European Law Moot Court

Annual Report 2014-2015
The word of the president of the European Law Moot Court Society

The 2014-2015 season of the biggest Moot Court in the field of EU Law has been a very good year.

First of all, we’ve had four Regional Finals of exceptional level thanks to the participating team’s quality and to the great organization of the hosting Universities: Columbia University in New York, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Pisa, Charles University in Prague, Bremen University and their local organizing teams, have done a great work and managed to showcase the best of their respective cities & Law Schools.

The 2016 Regional Finals will take place at Maastricht, Helsinki, and two other Universities.

Secondly, the Society managed to reestablish itself in Madrid as a Spanish Non-Profit Association. Previously our Society was legally based in Lisbon where our previous host University was located. Our host University being Madrid’s San Pablo CEU we decided to base all our managing and coordinating activities in Spain.

Thirdly, we are honored and happy to continue our cooperation with San Pablo CEU for the next five years as our Host University which provides us our central Organizing Team and welcomes our Autumn meeting with the Regional Masters of the Moot.

We’re eager of meeting you all next season and are working -almost- as hard as you till then preparing a deliciously stimulating ELMC Case to be published on our website on September 1st!

Don’t forget that you can follow all our news on our new website www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu and on our Official Facebook Page www.facebook.com/EuropeanLawMootCourt where almost 2000 Mooties-Friends are gathered, a network of the best students, Professors, Lawyers & Judges passionate about EU Law.
A huge Thanks to our Sponsors that allowed us once again this year to organize the *European Law Moot Court*

and for the support of the CJEU

With the support of the ELMC Society members, our Sponsors and our University partners, I’m convinced that we can keep on growing our university competition helping students from all over the world learn EU Law and meet the open spirit of our European Union.

Faithfully,

*Georges VALLINDAS*

*President, European Law Moot Court Society*
Summary of the 2014-2015 European Law Moot Court

The case, as every year, was published on our website on September 1st, 2014.

More than 80 student teams from European & USA Universities registered and sent us their applicant & defendant written pleadings.

Once the submissions were anonymized, the written pleadings have been distributed to our Moot Judges who have carried out the double blind grading of the pleadings. The results of this written phase have been published on our website on January 10th 2015, a bit earlier than usual.

Like every year, 48 teams -12 per Regional Final-, composed by 4 students and their Coach, designated only by their secret numbers, were qualified for the oral phase.

Four Regional Finals were held at the Universities of Columbia, Prague, Pisa and Bremen over the four weekends of February. From Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning, students from dozens of nationalities faced constant questions of our Judges. What better way to choose the best litigators, in substance and form, who will have the unique opportunity to plead before the real Judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union?

The Court of Justice of the European Union has hosted the European Final of the European Law Moot Court on Friday, April 17th 2015. The competition ended in style with a big dinner & our traditional song competition.

Here are the results of the 2014-2015 European Law Moot Court!
ELMC European Final
Court of Justice of the European Union
Luxembourg, 16 & 17 of April 2015

European Law Moot Court 2014-2015 Winning Team: KU Leuven

Winning Commission Representative: EUI Florence

Winning Advocate General: KU Leuven

Best Written Pleading: Leiden U.

Finalist Team: Maastricht U.

Finalist CR: Paris II U.

Finalist AG: Liege U.

Semi-Finalist Teams: Liege U. & Leiden U.
The ELMC European Final was honoured to be held in front of 11 Judges of the EU Court of Justice, the General Court and the Civil Service Tribunal, 3 sitting in the Semi-Finals and 9 sitting in the Final.

Semi-Finals:
Judge Forwood (General Court)
Judge Bradley (President of the Second Chamber, Civil Service Tribunal)
Judge Svenningsen (Civil Service Tribunal)

Final:
Judge Ilešič (President of the Third Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Bay Larsen (President of the Fourth Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Ó Caoimh (President of the Eighth Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Vajda (President of the Tenth Chamber, Court of Justice)
Judge Rosas (Court of Justice)
Advocate General Sharpston (Court of Justice)
Judge Kancheva (General Court)
Judge Madise (General Court)
Judge Bradley (President of the Second Chamber, Civil Service Tribunal)
ELMC Regional Final Report
Columbia University Law School
New York, USA, 5-8 February 2015

Winning team: Maastricht

Best Commission Representative: EUI Florence

Finalist Team: Leiden

Semi-Finalists CR:
Maastricht – Leiden – UL Brussels

Semi-Finalist Teams:
EUI Florence - Mannheim

Other University teams qualified to the RF:
Heidelberg Stockholm
Lund Lucerne
American Univ. (Washington) Prague
HEC Paris

