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LAW DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

SELECTION OF STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 34th WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT, 19-25 MARCH 2027, VIENNA (a.y. 2026/2027)

THE DEAN

- HAVING REGARD TO** the nature and purpose of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot as a premier global competition for law students aimed at fostering the study, understanding, and practice of international commercial sales law - specifically under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and other uniform international trade instruments - and international commercial arbitration;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the educational mission of the Vis Moot to provide participants with comprehensive practical training in alternative dispute resolution, reflecting the international business community's marked preference for arbitration as the primary mechanism for resolving cross-border commercial disputes;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the structure of the competition, which demands the rigorous development of legal writing and oral advocacy skills through two core phases: the drafting of formal written memoranda for both Claimant and Respondent, and the presentation of oral arguments before tribunals composed of distinguished arbitration practitioners and academics;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the distinctive cross-cultural methodology of the Vis Moot, which actively promotes international exchange by pairing universities and selecting arbitrators from diverse legal traditions, thereby enabling dialogue and mutual learning between civil law and common law systems;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the announcement that the 34th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (2026/2027) will adopt the Arbitration Rules of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) - the international division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and a leading institution in global dispute administration - as its governing procedural framework;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the institutional objective of exposing participating teams from law schools worldwide to diverse arbitral traditions and prominent procedural frameworks, thereby bridging the gap between academic study and contemporary international arbitration practice;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the great success and the highly valuable educational experience achieved by the Law Department team representing the University of Messina during the past edition of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (33rd edition),
- HAVING REGARD TO** the resolution of the Department Council of 23 June 2026, item 13;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the opportunity to allocate funding for the Moot registration fee and, subject to the availability of funds, to provide a partial reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by participating students;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the need to form the team that will represent the Department, which will be prepared by Prof. Dario Latella;
- HAVING REGARD TO** The need to publish an open call for applications to all students enrolled in degree courses at the department of Law;



CONSIDERING THE ABOVE DECREES

A selection procedure for students on each course in the Law Department to participate in the ^{34th} Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which will take place in Vienna from 19-25 March 2027.

Article 1 - The subject of the selection procedure

The purpose of this Call for Applications is to select a maximum of 5 (five) students enrolled in the Department of Law to form the team representing the University at the 34th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The official rules, schedule, and regulations of the Moot are available on the website at <https://www.vismoot.org/>. The Department will directly cover the Moot registration fee, whereas travel, food, and accommodation expenses shall be borne by the participating students. However, subject to the availability of funds, the Department reserves the right to grant a financial contribution as a partial reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred. To apply for reimbursement, participating students must submit complete, itemized accounting documentation for expenses paid using traceable payment methods (bank transfer or credit card) registered in their own names. The university's regulations on business trips apply to reimbursement.

Article 2 - Recipients of the call for proposals

The selection process is open to all students enrolled in any degree course offered by the Department of law, who have a B2 or higher-level English language certification. If the number of applicants exceeds the maximum size of the team (max 5 students), a Commission will select the most deserving candidates.

Article 3 - Submission of applications

Expressions of interest, together with an up-to-date *curriculum vitae*, must be received by email at amministrazione.giurisprudenza@unime.it within **30 days** of the publication of this notice, with the subject line 'Selection of students to participate in the ^{34th} Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot'.

Article 4 - Person responsible for the procedure

Pursuant to provisions of Article 5 of Law No. 241/1990, the person in charge of the selective procedure referred to in this notice is Dr. Maurizio Pinizzotto (email: mpinizzotto@unime.it; telephone: 090.6766090), Administrative Secretary of the Law Department, University of Messina, Piazza Pugliatti 1, Messina.

Article 5 - Data processing

Any data transmitted by candidates in accordance with the procedures for participating in this selection process will be processed for the purpose of managing the selection procedure. This processing will be carried out in compliance with the principles and provisions on the protection of personal data and confidentiality, as set out in the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and current legislation on the subject. The privacy policy is available in the university's privacy section on the website:

<https://archivio.unime.it/it/ateneo/privacy/evidenza/informative>

Art. 6 Communications

This notice, the outcome of this procedure and all communications will be published on the website of the Department of Law in the section "News News e Avvisi" and on the institutional website www.unime.it in the section "bandi e concorsi".

The Dean of the Law Department
(Prof. Alessio Lo Giudice)