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## THE INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL ADR (ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION) MOOTING COMPETITION 8-15 August 2010 HONG KONG

City University of Hong Kong, in association with the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and the School of Law, Columbia University, is pleased to invite your law school to compete in the inaugural <u>International ADR Mooting Competition</u>. This is an opportunity for your university to become the very first winner of this innovative and exciting competition.

Professor George Bermann of Columbia Law School, Chief Justice Andrew Li of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, Professor Michael Reisman of Yale University, and Justice Wan Exiang, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, have agreed to serve as Honorary Patrons of the Competition.

This Competition is also supported by a number of Universities and Organizations as Member Institutions, including School of Law of Tsinghua University, College of Law of Korea University, School of International Law of China University of Politics and Law, School of Law of Hunan Normal University, Murdoch University through the West Australian Institute of Dispute Management and the Mediation Centre of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

The International ADR Mooting Competition is open to teams with a minimum of three students. It is designed to combine both arbitration and mediation and will provide students with an opportunity to act as a mediator/arbitrator, attorney and client. Teams, depending upon the number of teams attending, will compete in 2 to 4 general rounds. Each general round will consist of a Med-Arb, that is, both arbitral proceedings and a mediation. Knockout rounds will follow, leading up to a Final between the two qualifying teams.

A timeline for the competition has been prepared and will be posted on the competition website along with the Rules of the Competition and information on the structure of the competition.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Best Written Memoranda and runners up
Highest Ranked Team in the General Rounds
Best Oralist (Arbitration proceedings) in the General Rounds
Encouragement Award
Spirit of the Moot Award
Best Oralist in the Final
Runner up Team in Final
Winning Team in Final
Runner-up in Best Mediator/Arbitrator competition
Best Mediator/Arbitrator

The International ADR Mooting Competition is open to any law students (either undergraduate or postgraduate) who have not been admitted to practice.

Details of the competition, together with the Registration Form for 2010, can be found at: <a href="http://www.cityu.edu.hk/slw/eng/index/">http://www.cityu.edu.hk/slw/eng/index/</a>.

Enquiries about registration should be forwarded to the Director of the Moot, Dr. Vernon Nase, <a href="mailto:v.nase@cityu.edu.hk">v.nase@cityu.edu.hk</a>

I hope that your law school will consider competing in this innovate new competition that combines arbitration and mediation skills in the one package. I very much look forward to welcoming your team for the inaugural International ADR Mooting Competition in August 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Vernon Nase

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