



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
NORMAN MANLEY LAW SCHOOL

TEAM TRY-OUTS

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**34TH WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT
Vienna, Austria | 19–25 March 2027**

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2026
ORAL TRY-OUTS: MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2026

INTRODUCTION

For the first time, the Norman Manley Law School is preparing to field a team in the **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot)**, with the 34th annual competition taking place in **Vienna, Austria, in March 2027**.

The Vis Moot is one of the world's major international law student competitions, bringing together law schools from across the globe. The 2025–2026 competition attracted 384 teams from 88 jurisdictions, involving approximately 2,200 students.

The competition focuses on international commercial law and arbitration, challenging students to research complex legal issues, prepare written submissions and present oral arguments before panels of international legal practitioners and academics.

This is an exciting new opportunity for NMLS students to gain international exposure, develop their advocacy skills and represent the School on a global stage.

We invite interested students to apply for
The NMLS Vis Moot Team

WHO CAN APPLY

**Applications are invited from
first-year and second-year NMLS students who:**

✓	Are members of the NMLS Mooting Society.
✓	Have an interest in international commercial law, arbitration and advocacy.
✓	Are willing to learn, develop their skills and work as part of a team.
✓	Can commit to the preparation schedule alongside their academic responsibilities.
✓	Are available to participate in the competition in Vienna, Austria, in March 2027, subject to applicable travel requirements.

**Students who have not yet joined the NMLS Mooting Society
must register at: <https://nmls.edu.jm/students/#mooting>**

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students must:

1. Complete the application form provided.
2. Prepare written submissions based on the try-out problem and instructions provided below.
 - *Candidates may choose to represent either the Claimant **or** the Respondent.*
 - *The written submissions must:*
 - i. Address the jurisdictional issue specified in the try-out instructions.
 - ii. Be no longer than 5 pages, double-spaced, using 12-point type.
 - iii. Be supported by relevant facts and legal authorities.
 - iv. Identify the party being represented.
3. Submit the completed application form **and** written submissions via email by the deadline:
 - **DEADLINE: No later than 10:00 AM | FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2026**
 - **EMAIL: mootingsociety@nmlscle.com**
4. Attend the oral try-outs on:
 - **TRYOUT DATE: MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2026**
 - **TRYOUT TIME: 4:00 PM**
 - **TRYOUT VENUE: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

THE TRYOUT

- Each candidate will present oral arguments for the same party selected in their written submissions. Presentations must not exceed 5 minutes.
- Candidates should also be prepared to answer questions from the selection panel.

SELECTION AND TEAM COMMITMENT

- Candidates will be assessed on their legal research, analytical skills, written submissions, oral advocacy and ability to respond to questions.
- Students selected for the team will be expected to participate fully in coaching, research, drafting and practice sessions in preparation for the competition.
- Team membership requires a substantial time commitment. All students must continue to meet their academic obligations, including attendance at classes, tutorials, seminars and clinics, and completion of assignments and examinations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For Further information:

- Yolande Whitely | Board Chair, NMLS Mooting Society | mootingsociety@nmlscle.com

TRY-OUT PROBLEM

BLUE OCEAN SERVICES PLC

v.

NAUTILUS ENGINEERING LTD

Arbitral Proceedings: ICDR-A-01-26-0001-0001

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BACKGROUND AND CASE FACTS

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NOTE TO CANDIDATES

For your submissions, please focus only on the portion set out below:

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PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

2 October 2026

The Arbitral Tribunal takes note of the fact that at the Procedural Hearing both Parties agreed on the following: In the interest of efficiency, the parties should address in their next submission only whether leave should be granted to RESPONDENT to file its requests pursuant to Article 23 ICDR Rules.

You can pick whether you want to argue for CLAIMANT or RESPONDENT.

The Arbitral Tribunal hereby makes the following order:

In their next submissions and at the Oral Hearing, the Parties are required to address the following issue: **Should the Arbitral Tribunal dismiss the case because of lack of jurisdiction?**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRY-OUT CANDIDATES

- Complete application Form
- Written submissions should be no longer than 5 double spaced pages, 12 point type.
- Following submission of written pleadings, each party will present its position orally, in a presentation not to exceed 5 minutes.

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