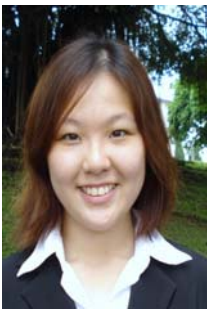


Jonathan Wansbrough holds a Bachelor of Commerce, with a focus on International Management from the University of Ottawa. During his undergraduate studies, Jonathan participated in an exchange to Reims Management School, in Reims, France. Jonathan developed an interest in international legal issues, and international arbitration in particular, while studying at the Queen's International Study Center, in Herstmonceaux, England. Jonathan began law school at Queen's University in Fall 2008.

University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)



University of Malaya



Debbie Mak Yee Fun is a third year student of the Faculty. She is enthusiastic at the opportunity of taking part in a prestigious moot competition and relishes the challenge. She also looks forward to making new acquaintances with law students from other jurisdictions. Besides her studies, she works part time at an online law portal. She is a firm believer in human rights and is eager to use her legal education to advocate human rights in this country.



Natalie Ooi Wan Qing is a third year law student in the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya. She is fond of arbitration and international commercial law. She aims to work in the field international litigation and arbitration in the future. This Moot provides her with an opportunity to sharpen her moot skills in preparation for her final year advocacy course.

She cannot wait to meet new friends in Vienna after months of preparation.



Karthini Mahendranathan is a 3rd year law student who represented University Malaya at the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Competition, held annually at Washington DC. She ranked within the top 5 best speakers in national rounds and top 80 in the international rounds. Having a natural flair for speaking and an ardent interest in litigation, she seeks to acquire more experience and polish her advocacy skills through this moot competition. This chance presents her with the opportunity to mingle amongst similar-minded peers from various countries and learn moot skills which will be invaluable once she embarks on her career in the field of litigation.



Pan Shan Ping is currently in her second year of studies. She is raring to work and acquire more experience and advocacy skills. She hopes that the gains through mooting will provide a solid foundation in her future career. When she graduates, she aspires to be a litigator.



Charlene Teo Pei Si is a third year student. She is ambitious who always strives for excellence. Despite her interests in litigation, she is also passionate about ADR. She likes to explore the various areas of law, like community legal education in which she had frequent visits to the prison to teach juveniles about law and rights. She is looking forward to a valuable experience from the Vis Moot.



University of Maastricht (The Netherlands)



Edgar van der Meer, originally from Bermuda, has been living and studying in the Netherlands for the past 13 years. After having completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in European Studies, Edgar is currently reading an LL.M in European Law. Edgar takes a special interest for Air and Space law shown in his choice of thesis topic: Antitrust Immunity for Airline Alliances. Raised bilingual (English and Dutch) Edgar has an extensive knowledge of French and German as well. During his Erasmus Exchange in Jyväskylä, Finland, Edgar also learned the basics of the Finnish, Swedish and Russian languages.



Gineke Wiggers is 21 years old and born and bred in the Netherlands. Having been among the first to graduate from the European Law School English Language Track programme at Maastricht University, she is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Dutch private law at the same institution. Her hobbies include cooking, reading and dancing. She further enjoys traveling and speaks intermediate French and German as well as fluent English and Dutch (native).



Mandy Laprade, a 24 year old American, ABA member- who studied German law in Bonn, has a Bachelors degree in European Law and is completing her Masters in International and Globalization law. Competed in the ICCC, making it to the finals in the Netherlands. Trained by the Clifford and Chance law firm in Amsterdam for the Willem C. Vis Moot Court Competition, she also participated as a People to People Ambassador (Program founded by President Eisenhower) on multiple trips to Washington DC. In 2010, she participated in the Women's Human Rights Protocol at the Peace Palace in Geneva.



Tobias Alexander Hornshaw grew up in Germany. He was raised bilingually by his German mother and his English father. Tobias is currently a third-year bachelor student of the European Law School – English Language Track. He is particularly interested in law concerned with the health care sector as well as public procurement law.



Dr. Nicole Kornet (Coach)

Nicole Kornet is Assistant Professor of Commercial Law at Maastricht University. She studies law at the University of Otago, New Zealand (BA, LL.B. (Hons), 1997) and Maastricht University (LL.M., 1999). In 2006, she defended her doctoral dissertation entitled Contract Interpretation and Gap Filling: Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives (Intersentia, 2006). She teaches courses on comparative and European contract Law and international commercial law. Nicole is a member of the *Ius Commune* Research School and a fellow at the Institute for Globalisation and International Regulation. Her research focuses on international commercial contract law and practice.

