



INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION IN VIENNA



NYU will send a team to the 33rd edition of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot which takes place in Vienna, Austria. It is a unique competition that is designed to foster an interest in, and develop the requisite skill set for, a successful career in the fields of international commercial law and international commercial arbitration. The competition provides an unparalleled personal and professional experience; students find that their participation in the Moot is not only academically enriching, but also a delightful cross-cultural experience before and in Vienna.

Goals of the Moot – The objective is to stimulate the study of international commercial law, especially UNCITRAL legal texts, and the use of arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism. It is a clinical exercise designed to train law students through two distinct, yet equally important, phases: the writing of memoranda for Claimant and Respondent and oral advocacy in a simulated arbitral setting. Both phases are adjudicated by prominent arbitration practitioners and scholars.

Structure of the Moot – The Moot involves a dispute arising out of a contract of sale between two nationals of states parties to the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Additional information about the competition is available at <https://www.vismoot.org/home/33rd-vis-moot/>

Prerequisites for Participation

- Both JDs and LL.M.s are eligible (1Ls will actively participate in the writing phase but are excused from the orals given the intensity of NYU's workload in the first year; they may secure a spot on next year's team);
- Strong interest in, and familiarity with, international commercial arbitration;
- Basic knowledge of international arbitration, international sales law and business transactions, and/or conflict of laws (enrollment in applicable courses during the 2025-2026 academic year will be considered);
- Interest in written and oral advocacy; and
- Not licensed to practice law in your home jurisdiction (exceptions for first year attorneys are made on a case-by-case basis).

Requirements of Moot Team Members

- Extensive legal research on international arbitration, international sales law, and conflict of laws;
- Preparation of legal memoranda on behalf of Claimant and Respondent;
- Considerable training in oral advocacy;
- Oral arguments before panels of three arbitrators in Vienna and in pre-moots in New York; and
- Working as a member of a team with individuals coming from different legal and cultural backgrounds.

Interested? Please send your resume and a short letter/email of interest by no later than **September 19, 2025** via email to NYUVisMootTeam@gmail.com.

Info Session: We will hold an info session for applicants on September 16, 2025 at 8:45pm on VH202. The session can also be access by Zoom at the following link:
<https://chaffetzlindsey.zoom.us/j/3957251827>