



USD VICAM TEAM
International Commercial Arbitration

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

Summer Stories

Introduction

It's July! Team members are working hard in their summer jobs, relaxing, and getting that much-needed break before we hit the ground running in August. In this July newsletter, the team will share their scores from last year's Vis Moot and Vis East Moot, direct the community on ways to support this team, and share the story of our student coach, Carlotta Kirby!

Scores are in!

The team is proud to announce the results from the previous year's moot. In Vienna, the team ranked 133rd with a score of 2021 out of a maximum of 2400 points. As against the range of scores achieved, the 75th percentile was at 2068 (90th place scored 2068), the 50th percentile was at 1965 (178th place scored 1964), and the 25th percentile was at 1817 (267th place scored 1817). As for memoranda, a reader was asked to rank four memoranda in the order of merit. The Vienna team's Claimant memoranda earned an average ranking of two 2, while the Respondent memoranda earned an average ranking of 1.67.

The Hong Kong team ranked 25th out of the 126 teams who participated, with a score of 263.87 out of 300. Instead of rankings, the Hong Kong team received forms critiquing their memoranda. For each criterion, memoranda readers marked either "Excellent," "Very Good," "Good," or "Needs Improvement." The Claimant memoranda received an average of "Good" remarks and the Respondent memoranda received a "Very Good" throughout.

Congratulations to last year's team for excellent results. This year, the team aims to build on the momentum from last year. Not only does this year's team need to work harder, but we also need the community's support in order to get better.

Community Support

Part of getting better results will come from incorporating new ideas, receiving criticism, and learning from others. For the brief writing process, that means having experienced attorneys with excellent writing skills read drafts and red line throughout the process. The team will need volunteers to review Claimant drafts in November and Respondent drafts in December.

With our aim to advance past the general rounds in both competitions, we also need volunteer arbitrators to come to USD and conduct practice rounds anytime between January and April. If you are interested in editing drafts or arbitrating a practice round to help the USD VICAM win brief and oralist awards, please email usdvicam@gmail.com.

We understand many interested alumni and supporters of USD VICAM have commitments and may be too busy to review a draft or arbitrate a practice round. If you'd like to support the team, but do not have the time to give as a volunteer, the team is also seeking financial contributions. The team's biggest goals are to find a sponsor for each of our traveling teams; Vienna, Hong Kong, New York, & Guadalajara, and to raise \$10,000 this school year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

The team is working on implementing sponsorship levels and will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. For now, any help securing a sponsor or donations towards our fundraising goal would be greatly appreciated! Please email usdvicam@gmail.com to sponsor USD VICAM or make a donation.

Save the Date!

We know USD VICAM is strongly supported in the community and we want to get to know you better. The team is holding a kick-off mixer on August 25, 2018. The location will be announced in the August newsletter. Please save that date and join us! We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Spotlight

USD VICAM's July Summer Spotlight goes to the lady who led the Hong Kong team past the general rounds, competed in the round of 32, and earned the spot as the team's new student coach. She is Ms. Carlotta Kirby.

Carlotta Kirby was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. She is trilingual and speaks English, German, and French. Her goal of earning a Juris Doctor lead her to the United States. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California Santa Barbara where she earned her Bachelor's degree in philosophy and international studies. Now entering her third year of law school, she is interested in a career in commercial litigation, an interest that was awakened through her participation in VICAM.



Ms. Kirby not only competed in the Vis East in Hong Kong, but she also participated in the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. There, she earned second place English oralist representing the state! This summer, she is a law clerk at Finklestein & Krinsk, a complex litigation firm, where she works on class-actions, consumer fraud, and securities litigation.

Fun fact: Ms. Kirby will turn down any drink you offer her for a beer instead, whatever the drink may be.

The Fun Doesn't Stop in the Summer

If you take anything away from this newsletter, it should be that the 2018-2019 VICAM team is headstrong, determined, and knows how to have a goodtime. Support us, get to know us, and come to our events!

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