

7th February, 2019

Dear Participating Firms and Law Faculties,

We are pleased that you are participating in this edition of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition organised by the Lagos Court of Arbitration Young Arbitrators Network.

A. Call for Submission of Memorials

Each team will prepare memorials for both the Claimant and Respondent sides.

There will be no extension of time for submissions.

Structure of the Moot

| Phase | Activity | Date | Location |
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| Phase 1 – preliminary round | Claimant’s submission | 21 st March, 2019 | Virtual – By Email to: youngarbitratorsnetwork@gmail.com cc: tola@oal.law pa.adebanjo@gmail.com |
| | Respondent’s submission | 30 th April 2019 | |
| Phase 2 – The Semi - Finals | Oral Hearing | 25 th July, 2019 | Lagos Court of Arbitration |
| Phase 3 – The Finals | Oral Hearing | 26 th July, 2019 | Lagos Court of Arbitration |

- All teams are encouraged to study The Moot Problem carefully including the procedural orders
- To qualify for the semi-finals, all the teams will be assessed on the quality of their arguments in both their Claimant and Respondent memorials. The assessment would be carried out by a Faculty of Arbitrators carefully selected with due regard to neutrality and impartiality.
- Teams would be informed by 6 June 2019 if they made it through to the semi-finals in Lagos.
- The LCA-YAN will provide a note verbale for any international team that qualifies for the oral hearings in Lagos.

- Semi-final teams will be informed in the first week of July, as follows:
 - a) Who they will be competing against
 - b) Who their arbitral tribunal members and chairpersons will be
 - c) The hearing rooms
 - d) The scoring criteria
 - e) And any other relevant information

B. Preparing the Memorials and Arguments

1. Page number, Font of the Memorials

- The maximum number of pages for the memorials should be 20 pages including cover page/front cover.
- Font type: Arial or Times New Roman.
- Font size 12.
- Alignment: Justify Text.
- Single line spacing and double line spacing for paragraphs.

2. Issues

- The following issues are identified in Procedural Order No. 1-
 - (a) Does the tribunal have the jurisdiction and/or the powers under the arbitration agreement to adapt the contract, which includes in particular the question of which law governs the arbitration agreement and its interpretation;
 - (b) Should CLAIMANT be entitled to submit evidence from the other arbitration proceedings on the basis of the assumption that this evidence had been obtained either through a breach of a confidentiality agreement or through an illegal hack of RESPONDENT's computer system?
 - (c) Is CLAIMANT entitled to the payment of US\$1,250,000 or any other amount resulting from an adaptation of the price-
 - (i) Under clause 12 of the contract
 - (ii) Or under the CISG?
- In their memorials, teams must address all the issues identified in Procedural Order No. 1 and set out above. However, oral arguments at the semi-finals would be restricted to Issues (a) and (b) while Issue (c) would be addressed at the final.

3. Oral Arguments

- Each side will have 30 minutes to address the tribunal at each round of the oral hearings. There shall be 5 minutes for rebuttal for each side on each issue.
- Each team is expected to field two speakers only at each round.
- Each team may represent different sides at the semi-final round and the finale. It may therefore be helpful to have different speakers prepared for the Claimant and Respondent arguments.

- Teams will be asked to submit the names of their speakers in the first week of July 2019.
- Law firm speakers shall be no more than three years post call.

C. The Oral Hearings 25 & 26 July 2019 at the Lagos Court of Arbitration

- The semi-final rounds and the final round will take place on 25 & 26 July 2019 respectively.
- There will be four teams for the students' moots and four teams for the Law firms' moots in the semi-finals.
- Results of the semi-finals will be announced immediately after the semi-final moots.
- Each tribunal will be composed of 3 arbitrators.
- On 26 July 2019, the students' moot final will hold by 10am-12noon. After that, the law firms' moot final will hold from 1 pm – 3 pm.
- Award of prizes will follow after the law firms' moot final.
- A cocktail will conclude the event.