**APPLICATION FOR BRANDEIS LAW’S**

**WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Class Year (1L or 2L)**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for Application**

Please read the following description of the Vis Moot team closely. If you are interested in applying, please submit the following materials by email to Professor Sara Ochs at [sara.ochs@louisville.edu](mailto:sara.ochs@louisville.edu) no later than **May 5th**:

1. Completed answers to Questions (A)-(F) (included on p. 2-3 of this application);
2. Resume;
3. 5-page writing sample; and
4. Oral Argument scoresheets from 1L oral arguments or (for 2Ls) scoresheets from your most recent moot court competition, if applicable.

Selected applicants will be asked to complete a 10-minute virtual interview on Microsoft Teams with Professor Ochs.

**Description of Team:**

The Vis Moot team is a new international moot court team at Brandeis Law for the 2022-2023 year. The program is focused on international commercial arbitration, with a problem that requires analysis pursuant to the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (the CISG) as well as other procedural arbitral rules. The Vis Moot is one of the largest international student moots in the world, regularly drawing between 200 and 300 student teams from 80+ countries. The competition is held annually the week before Easter (in March or April) in Vienna, Austria. More information about the problem and the competition can be found on the [Vis Moot website](https://www.vismoot.org/).

Participating on the Vis Moot team is a year-long commitment and requires you to devote significant time and effort to writing and oral advocacy. Throughout the Fall and the beginning of the Spring term, you will be required to draft two 30-page arbitral briefs (one for Claimant and one for Respondent). The remainder of the Spring term will be focused on preparing for and traveling to the oral rounds. The moot itself lasts approximately a week. During the general rounds, the team will argue four times (twice in favor of the claimant; twice in favor of the respondent), and should the team qualify, it will proceed to argue in the elimination and final rounds. For your involvement in this team, you will earn 2-3 pass/fail credits (the precise credit amount is still subject to administrative decision).

Travel funds will be covered by the school, although students will have to cover incidental expenses, including any necessary passport applications. A prior knowledge of international law is NOT required, although interest in international law and international travel is certainly welcomed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Professor Ochs at [sara.ochs@louisville.edu](mailto:sara.ochs@louisville.edu).

**Questions**:

1. **Please provide your current GPA and class rank.**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Please list the current organizations in which you participate at the Brandeis School of Law. If you are a 2L, please specify whether you are involved in the Law Review and whether you have previously served on a Moot Court team, and if so, which one.**
2. **Please provide the name of your Lawyering Skills professor during 1L year, and your final course grades for Lawyering Skills I and II (if available).**

Lawyering Skills Professor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final Course Grade for Lawyering Skills I: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final Course Grade for Lawyering Skills II (if received): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*For all following questions, please keep each answer limited to 300 words or less.*

1. **Why are you interested in joining the Vis Moot team?**
2. **Why do you believe you should be selected as a member of the Vis Moot team?**
3. **What experience and interest do you have in international law and/or international travel?**
4. **Do you have anything else you would like to share in support of your application?**