

THE
JOHN H. JACKSON
MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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The European Law Students' Association

STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19

19th Edition



The 15th of September 2020 marks the beginning of the 19th edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Students from all over the world now can register to take part in the incredible experience that this competition offers.

With this statement, we wish to answer certain questions or concerns that you may have and to present our plan with regard to the health crisis currently affecting the world.

After consultations with our Technical Supporters, the Academic Board and within the International Board of ELSA, we have decided to hold the regional rounds of the 19th edition **online**.

This decision was not made lightly. However, in the current circumstances, many, if not all of the Regional Rounds, will not be able to take place in an-person format. Therefore, in order to ensure fairness and equality for all participants, we consider it best to proceed in a virtual format for all the initial stages of the competition.

We want to provide an opportunity for students to learn and grow both professionally and personally in a safe environment. At the same time, in deciding to hold all the regional rounds on-line, we have been mindful that neither the participants nor the organisers of the regional rounds should suffer any financial losses.

We have not yet made a decision regarding the format of the Final Oral Round. We will continue to monitor the situation worldwide in the upcoming months and release a final decision about the Final Oral Round of the competition that is currently scheduled to take place in Geneva, in the summer of 2021.

It is our sincere hope that the situation will allow us to host it in-person in Geneva. However our priority is and will always be the safety and well-being of the participants in this competition.

Our experience last year proved that an online edition of such a wide competition is possible, and we are currently working on the online edition of the regional rounds of the competition, finding the best tools to make it as interactive and beneficial for the participants as possible.

We look forward to your registrations and we are committed to delivering the best experience possible for every participant, coach, and panelist.

Louis Bremond
Vide President in charge of
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