University of Marburg (Germany)



Christian Weigel: After graduating from school in 2007, Christian Weigel commenced his legal studies at the Philipps-University of Marburg. In September 2008 he interned at the District Court of Marburg. Next to his studies, he is working as a consultant for the chairman of the parliamentary group CDU (Christian Democratic Union) of the Hessian parliament. Within the context of the 17th Vis Moot Court, Christian Weigel participated at the 5th Frankfurt Drafting School and the 4th Düsseldorf International Arbitration School. He speaks fluently German and English and has a basic knowledge of French and Spanish.



Dennis Oynar: After receiving his Abitur (university entrance certificate) in 2005, Dennis Oynar took care of handicapped people in the context of the civilian service. Since October 2006 he has been studying law at Philipps-University Marburg. He passed his intermediate exam in spring 2008 and is now in his 7th semester. Dennis Oynar is interested in European economic law as well as in international commercial arbitration. He aspires to work for an intergovernmental organisation or an international law firm. Dennis is fluent in German, English, Turkish, has basic knowledge in Spanish and obtained the qualification in Latin. In his spare time he enjoys reading and playing badminton.



Max Reinartz is currently 24 years old and has been studying law in Marburg since 2006. Having passed his intermediary exams he now focuses on corporate law. He participated in the German-American-Partnership-Programme in Florida and worked for the MRDP (Madikwe Rural Development Programme) in South Africa in 2005/2006. The last four semesters he worked for the European Law Students Association in Marburg as their Vice President. Max is proficient in German, English and French. The Vis International Moot is a chance for him to increase his knowledge in the field of commercial arbitration.



Melina Schäfer graduated from school in 2005 and began studying law at the University of Marburg in the same year. Her main focus lies in company and business law. In addition, she attends a qualification in construction law. Melina speaks German, English and French. When not at university, she enjoys playing table tennis and volunteers in an organization for youth. Her motivation for participating in the Moot is to gain knowledge and skills beyond the classic legal studies. Together with the entire team she participated in the Düsseldorf International Arbitration School and the Shearman Vis Day 2009.



Moritz Ernst graduated from school in June 2004. Before commencing his studies at the “Philipps-Universität Marburg” in autumn 2005, he rendered obligatory military service. He participated in the 5th Frankfurt Drafting School, the 4th Düsseldorf International Arbitration School and the Shearman Vis Day 2009. He speaks German and English. By participating in the Vis Moot, he hopes to experience team spirit and competition.



Rüdiger Soster is a 7th semester law student at the Philipps University of Marburg. During his school time at the Johann-Heinrich-Pestalozzi-Gymnasium Rodewisch he was elected as a student representative. He graduated in 2005 and commenced his legal studies in the same year. His main focus lies in company and business law. In 2007/2008 he spent one year studying law at the University College Cork in Ireland. Rüdiger is proficient in German, English and has basic knowledge in Italian and Latin.



David Neukirchner (Coach)

David Neukirchner is currently a German Rechtsreferendar (trainee) at the Landgericht (Higher Regional Court) Hanau. At the same time he freelances for Friedrich Korch Hanefeld, Frankfurt, a law firm specialised in dispute resolution and corporate law. David Neukirchner studied law in Dresden, Cologne and Paris. After his studies he worked as a research assistant to Gary B. Born in Wilmer Hale’s arbitration practice in London. He is a member of DIS 40. This year he coaches University Marburg’s Vis Moot team and has also been participating as an arbitrator in last year’s Vis Moot. He is fluent in German, English and French.

Hendrik Lauster (Coach)

Having grown up in the area around Munich, Hendrik started studying law at the University of Augsburg in fall 2006. After his intermediary exams, he transferred to Marburg in October 2007. There he made his first experiences with the idea of mooting as a member of Marburg’s first Moot-Court team. Being fascinated by the concept, he was eager to coach the second Team in the 17th Vis Moot. Hendrik is proficient in German, English and French.



MGIMO University of Moscow (Russia)



Arsen Safaryan is a member of CISG group (working on Force-majeure issue). He is a 4th-year student at Trade Law Department of MGIMO University. Among his interests are English common law, law of trusts and their application in the modern international private law. He also composes wonderful pieces of music. Arsen speaks English, German and a little French.



Dmitry Andreev is the leader of MGIMO Team and also heads the CISG group. He is a 4th-year student at European Law Department of MGIMO University. Among his interests are international commercial law, arbitration and ADR. He also plays tennis and takes ballroom dancing classes. Dmitry speaks English, Spanish, German and a little Portuguese.



