



moot court PRESENTATION

The ECHR Moot Court

The ECHR Moot Court consists of mock court proceedings in which teams of about two or three students analyse and argue both sides of a hypothetical legal case based on the **European Convention on Human Rights** (ECHR). The Moot Court is organised by the association Plaidier les droits de l'homme (PLDH) as part of the **master's degree in human rights** from the University of Strasbourg (Unistra), in partnership with the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Fribourg-en-Brisgau (Germany). The exercise starts with a week-long intensive introductory seminar. The simulation in itself comprises a **written part** (drafting of briefs for applicants and the defense) and **an oral part** in which participants argue their case to a jury of experts and practitioners responsible for evaluating their performance. The competition ends with a **final** between the two best teams.

Jury presidents at the final for the past years

2016	Nicolas Michel, former UN Deputy Secretary General
2015	Enrico Letta, former Italian Prime Minister
2014	Ryszard Komenda, Moscow representative for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
2013	Paul Mahoneu, judge for the European Court of Human Rights
2012	Johannes Masing, judge at the Federal Constitutional Court (Germany)
2011	Michele de Salvia, former jurisconsult for the European Court of Human Rights
2010	Guido Raimondi, judge for the European Court of Human Rights
2009	Franziska Brantner, member of the European Parliament (Green Party/Germany)

The hypothetical legal case used for the ECHR Moot Court almost always tackles **economic issues** relevant to current events. The case subject focuses each year on unaddressed **emerging issues** in the legal field (see table below). This method forces participants to **innovate** rather than rely upon conventional case law. It also allows for a **multidisciplinary** jury composed of academics, judges, as well as entrepreneurs and practitioners whose practical experience is essential.

Legal case subject for the past years

2016	Economic espionage	2009	Financial crisis and banking confidentiality
2015	Retirement funds	2008	Sports and Olympic games law
2014	Wine industry economy	2007	Internet and social networks
2013	Fiscal equity	2006	Work relations and <i>whistleblowing</i>
2012	Corporate social responsibility	2005	Pharmaceutical and health industry
2011	Investment protection	2004	Fight against obesity (sugar tax)
2010	Introduction of the electric car	2003	Fair trade