IRAQ NATIONAL ROUNDS 2026

About the Jessup Competition

The **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** is the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition, and the oldest dedicated to public international law, led by the **International Law Students Association, ILSA**, in Washington, D.C.

More than 800 law schools from over 100 countries compete annually. Each participating university submits a team of 2–5 students who must research and argue both sides of a complex fictional international dispute. All teams produce two written **40+ page Memorials** and participate in oral pleadings.

The National Rounds Competition are held each February - March. Winning teams advance to the **White & Case International Rounds** in Washington, D.C., competing for the coveted **Jessup Cup**. Now in its 67th year, Jessup alumni include cabinet ministers, members of parliament, top law firm partners, diplomats, business leaders, and civil-society experts.

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The Jessup Moot Court Competition offers participants the chance to boost their advocacy and research skills, deepen their knowledge of international law, and compete for the opportunity to represent Iraq at the global rounds in Washington, DC. It also provides a valuable platform for improving English language proficiency—both spoken and written—while creating meaningful networking opportunities with international legal experts.

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🏆 National Rounds since 2010

🏫 14 Law Schools Registered for 2026

SEED hosts the **Iraq National Rounds on February 15-17** with independent judges determining the national winner and runner-up who will represent Iraq at the global competition from **28 March – 4 April 2026** in Washington, D.C.

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