Ekaterina Dorokhova is a member of CISG group (working on Force-majeure issue). She is a 3rd-year student at Trade Law Department of MGIMO University. Among her interests are international private law, German civil law, Model UN and different social activities. She enjoys reading and socializing as well. Ekaterina speaks English, German and a little French.



Elena Veretina is a member of CISG group (working on Conformity of goods issue). She is a 3rd-year student at Trade Law Department of MGIMO University. Prior to joining MGIMO-University, she graduated from Eotvos Lorand Tudomanyos Egyetem (ELTE) in Budapest. Among her interests are international private law, dancing and literature. Elena speaks English, Hungarian and a little French.



Eleonora Viktorova is a member of CISG group (working on Mitigation of loss issue). She is a 4th-year student at European Law Department of MGIMO University. Among her interests are international private law and law of corporate finance. In her spare time Eleonora enjoys singing and playing the guitar or the piano. Eleonora speaks English and Spanish.



Julia Stakheeva is a member of arbitration group (working on Conciliation issue). She is a 4th-year student at Public Law Department of MGIMO University. Among her legal interests are French civil and family law and law of international trade. Julia also takes ballroom dancing classes and organizes many social activities. Julia speaks English, French, Spanish and a little German.



Mikhail Shepenko is a member of CISG group (working on Force-majeure issue). He is a 4th-year student at Financial Law Department of MGIMO University. Among his legal interests are taxation, law of international finance and law of bilateral tax treaties. Mikhail also actively engages in different sports activities. Mikhail speaks English and a little Spanish.



Natalia Zakharova is a member of CISG group (working on Conformity of goods issue). She is a 3rd-year student at Trade Law Department of MGIMO University. Prior to joining MGIMO-University, she graduated from Moscow State Technical University (Bauman). Among her interests are international private law, skating and theater. Natalia speaks English, German and a little French.



Sergey Korolev is a member of arbitration group (working on Conciliation issue). He is a 4th-year student at Public Law Department of MGIMO University. Among his interests are international private law, Russian and German civil law and international commercial arbitration. Sergey also enjoys playing and listening to music. Sergey speaks English and German.



Svetlana Makurova heads the arbitration group of MGIMO Team. She holds Bachelor degree in International Trade Law and is now in her first year of Master's program at International Private and Civil Law Department of MGIMO University. Besides international commercial arbitration, Svetlana's professional interests lie in corporate law. Svetlana speaks English, Italian, French and a little German.



Andrey Loboda (Coach)

Andrey is an associate professor at the Department of International Private and Civil Law of MGIMO University and an arbitrator of the Russian Maritime Arbitration Commission. He graduated from MGIMO Department of Public Law in 1996 and participated in the 3rd Vis Moot. In 2002 he got a Ph.D degree in International Private Law. Andrey specializes in private maritime law. He coaches MGIMO Team since 2003.



Maria Andrianova (Coach)

Maria is an associate professor at the Department of International Private and Civil Law of MGIMO University. She graduated from MGIMO Department of Private Law in 1998 and in 2002 got a Ph.D degree in Labor Law and International Private Law. Among her interests are international private law, labor law and international commercial arbitration. Maria coaches MGIMO Team since 2007.



University of Münster (Germany)



Andrea Rintelen commenced her studies of law at the University of Muenster in the winter term 2007/2008. Simultaneously she acquired professional language qualifications and gained work experience in Family Law during an internship in Hawaii. After completing her intermediate exams Andrea chose European Law, International Law as well as International Private Law as her specialization. Furthermore she was part of the JurStart / LLM Fair Europe team. For Andrea, the combination of two different legal systems and the development of arbitration regulations are the most appealing characteristics of the Willem C. Vis Moot Court.



Corinna Schnorbus commenced her studies of law at the University of Muenster in the winter term 2006/2007. Within the scope of a professional language training program she accumulated further expertise in the area of International Law while taking part in several Summer School programs. Corinna also was able to gain additional work experience during an internship in Leicester in the UK. Corinna recently completed her specialization in European Law, International Law and International Private Law very successfully. During her spare time Corinna is actively involved in university related and municipal politics. For her, taking part in the Vis Moot Court offers an unique opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge of a new area within the manifold area of international law.