Judges sitting in the Regional Final
- Philippe De Baere, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels
- Frank Emmert, Professor, Indiana University School of Law
- Paolo Galizzi, Professor, Fordham Law School, New York
- Michael Honoré, Partner, Bech-Bruun, Copenhagen
- Martin Johansson, Partner, Vinge, Brussels
- Tom Kennedy, European Court of Auditors former Head of Legal Service, Luxembourg
- Anthony Lacoudre, French Tax Desk Director, WeiserMazars, New York
- Roberto Mastroianni, Professor, Naples University
- Joyce Pitcher, Associate, Ravet & Associés, Paris.
Masters of the Moot
- Kate Benner, 3rd Year Student, Articles Editor for the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Columbia Law School
- Chance Goldberg, 3rd Year Student, Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Journal of European Law, Columbia Law School

Executive secretaries
- Georges Vallindas
- Isabel Gomez
- Bartolomeu da Costa Cabral

OT members
- Jorge Montiel

Summary of the RF program
Thursday: welcome reception hosted by the EU Delegation to the United Nations, 3rd Avenue, 31st floor, in presence of EU Diplomats & representatives, with great views on the Empire State Building.

Friday: the two Court rooms were located in Jerome Greene Hall, Amsterdam Avenue & 116th Street. Judges had lunch at the Faculty House with Professor Bradford & Students had the opportunity to follow a presentation of Columbia’s LLM Program.

Saturday: semi-finals were held at Jerome Greene Hall & the Final pleading court room was Lerner Hall. Our traditional Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place in Princeton Club of New York.
ELMC Regional Final  
Charles University in Prague  
Czech Republic, 19-22 February 2015

Winning team: Leiden

Best Commission rep: Paris II Panthéon Assas

Finalist Team: Torino

Semi-Finalist Teams: Paris II  
French Romanian College of European Studies

Other teams qualified to the RF: Columbia, Lund, Ljubljana, Tartu, Nijmegen, Turku, Osnabruck, Louvain-la-Neuve

Judges sitting in the Regional Final:

- J. Mazak (former AG of the EU Court of justice)
- Santiago Soldevilla Fragoso (judge at Spanish the Audiencia Nacional and former Judge at the General Court of the EU)
- Prof. Smejkal (Professor of EU law at the Charles University Prague)
- Ivo Janda (Partner at White & Case Prague)
- Dieter Kraus (Head of cabinet of the President of the Court of Justice V. Skouris)
- Hubert Monet (Director of the Legal Service of EAC and former référendaire)
- Prof. Jeronimo Maillo (Professor of EU law at CEU San Pablo - Madrid)
- Prof. Rosa Greaves (Professor of EU law at the University of Glasgow)
- Lorena Boix Alonso (head of unit at the European Commission and former référendaire)

Master of the moot
Tereza Kunertova, Ph.D., LL.M., Research fellow and lecturer at the Department of European Law, Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague

Executive secretaries
Sébastien Thomas, Elske Raedts and William Valasidis

OT members
Laura Gaffner,
Maria
Peñarrubia

Program of the Regional Final

Thursday: welcome reception hosted by the head of the department for European law professors and the Dean of the law faculty of the Charles University Prague in the faculty. Dinner in the restaurant ‘Art Nouveau’ at the Municipal house.

Friday: pleading sessions in the two pleading rooms of the law faculty; dinner at Lokal (traditional Czech bar/restaurant)

Saturday: semi & final pleading court rooms inside the law faculty. Farewell Dinner & singing contest took place in restaurant Novotneho Lavka with great view on the Charles bridge and all-in one venue with gala dinner and party.
ELMC Regional Final
Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna
Pisa, Italy, 13-14 February 2015

Winning team: Leuven
Best AG Leuven

Finalist team: Zagreb
Semi-Finalist Teams: Paris 1 & Berlin

Other teams qualified to the RF:
Boston College Law School
University of Glasgow
Göteborgs universitet
Latvijas Universitāte
Middlesex University London
Maastricht University
Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Universiteit Utrecht

Judges sitting in the Regional Final:

Allan Tatham (EU Law Professor, CEU San Pablo, Madrid)
Erik Pijnacker Hordijk (Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek)
Stefaan Van den Bogaert (EU Law Professor, Leiden Law School)
Tommy Petterson (Partner, Mannheimer Swartling)
Patrick Actis Perinetto (Lawyer, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP).
Luca Arnaudo (senior investigative, Italian Competition Authority).
Tim Bruyninckx (PhD researcher, European University Institute).
Mel Marquis (Professor of Law, European University Institute)
René Repasi (Heidelberg University & European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance)
Master of the moot: Dr. Giuseppe Martinico

