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## **THE 2012 SINGAPORE NATIONAL ROUND OF THE JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**Teams from the law faculties of NUS and SMU will be competing again for the right to represent Singapore at the prestigious Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.**

Teams from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore Management University (SMU) will compete in the 2012 Singapore National Round for the opportunity to represent Singapore at the White & Case International Rounds of the Jessup Competition, which will take place from 25-31 March 2012 in Washington, D.C..

Oral arguments in the Singapore National Round will be held in the Court of Appeal of Singapore, Supreme Court Building, on 4 February from (9.30am to 1.30pm). The judges for the oral arguments in the Singapore National Round are the Attorney-General, Mr Sundaresh Menon S.C., Judge of Appeal Justice V. K. Rajah and Managing Partner of the law firm Rodyk & Davison LLP, Mr Philip Jeyaretnam, S.C..

### **Background on the Singapore National Round**

The Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) is the National Administrator for the Jessup Competition in Singapore.

The National Round consists of written and oral segments. In the written segment, teams submitted written arguments (Memorials), which will have been scored before the oral arguments are made. The Singapore National Round winner will be declared after the conclusion of both sets of oral arguments. Awards will also be given for the Best Oralist and Best Memorials.

This is the second year that there will be a Singapore National Round of the Jessup Competition. In the first Singapore National Round in 2011, the team from NUS won the competition and SMU won the award for the Best Memorials. At the International

Rounds of the Jessup Competition, NUS reached the Semi-Finals. The SMU team was invited to attend the International Rounds as one of about twenty exhibition teams. SMU was ranked first of the exhibition teams, and was recognised for having the Best Oralists of the exhibition teams.

## **Background on the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (International Rounds)**

Now in its 53rd year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the largest and most prestigious public international law moot competition in the world. The Jessup Competition focuses on topical issues of public international law, in the form of hypothetical legal cases before the International Court of Justice. The Jessup Competition is one of the world's premier international law events, with participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries.

For about 30 years, NUS has been sending a team to the International Rounds of the Jessup Competition. NUS currently has the best track record at the International Rounds, having been World Champion four times and Runner-Up eight times.

Further information on the Jessup Competition may be found at <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup/international.php>.

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