Luise Pelzer: During her time at school Luise Pelzer has spent several months abroad at high schools in the USA and Norway. She started her studies of law in October 2006 at the University of Bonn. After completing her intermediate exam she changed to the University of Muenster. Luise focuses on European Law, International Law as well as International Private Law. As a member of the Vis Moot Court Team of Muenster University Luise intends to gather further insight to the area of International Law. She considers the Moot Court to be an „unique challenge that the whole team will benefit of from a professional and personal perspective“.



Sarah Eschen is a third-year student at the University of Muenster and our youngest team member. Already in school Sarah decided to study law. Immediately after her high-school graduation she did her first legal internship in a law firm in Essen for several weeks, which aroused her interest in international law. Sarah regards her participation in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court as a possibility to gain unique experience in efficient teamwork, to acquire an unknown field of law and to have an insight into the legal practice.



Lars Seidel (Coach)

Lars Seidel is the coach of our team. He graduated from the University of Muenster in January 2010 and participated himself in the 14th Willem C. Vis Moot Court. In winter 2005 / 06 he spent a semester at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina and did several internships in Madrid and Buenos Aires in the area of international Law. During his study Lars focused on European Law, International Law and International Private Law and successfully completed this specialization in February 2009.



Valeria Hoffmann (Coach)

Valeria Hoffmann is research assistant at the Institute of International Business Law at the University of Muenster and is coaching the Willem C. Vis Moot Team this year. Since her graduation in summer 2009 she also works for the law firm Harnischmacher Löer Wensing in the area of employment law. She participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court 2005 / 06. Due to her internships at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Clifford Chance LLP and Linklaters LLP as well as her participation in a research project conducted by Goldman Sachs Valeria has a great experience in the field of mergers & acquisitions, IPO and litigation.



Royal University of Law and Economics, Phnom Penh (Cambodia)



Keokannika Vicheth was born in 1989, Phnom Penh (Cambodia). She joined an international seminar called “Ethnics and the Organization of the Judiciary” in November this year. She is interested in International Commercial Arbitration. This year she is participating in 17th William Vis. Moot in Vienna, Austria.



Linna Koun was born in 1989, Phnom Penh (Cambodia). She has been working as an internship in one International law firm in Phnom Penh. She is also a Vice President of Outgoing Exchange in AIESEC RULE, and she is one of the participants who are participating in 17th William Vis. Moot in Vienna, Austria.



Oudom Nun was born in 1987, Phnom Penh (Cambodia). He is a translator at DC-Cam, and Vice president Of Incoming Exchange in AIESEC RULE. He is interested in International Commercial Arbitration. This year he is participating in 17th William Vis. Moot in Vienna, Austria.



Panha Piseth was born in 1988, Phnom Penh (Cambodia). He participated in Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Washington DC, United States of America in 2008. Afterwards, he is interested in International Commercial Arbitration, and he is participating in 17th William Vis Moot, Vienna, Austria.



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Kiri Khim, LL.M (Coach)

Kiri is an International Relation Officer since August 2005 at Royal University of law and Economics. He became a lecturer of law at the same time and currently he is an assistant Coordinator for Legal Clinic Program and Assistant Coordinator for English Language Based Bachelor of Law at Royal University of Law and Economics. Kiri received his bachelor of Law in 2002 from the Royal University of Law and Economics and Master Degree in Law from the Transnational Law and Business University (TLBU) in Seoul, South Korea in 2005. He is giving lecture in Public International, Intellectual Property Law.



Chakriya Soeung (Coach)

Chakriya is newly graduated from the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE). Recently, she is a legal instructor at RULE. She is teaching seminar course on public international law at the Royal University of Law and Economics. In May 2009 she participated in Third Nation Moot Court competition. She is in preparatory course for the Judge.

Reykjavík University (Iceland)



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Gunnar Örn Petersen is a 5th year law student at Reykjavik University. He graduated with a B.A. degree in law in 2008. Gunnar studied as an exchange student in Kyushu University in Japan in 2008-2009. Along his studies Gunnar has worked as a legal advisor for Askar Capital hf., an Icelandic investment bank. Gunnar was the editor of Logretta, the student-edited law review of Reykjavik University and a member of Logretta Council, the Law Students' Organization in 2007-2008. Gunnar is a fly-fishing enthusiast and has worked for several years as a head guide at one of Iceland's prime salmon fishing rivers.



Lilja Bjarnadóttir graduated from the Commercial College of Iceland in the spring of 2006 and enrolled in Reykjavik University, graduating with a B.A. degree in the spring of 2009. Lilja was the Vice-President of Lögrétta, Law Student's Organization at Reykjavik University during her third year of studies, in 2008-2009. Lilja started a ML degree at Reykjavík University in the fall of 2009 and is planning to do a foreign exchange at Lund University, Sweden in 2010. Lilja has worked as an assistant in the law department of Vörður, an Icelandic insurance company.



