TO:  2Ls & 3Ls  
FROM:  Leila Sadat, International Moot Court Faculty Advisor  
Gilbert Sison, Jessup International Team Coach  
Michael Peil, Niagara International Team Coach  
RE:  Tryouts - Jessup & Niagara International Moot Court Teams  

Washington University School of Law is one of the top international moot court schools in the world. We participate in two international moots: the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and the Niagara Cup International Moot Court Competition.

The Jessup Competition is the largest moot court competition in the world. With over 600 schools in nearly 100 countries, the Jessup is regarded as the “world cup” of moot court competitions. Washington University Law has advanced to the International Rounds of the competition seven of the last ten years, and is tied (with Harvard) for the most successful U.S. Jessup program over the last 12 years. The Niagara Competition is the premier U.S./Canadian moot court competition. In the three years we have competed, we have won the Niagara Championship once, advanced to the competition semi-finals once and won the “best individual advocate” award twice.

Unified tryouts for Jessup and Niagara teams will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009. Tryouts involve taking a pre-selected problem and giving a ten minute oral argument before a panel of judges. Applicants must also submit a written application and writing sample. Finalists will be selected and then interviewed for the open positions. Team members will receive two credits for the academic year (one credit in the Fall; one credit in the Spring). Please keep in mind the following dates:

- **Pick-Up Application Packets** – no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28th (Room 541-B)  
- **Informational Meeting** – Thursday, August 27th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Room 310)  
- **Submit Completed Application Packets and Sign-Up** – no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st (Room 541-B)  
- **Preliminary Tryouts** – Thursday, September 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Room 401)  
- **Final Call-Back Interviews** – Friday, September 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Room 111-SH)
Students chosen for either team are required to take “International Courts and Tribunals – Practice and Procedure” in the Fall semester, and we recommend that you enroll in it before trying out for the team. If you are unable to register for this course, we advise you to nonetheless attend the class. If you are selected for either team, you will automatically be added to the course. In addition, selected students are required to take another international law course (in the Fall semester, this means either international law or international human rights), unless they have specific leave from the coach.

If you have any questions regarding Jessup, please contact Gilbert Sison (314-458-5478 or gsison@rsrglaw.com) or Professor Leila Sadat (314-935-6411 or sadat@wulaw.wustl.edu). If you have any questions regarding Niagara, please contact Michael Peil (314-935-8031 or mpeil@wulaw.wustl.edu).