Executive secretaries: Javier Porras, Sina Tannebaum

OT members: Diego Rey, Ana Goizueta

Program of the Regional Final:

Thursday:
Welcome reception at the Aula Magna, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

 Judges dinner:
Restaurant “La Grotta”

Friday:
Pleading sessions in the two pleading rooms of the Scuola;
Lunch at the Scuola (Mensa)
Dinner at city centre for Participants at Bar Rally
and for Judges at “Sosta dei cavalieri” restaurant.

Saturday
Semi-finals held at the same court rooms in the Scuola.
Final held at the Aula Magna Scuola Normale de Pisa.
Farewell dinner & song contest: restaurant and club Lumière, in the city centre.
ELMC Regional Final
Bremen University
Germany, 27-28 February 2015

Winning team: Liège
Best AG : Liège

Finalist team Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
Finalist AG: Paris

Semi-finalist teams:
Amsterdam & Luxembourg

Other teams qualified to the RF: Columbia, San Pablo CEU, Comenius University, Helsinki, Université de Lorraine, Napoli Federico II, HEC Paris, Genève.

Judges sitting in the Regional Final

Nils Baeten (Associate in the Competition Team at Linklaters LLP, Brussels)
Olga Batura (Researcher and Lecturer at the University of Bremen)
Peter Gjortler (Programme Director Riga Graduate School of Law, Advokat at Grayston & Company, Belgium)
Thomas Jaeger (Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Munich)
Thilo Kunz (Professor of Law, University of Bremen)
Robert Lane (Senior Lecturer in EU law at the University of Edinburgh)
Nana Sumrada Slavnic (PriceWaterhouseCoopers, former référendaire, Slowenia)
Christa Tobler (Professor in EU law at the Europa Institutes of the Universities of Basel and Leiden)
Master of the moot: Anna Baumann, co-organiser Marie Hesselbarth

Executive secretaries: Daniela Krömer, Marta Andrés Vaquero

OT members: Paul Torriglia, Laura Regas.

Program of the Regional Final:

Thursday:
Welcome reception at the Bremen Cotton Exchange Turmzimmer by Invitation of Staatsrat Dr. Stauch.
Dinner at Kaffeemühle

Friday:
Pleading sessions in the two pleading rooms of the law faculty;
Lunch close to University campus (5 mins walk)
Dinner at Meierei

Saturday
Semi-finals held at the same court rooms in the law faculty.
Final held at the Bremen Regional Court, in the Schwurgerichtssaal.
Farewell dinner + song contest: restaurant Ratskeller, in the city centre.
The European Law Moot Book

In April 2013, over 180 guests gathered in Luxembourg during our 25th Anniversary gala dinner. Former and current Mooties, coming from all over the world and with different backgrounds, shared fond Moot memories and assisted at our Moot Book launch event, a collective work spanning over the first 25 years of existence of the Society, supervised and edited by ELMC Board Member Michel Debroux. This book contains stories and anecdotes written by all the key actors of the European Law Moot Court and allows the readers to fully grasp the ELMC spirit. No doubt it will also become a priceless resource for all future ELMC participants, since it contains all past cases and many best written pleadings in English and French!

Every EU law library should have a copy on their shelves, as well as all future teams!

You can contact us to order a copy!
Participate in the *European Law Moot Court* with a student team!

On average, more than 80 European and American Universities participate in the *European Law Moot Court* every year. Being part of it is very simple:

- You form a student team usually consisting of 3rd to 5th year law students.

- They draft a pleading for the applicant and a pleading for the defendant (in English or French, the Competition is bilingual) under supervision of a Coach (usually a PhD candidate) on the basis of a case published on the 1st September each year on our website [www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu](http://www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu)

- 4 students and a Coach register online by paying the fee of 100 Euros (usually paid by the Faculty of Law) and send us by e-mail, by the end of November, the two written pleadings.

- The results of the written phase are published online around the 15th of January. 48 teams qualify for the oral rounds, the ELMC Regional Finals.

- The participation fees (250 Euros per student and 300 Euros per Coach) are paid to the organisers of each Regional Final and are usually paid by your University, as well as the travelling expenses. Your team is of course free to find other sponsors.

This organisation allows Universities to grade the students & the ELMC as a Seminar: usually the work invested in the preparation for the written phase is graded in the first semester and the work invested in the preparation of the oral pleadings is graded in the second semester.