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Garðar Víðir Gunnarsson, LL.M. (Coach)

Gardar V. Gunnarsson is an attorney at law at LEX Law Offices in Reykjavik where he specialises in domestic and international arbitration law, commercial law, and tax law. In addition Mr. Gunnarsson is a lecturer at Reykjavik University School of Law. He studied law at Reykjavik University and graduated in 2005 with a BA degree and in 2007 with a ML degree. Furthermore, he graduated from Stockholm University in 2008 with an LL.M. degree in International Commercial Arbitration Law. Mr. Gunnarsson participated twice in the Vis Moot, and this is his second time coaching the Reykjavik University team.

University of Technology, Sydney (Australia)



Alysha Salinger is in her final year of a Bachelor of Law/Business at UTS. She has gained her practical legal experience from internships at both Allen & Overy HK in 2009 and an Australian commercial law firm, Blake Dawson, in 2009/10. She plans to study at the University of Copenhagen for six months commencing September 2010. Having been actively involved with the UTS law students' society and keenly competed in various law students' competitions, Alysha has developed a strong interest in advocacy. Alysha speaks fluent Mandarin and plans to further develop her French and Japanese.



Mayuri Anupindi is in her final year of a combined Bachelor of Law and Arts degree at UTS. In 2009, she studied international and European law on exchange in the Netherlands, pursuing her passion for international law. She has been active in student politics, serving as Vice-President of the UTS Students' Association, and has volunteered for a number of non-profit organisations, including Amnesty International. In 2008, she represented UTS in the Sir Harry Gibbs national constitutional law moot, fostering a keen interest in advocacy. She speaks her mother tongue, Telugu and is working towards fluency in Hindi and French.



Natasha Patney is in her final year of a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). In 2007, she graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Merit in a Bachelor of Commerce. She has completed a thesis on trade practices law and developed a particular interest in international trade law. She has represented the UTS Faculty of Law in interstate public speaking events and the UTS Union Sports and Recreation Department as the President of the Netball Association. In 2008/2009, Natasha worked as an intern with PricewaterhouseCoopers in their legal department. She is now working at a community legal centre and speaking at public forums. Natasha has a strong interest in litigation and dispute resolution.



Stephanie Vatala represented UTS in the Jessup International Law Moot competition in 2009. She is in her final year of a Bachelor of Law at UTS and has a keen interest in international and commercial law. She has gained practical legal experience working for a boutique commercial law firm and is continuing that experience working for a mid-tier commercial law firm, DibbsBarker. In 2009 she completed an Honours thesis in environmental law and aims to pursue further study in the near future.



Theresa Dinh (Coach)

Theresa represented UTS as a student competitor at the Vis Moot in 2005. In 2008, she graduated from UTS with First Class Honours in Law and Distinction in a Bachelor of Business. In 2008, she worked as a judge's associate in the Federal Court of Australia, where she was exposed to both trial and appellate work, particularly in the areas of commercial, trade practices and maritime law. Since February 2009, Theresa has worked at Australian commercial law firm, Blake Dawson, and is currently working in their commercial litigation department. She has been involved with the coaching of the UTS Vis Moot team since 2008.

University of Utrecht (The Netherlands)



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Lisanne van Baren is 23 years old. After finishing her bachelor degree, Lisanne studied one semester at the University of Sheffield, UK. Nowadays she is a Master Student at Utrecht University, focusing on International Private Law. During her studies Lisanne worked at a law firm and provided free legal advice at the free legal aid service in Utrecht. In order to prepare for the Willem C. Vis Moot she participated in the '7th Cologne Summer Academy on International Commercial Arbitration'. In her spare she enjoys playing squash and hockey.



Annick Bredero is 22 years old. After finishing high school in 2005, she started studying Private Law at the Utrecht Law College of the University Utrecht. She graduated in the summer of 2009 after having gained experience by taking an internship at a Dutch law firm. Hereafter she studied International Law for 6 months in London, UK at the University of East London. Nowadays she is a Corporate Law Master Student. During her Bachelor, she worked as a volunteer at the 'Rechtswinkel' where she provided free legal advice for students. In her spare time, Annick enjoys traveling and playing golf.



