



Call to Judges: Judicial Boycott of International Rounds

The Integrity of the Bench The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is built upon the premise that international law is a universal, binding set of rules. However, in 2022, ILSA acted in 14 days to sanction Russian teams over Russia's use of force in Ukraine. Today, despite over two years of documentation of Genocide in Occupied Palestine and violations of the use of force in 9 countries by Israel, the ILSA Board remains silent.

Your Role in Rectification As a judge, your labour and your expertise are the currency of the International Rounds. We call on all judges to defend the integrity of our profession through a **Judicial Boycott of the 2026 International Rounds in Washington, D.C.**

- **The Boycott:** Formally withdraw your support for the International Rounds (Memorial and Oral judging) and notify ILSA that your decision is a protest against institutional double standards.
- **The Alternative—Private Record of Concern:** If you are unable to boycott, we urge you to write to the ILSA Board to formally place on record your disagreement with their continued silence and the inconsistent application of the 2022 precedent. Check out this email template for a quick neutral email to be sent:

[Email Template to ILSA Staff and Board Members by Jessupers Against Genocide](#)

Years from now, when the atrocities of the Gaza genocide are finally acknowledged and condemned - when it is safe and convenient to do so - you will be able to look your children and grandchildren in the eye and say that you did not stay silent, that you did not simply watch, and that you chose to act when it mattered most.