



## **APPLICATION PROCESS – VIS MOOT 2017-2018**

A team consisting of up to 10 students will represent the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo in the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot** (2017-2018). It is the tenth consecutive year that University of São Paulo takes part in the Moot. Our performance in the competition has been remarkable, and we look forward to pursuing further achievements in the 2017/2018 edition.

**Application.** As in previous years, the application process shall consist of; *(i)* the submission of a CV; *(ii)* the submission of a Letter of Motivation (a personal statement explaining why the candidate wishes and deserves to participate in the Vis Moot (500 to 800 words); and *(iii)* a simulated oral hearing. The CV and Letter of Motivation must be submitted until **30 July 2017**, at 23h59, to [vismootusp@gmail.com](mailto:vismootusp@gmail.com). All documents and exchanges must be in English.

The hearings will take place in the beginning of August 2017 and will be based on the 24<sup>th</sup> Moot problem, available for download at the Moot website ([vismoot.pace.edu](http://vismoot.pace.edu)). The allocation of hearings (*i.e.*: schedule of hearings, the side and subject-matter that each applicant must represent) will be informed by e-mail after the Organizing Committee receives the candidates' CVs and Letters of Motivation.

There may be additional steps in the selection process including, but not limited to, group and/or individual interviews, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

In exceptional and duly justified circumstances, an applicant may request a hearing via Skype (in particular, students who are currently abroad). Should that be the case, please submit, along with your application, a separate document with a detailed explanation and your Skype contact details. The Organizing Committee shall decide, at its own discretion, whether a Skype interview is in order.

**Commitment.** Applicants must be aware that a great deal of time, commitment, focus and teamwork is required until the end of the Moot, which is expected to take place

around April 2018. The lack of commitment may imply in the preclusion of a participant from being selected as an oralist or even his or her exclusion from the team. On the other hand, such a high level of dedication will be rewarded with an extraordinary access to knowledge and the improvement of your advocacy and legal skills, as well as national and international networking opportunities, not to mention a very distinctive enhancement of your CV. Those who have participated in the Moot acknowledge its uniqueness as a life-changing personal and professional experience – some say it is the most rewarding one you can get while in law school.

**Vis East Moot – Hong Kong.** For the moment, the team will be formed only for the Vienna edition of the Moot. If there are enough team members to secure participation in the Vis East Moot, in Hong Kong, the group may be divided, at the discretion of the team coaches and of the board of directors of MUTUSP.

**Financial aid.** As long as MUTUSP secures sponsorship from its partners for participation in the Moot, it plans to finance the registration fees and, if possible, some of the team's travel expenses. There is, nonetheless, no guarantee of financial aid for travel expenses.

**Selection of oralists.** Oralists who shall speak at Pre-Moots and at the Moot will be appointed by the coaches based on their performance and previous commitment in the written phase of the competition.

**Tips.** For an early-bird preparation, candidates are strongly encouraged to consider taking one or more of the following actions: 1) start or intensify English conversation, legal English, acting and/or public speech classes; 2) intensify your exchange of e-mails and correspondence in English; 3) get acquainted with past Vis Moot problems and award-winning memoranda; 4) familiarize yourself with the most renowned works on international commercial arbitration and on the CISG. **If you would like to know how a moot hearing looks like, we suggest you search for recorded panels on youtube.**

**Queries.** Please contact us at *vismootusp@gmail.com* if you have any further queries. We look forward to having you on board!

**MUTUSP**  
Organizing Committee