Eva Hoftijzer is 24 years old. After finishing high school and traveling around New Zealand and Australia for a year, she started studying Private Law at Utrecht University. In January 2008 she graduated and took some internships at different Dutch law firms to gain experience. Nowadays she is a Private Law Master Student. During her Bachelor, Eva worked as a student-assistant at the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law. As a preparation for the Willem C. Vis Moot she participated in the '7th Cologne Summer Academy on International Commercial Arbitration'. In her spare time, Eva enjoys playing hockey and sailing.



Jantine Kooij is 23 years old. She is a Legal Research Master student at the Utrecht University, where she focuses on (International) Private Law. During her Bachelor she gained experience in International Law while studying one semester at the University of Essex, Colchester (UK). Hereafter she took an internship at a Dutch law firm. Jantine has worked as a student-assistant at the Molengraaff Instituut for Private Law and she has provided free legal advice for students. As a preparation for the Willem C. Vis Moot she participated in the '7th Cologne Summer Academy on International Commercial Arbitration'.



Dr. Sonja Krusinga (Coach)

Dr. Sonja Krusinga has been a lecturer at the department of private law of the University of Maastricht between 1996 and 1998, and is since then associate professor at the department of commercial law at the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law at the University of Utrecht. In 2004 she received a doctorate degree from the University of Utrecht with a Ph.D. thesis on the notion of non-conformity in the CISG. Since 2004, she has been the coach of the Utrecht team for the Vis Moot.



Dr. Vesna Lazic (Coach)

Dr. Vesna Lazic has been a senior researcher at the department on international commercial arbitration at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague since 1991. In 1998, she obtained a doctorate degree from the University of Utrecht with a Ph.D. thesis on insolvency proceedings and commercial arbitration. Since 2003, Dr. Lazic is Associate Professor at the Department of Private International Law, Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, University of Utrecht. Since 2004, Dr. Lazic has been the coach of the Utrecht team for the Vis Moot.



University of Würzburg (Germany)



Anna Grebner studies law, double-majoring in European Community Law in her 7th semester at the University of Würzburg. Since January 2009 she works as a student's assistant at the Dean's office of the law faculty. Her language skills encompass German and English (International Legal English Certificate October 2008, C1 Pass with Merit) as well as basic knowledge in French. She visited several foreign countries, thus she can look back on internships at a law firm in New Delhi, India, and at the Ministry of Justice in Windhoek, Namibia. During her studies she mainly concentrated on different legal systems and foreign laws.



Ann-Katrin Rosa studies law and European Law at the Julius-Maximilians-University of Würzburg and is currently in her 6th semester. During the winter semester 2008/2009 she studied at the Université de Poitiers in France. She speaks English and French fluently. In addition to her studies, she worked at the Chair for German and European History of Law, Church Law and Civil Law of Prof. Dr. Jürgen Weitzel and is currently working in the Erasmus Bureau of the law faculty. She already gained experience in International Commercial Law through several internships, amongst others in an international corporate law firm.



Elisabeth Hünnerkopf studies law and European Law at the University of Würzburg. Her main academic focus is on European and International Legal and Economic Relations. Since 2009 she works at the Chair for European Private Law and International Private Law of Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Kieninger. She speaks English fluently (International Legal English Certificate, C1 Pass with Merit) and has basic knowledge of the French and Dutch language. She developed her language skills during several stays abroad (one year in Amsterdam, extended stays in Great Britain and Ireland). Previous to her legal studies, she finished her musical studies and works as a harpist.



Olga Sienkiewicz was born in Stettin (Poland) in 1987. After graduating from high school in 2006, she began to study International Relations at the University of Stettin. Since 2006, she studies law and European Law at the University of Würzburg. In addition to several classes concerning Polish law, Olga's main academic interest is Economic law. She speaks fluent Polish, German and English and has basic knowledge of the Russian and French language.



Helena Noll (Coach)

Helena Noll is one of the two coaches of the Willem C. Vis Team of the University of Würzburg and works as a research assistant at the Chair for Private Law, European Economic Law, Private International Law, Litigation and Comparative Law of the University of Würzburg. She studied law and European law at the Julius-Maximilians-University of Würzburg and obtained the "Certificat de droit transnational" at the University of Geneva, Switzerland in 2006. After having finished her studies with the State Exam in 2009, she is currently working on her PhD thesis in the field of International Civil Procedural Law and Comparative Law supported by a scholarship of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation as well as on obtaining her LL.M. in European Law at the University of Würzburg. Due to several stays and internships abroad, she speaks English and French fluently and had the opportunity to gain first practical experiences in the field of International Commercial Law.

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