The *European Law Moot Court* is a unique experience for the students, introducing them to research and bilingual work, but it also allows the Universities to establish a solid reputation amongst the best EU Law circles.

Around 80 European and North American universities participate every year in the European Law Moot Court Competition.

[Contact us for more information!](mailto:contact@europeanlawmootcourt.eu)
Organize a Regional Final at your University!

Many students or coaches, after participating in a Regional Final of the *European Law Moot Court*, ask us how they could organize such an event at their own University or Law School.

With the support of a Professor who will supervise the event, a student or PhD Candidate will build a local team that will organize the Regional Final. Along this process you will receive direct support from our side.

The ELMC Society will select 12 teams that will participate in your Regional Final. According to our official rules more than 12,000 Euros will be paid by the participating teams to the organizers of the Regional Final. Complementary funding might be provided by the Faculty, University, Local and Regional Authorities, Publishers, Law Firms and other possible private sponsors in order to cover the requirements of the overall budget of your Regional Final.

The event starts on Thursday afternoon with the teams’ arrival, the 5 Moot Court Judges appointed by the ELMC Society and the 4 representatives of the Society (2 OT Members that will support you with the students program and 2 Society Members who will supervise the Competition and resolve all issues related to Rules and Judges). 3 or 5 local Judges are appointed by the Organizing University, usually implying no additional cost.

An official welcome reception must be planned on Thursday evening (around 18h00). Concerning the venue for this event, there are many options: the Town Hall or the University Hall are usually the most reliable choices.

On Friday you must have 2 Court Rooms at your Faculty available from 8h30 to 18h30: 6 sessions will be carried out with 4 or 5 Judges in each court room. At the end of the day the Judges will announce which teams move forward to the semi-finals on the following day. For Friday evening
you must consider a place where the students can have dinner and organize a dinner for judges.

On Saturday, 2 court rooms will host the semi-finals from 09h30 to 12h30. Once these are finished the judges will announce the 2 finalist teams that will plead against each other in front of a bench of 8-10 judges from 15h00 to 17h00. After the Final there will be a deliberation period, followed by the ELMC Prize Awards Ceremony to the Winning Team and Best Commission Representative / Advocate General.

On Friday Night you are expected to organize a Farewell Dinner & Drinks and the traditional Moot Court Song Contest, during which the students will have the opportunity to mingle with the judges for the first time.

Why should you organize a Regional Final of the European Law Moot Court?

Because it’s a unique event that allows your University, Law School, EU Law Program, to be under great media exposure for a whole year!

A first level Media presence is assured by all communication means of the European Law Moot Court Society, as a leading and well-known competition around the world that will contribute to the promotion of your institution and programs. Our Society grants you 25 years of know-how and access to the greatest network of EU Law specialists.

Moreover, organizing a Regional Final allows you to welcome over 60 international students fully dedicated to EU Law, of many different nationalities and representing highly recognized Universities on an International level, as well as 5 invited judges and the 4 Society representatives. The benefits of hosting such an event are highly effective and usually spread quickly on the next generations of students. Your guests will be your next Ambassadors.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact us!
Sponsor the *European Law Moot Court*

Since its foundation in 1988, the *European Law Moot Court* has consistently been sponsored by some of the finest law firms active in European law. Since President’s Ole DUE invitation, in the early 1990’s, we are officially supported by the EU Court of Justice, whose members compose the benches at the competition’s European Final, hosted by the Court in Luxembourg. Members of the Legal Service and other DG's of the European Commission also sit every year as Judges for the Regional Finals.

Without our sponsors’ support, nothing would be possible since the ELMC Society is organizing & coordinating the only decentralized global student competition in EU Law in 5 different countries, hosted by 4 new Universities each year and the EU Court of Justice in Luxembourg. All the members of the ELMC Society are unpaid volunteers and our budget is fully dedicated to the competition’s running.

Partnering with the *European Law Moot Court* allows our sponsors to increase their visibility towards the best EU law students among the best universities worldwide. Our sponsors are present on our website, Facebook page, case, annual report, four regional finals booklets and posters, and are systematically mentioned in all documents and presentation speeches during the competition. This highly focused communication provides our sponsors with a unique opportunity to establish strong links with the finest EU law circles and brightest students. Moreover one sponsor representative is invited to sit as judge at one of the ELMC Regional Finals and to watch the European Final at the EUCJ, with a possibility to interview the students which could be their next trainees and distribute marketing materials.