

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
*PART 1 OF VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT (LAW 127)*

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Note: Law 391 (Intro to Commercial Arbitration) is a prerequisite to Law 127.

- Students will become familiar with research tools available for enforcement proceedings of international arbitral awards
- Students will become familiar with the Convention on the International Sale of Goods and research of decisions from various jurisdictions, including civil and common law countries
- Students will review and appreciate the rules of the arbitral institution selected by the VIS Moot for the problem
- Students will work together to identify issues, research and prepare briefs/memorials for submission
- Students will prepare and argue the procedural and substantive issues presented by the VIS problem on an intramural basis and compete for the “travel” team presuming the Vis competition proceeds in person in Vienna Austria
- Alternatively, students will prepare and compete for the virtual team for the VIS competition

**SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**1. October 12, 2021:**

*Recent Developments*

**Readings:**

- To be provided

**Written Assignment**

- Discuss Vis Problem

2. **October 18, 2021:**
  - Discuss Vis problem
3. **October 25, 2021:**
  - **Vis Memorial**
  - Vis students prepare preliminary outline of issues raised by the Vis Problem and Requests for Clarification due October 29, 2021
4. **November 1, 2021:**
  - **Research Vis Memorial**
5. **November 8, 2021**
  - **Research and draft Vis Memorial**
6. **November 15, 2021**
  - **Prepare Vis Memorial**

**October 29, 2021: Deadline for Requests for Clarification of Problem**

**Closing Date for Submission of Registration Form November 25, 2021**

**Claimant's Memorial due for submission December 9, 2021**

**Payment of Registration Fee due January 14, 2022**

**Memorandum for Respondent due January 27, 2022**

**Official Vis Moot Opening Ceremony April 8, 2022**

**General Rounds of Argument April 9-April 12, 2022**

**Elimination Rounds of Argument April 12-14, 2022**

**Awards Banquet April 14, 2022**

## **GRADING**

Fall Semester: Informed class participation will constitute 25% of the grade; and Effective participation in preparation of Claimant's Memorial will constitute 75% of the grade.

Spring Semester: Informed class participation will constitute 20% of the grade; Effective participation of the Respondent's Memorial will constitute 40% of the grade; Preparation and quality of oral arguments in intramural competitions and selection competition will constitute 40% of the grade.

Law 127 is a highly competitive course. It should be assumed that class attendance and participation in the preparation of the Memorial alone will not justify a high grade. The instructors will evaluate the quality of the participation.

## **BOOKS**

**Kluwer Law International, “Comparative International Commercial Arbitration.” Readings will be made available to students electronically prior to the first day of class.**