



# UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

## Reminiscing and Envisioning

*A recap of 2017-2018 and an agenda for 2018-2019*



**T**he challenge each new team is tasked with is to leave the program better than they found it. This year's team members hopes to build on the success of last year's team.

### Reminiscing

From domestic events to the Vis competitions abroad, the 2017-2018 team delivered. The 12th Annual Michael T. Thorsnes Competition was an intimate and intense pre-moot, with the University of Washington taking the win. As a testament to the quality of competition, three-out-of-four American teams that advanced in the elimination rounds in Hong Kong participated in our pre-moot.

The USD VICAM Team zealously advocated at each competition. Evan Armstrong and Yvonne Ricardo competed at Fordham in New York City. Maxwell Louie, Carlotta Kirby, Yvonne Ricardo, and Stephen Wainwright participated in the Vis East at Hong Kong, advanced to the round of 32, and placed 25th in the entire competition. Stephen Wainwright also took home an Individual Oralist Honorable Mention.

Amara Turzak, Jacob Domenic Martini, Gwenllian Kern-Allely, and Terence Sanders proudly represented in the Vis at Vienna where they won every round.

The success is owed to the entire team's effort. We will miss our outgoing members Amara Turzak, Domenic Martini, Terence Sanders, Maxwell Louie, Shivani Kumbhojkar, Scott Dansie, and Juan Morales. We thank you and wish you the best of luck in your professional lives! It is our turn to continue the legacy.

### Envisioning

Of course, conquering at competition will always be a goal, but this year the team aims to host a competitive international pre-moot and to strengthen its ties with the community. The date for the pre-moot is set for the first weekend of February. Timely invitations and notifications will be sent throughout the year, but it's never too early to think about arbitrating! The team hopes to have an eventful opening day at the pre-moot by hosting a symposium with several guest speakers and a chance for attorneys to earn MCLE credit.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Kick-off Party: August 25, 2018  
Pre-Moot: February 1-3, 2019

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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Each day will end with a social hour to give arbitrators and students a chance to network.

As for building stronger community ties, the first step begins with this monthly newsletter. Alumni and our supporters will be in the loop about upcoming events and receive updates on our progress. The team will host monthly mixers where team members, alumni, and the community are welcome to join. The first event is our kick-off mixer on August 25, 2018. Formal invitations and a Facebook Event page will follow.

In sum, the team envisions a year full of hard work, collaboration, and success. We are looking forward to the upcoming year, and we are excited to share our journey with you all!

### Happy Birthday, John!

Join us in wishing our Vice President, John Mysliwicz, a happy birthday! He is an incoming 2L. Before law school, he attended John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. There, he majored in Political Science and played college basketball. After college, he spent a year in Benxi, China where he taught English and learned Chinese. He then moved to Indianapolis, IN where he participated in Teach for America and earned a Master's in Education. After teaching, he decided to pursue a law degree to attain the



tools necessary to make a greater impact on social justice. He aims to work in human rights either domestically or internationally, and hopes to work for a non-profit or in the business world to achieve this goal.

Some fun facts about John: He loves to travel and has been to 35 U.S. states, Italy, Germany, Israel, Thailand, the Caribbean, and of course China! He'll try any food at least once, loves living in San Diego, and tries to take advantage of the weather by hiking and going to the beach. He also just got married in December to Jessica Beckman! Congratulations!

Happy Birthday, John!

**Proudly Presenting  
USD VICAM's  
2018-2019 Team**

**President:** Gwenllian Kern-Allely  
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