Student Feature
The 2017 International Commercial Arbitration LL.M. Team

Each year since 2013 the Graduate Legal Studies Program of the Sturm College of Law sends its students to the International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition hosted by American University in Washington D.C. This year will not be the exception. For the first time, DU’s team will be made of 8 students from Argentina, China, Colombia, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and the United States.

As part of the experiential-learning approach, students at DU are encouraged to participate in national and international competitions to put in practice what they learn in class, and have a unique experience during their studies at the Sturm College of Law.

(From left to right): Mr. Hadaifah Alshubiki, Mr. Parker Emerson, Ms. Josephine Duczek, Mr. William Carbullido, Ms. Josefina Otero, Professor Todd Wills, Mr. Matsum Li, and Mr. Nizar Eljah. Not shown: Ms. Sayyida Bhaktar, Head Coach Antonio Andrade Bocanegra, and Coach Manny Liog.
The Center on International Commercial Arbitration will organize March 23-25, 2017, the Sixth LLM. International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. This event seeks to foster the study of international arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes and investment disputes. In 2017 the problem will be based on an International Commercial Dispute. The competition focuses primarily on oral advocacy before a panel of arbitration experts. Participants are required to submit a brief argument outline.

Three experiential international law classes connect with the three international moot teams at the University of Denver. The fall semester International Commercial Arbitration class connects with the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the American University LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The fall semester International Sales Law class covers the context and substantive laws applicable to the merits of the Vis Moot competition each year. Students who take the International Commercial Arbitration class typically join one of these two moot teams. The spring semester International Investment Arbitration class connects to the Foreign Direct Investment Moot, and students from the class typically join the team for the actual competition the following fall semester.
Meet the LL.M. team Coaches

Professor Todd Wells, J.D. Sturm College of Law; LL.M. in ADR from the University of Hong Kong; M.B.A. from the University of Colorado; B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee.

O. Antonio Anduaga Bocanegra, J.D. Sturm College of Law; LL.M. International Business Transactions Sturm College of Law; Law Degree & License Pontifical Catholic University Of Peru with specialization in International Public Law and Ecclesiastical State Law.

Mamie Ling, J.D. Sturm College of Law; LL.M. International Business Transactions Sturm College of Law; Master of Professional Studies in Public Relations and Corporate Communications at Georgetown University; Bachelor of Science in Marketing at Pennsylvania State University.
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**Josephine Dudek**, J.D./LL.M. candidate, class of 2018. Josephine also has a B.A. of Arts and a Masters of Arts in Spanish. Her professional experience includes being a Judicial Intern for the 18th Judicial District, and teaching & marketing assistant.

"My expectations upon entering this international moot competition is that this experience will complement the more theoretical and academic law school experience that DU courses provide. While those aspects are certainly worthy, the practice of law is just that: a practice. This opportunity to participate in the practice of arbitration: the research, the co-operation between team members, the rehearsal of our arguments and the eventual competition makes real the theoretical. Beginning our life-long practice bolstered by the know-how of our coaches and the camaraderie of our teammates gives us the foundation to create those professional relationships in our own practices."

**Josefina Otero**, International Business Transactions LL.M. candidate, class of 2017. Josefina also holds a Law Degree from the University of Buenos Aires, with specialization in Public Administrative Law and Tax Law. Josefina has worked for the Ministry of Education in Argentina, as well as for different Law Firms in the areas of Corporate Law, Foreclosures, Bankruptcy, and Litigation. She has also been an intern for the Federal Court in Administrative Matters in Argentina.

Josefina expects to build a strong and confident team and learn to adjust and face the different strategies of the rival teams as she develops her advocacy skills.

**Supriya Bhatkar**, International Business Transactions LL.M. candidate, class of 2019. Supriya also has an LL.B. from the University of Mumbai and a B.A. in Commerce from the University of Ujjain in India. Her professional experience includes interning at Indian Companies and Law firms drafting legal opinions.
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Nizar Eljadi, International Business Transactions LL.M. candidate, class of 2017. Nizar holds an LL.B. from the University of Tripoli in Libya and graduated Summa Cum Laude. His experience includes being lecturer at his Law School, being advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture in Libya, as well as working in Human Rights, and Peace & Conflict management organizations. His academic interests lead to Human Rights protection and understanding of alternative legal solutions for developing economic systems within the filed of International Business Law.

William Carballo, International Business Transactions LL.M. candidate, class of 2017. William holds a Bachelors degree in Law from the University del Rosario in Colombia, as well as specializations in Capital Market Law and International Business Law from the Universities of Los Andes and the Pontifical Javeriana. He has experience as a Contract’s Lawyer, Corporate and Real Estate Law. In this competition he expects to build significant relationships and increase his knowledge of international related matters. he feels that an experience like this is important in his studies, because it would help him improve his skills for research, analysis, and writing.

Hudaifah Alsobhi, International Buissiness Transactions candidate, class of 2019. Hudaifa also holds a Bachelor’s degree in Law from the University of King Abdul-Aziz. He has experience working as a trainee lawyer. He is participating in this competition because he feels it will be a good opportunity to meet new people who are in the same position as he is, in terms of learning more about oral advocacy here. He feels a strong passion to be challenged to become an expert in the field of International Arbitration.
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Parker Emerson, Master of Legal Studies candidate, class of 2017. Parker holds a Bachelor of Science with focus on Marketing from the University of Wyoming College of Business. His professional experience is based in the area of investments as Account Executive for Investment Companies. He completed the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination, and he is working on his certification in Basic Legal Research from the Westminster Law Library at the Sturm College of Law. When asked about his expectations from this experience, Parker answered that “Being apart of the team that represents the University in competition is very important to me. Along with building lasting relationships with my teammates, our top notch international comrades that we have in the LL.M. Program. I’m very lucky to be a part of the team and cherish our coaches as well! This experience gives us an opportunity to share; Life experiences, course content, cultural beliefs and ideals, and use them to work together towards a common goal. Understanding each other as we fly through the dark and beautiful universe on this wet blue marble, Earth, is very important. The more we understand and work together, the more solutions we will provide for mankind.”

Mutian Li, International Business Transactions LL.M. candidate, class of 2017. Mutian holds a Bachelor of Law from the School of Civil and Commercial Law of the Northwest University of Politics and Law, in China. He has experience working with Law Firms related to his area of specialization. His expectations in this competition are my expectation of most competition is to be exposed to professional training in advocacy, litigation and arbitration. Regarding the importance of these competitions in his academic journey at DU he responded: “I think learning more about arbitration can turn into the core competence for my future academic career because along with the acceleration of the process of economic globalization, international trade and investment have been expanded, especially in my country - China. However, only a small part of lawyers have the knowledge in international commercial arbitration in China because we just started the international business discipline at the end of 20th century; and of course, have rich experiences. Those things motivate me to participate in the team.”