

**16<sup>th</sup> annual  
Frankfurt Drafting School  
18 – 19 September 2020**

Before the Willem C. Vis Moot Court starts in early October, the freshly chosen *Mooties* usually have little knowledge of the CISG or the applicable arbitration laws. Moreover, most of them have never faced the challenge of writing a memorandum and making a case from a client's perspective. Hence, in the short amount of time they are given to produce both memoranda, the participants not only have to deal with fields of law previously unknown to them, but also have to familiarise themselves with a new form of presenting legal arguments.

This is where the Frankfurt Drafting School (FDS) aims to provide valuable assistance. During the course of this seminar, which lasts all day long for two consecutive days, the participants are introduced to the basic concepts of International Commercial Arbitration and to the CISG. Lectures will be held by renowned academics and practitioners who are affiliated with the Vis Moot Court as coaches and/or arbitrators. Furthermore, in a long-standing FDS tradition, two experienced former coaches will conduct hands-on memorandum drafting exercises with the participants and analyse memoranda from past editions of the competition. In the meantime, we have to break with some old traditions. Due to the current uncertainties and risks arising from COVID-19, we will hold the first virtual FDS. On the plus side, this year's FDS will be the first that is offered to an unlimited audience of German universities.

The FDS is organised by the Frankfurt Moot Alumni Association (FMAA), a collegiate organisation consisting of current and former law students of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. The FDS is conducted partly in German and partly in English. It will be held from **18 – 19 September 2020** (Friday and Saturday). We will circulate the virtual platform to all teams who sign up. Participation fee will be EUR 2 per team member.

Further information can be found at <http://fmaa.de/frankfurt-drafting-school/>.

The FMAA cordially invites you to the 16<sup>th</sup> FDS. We would be delighted to see you!

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