

***INTERESTED IN SPEAKING YOUR MIND IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?***

***INTERESTED IN MASTERING A CUTTING-EDGE AREA OF LAW?***

***INTERESTED IN BECOMING CAREER-READY BEFORE YOU GRADUATE?***

***INTERESTED IN COMPETING IN MIAMI IN 2019?***

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FDI Moot Court 2019

## **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot Court**

**Competition Information Session**

***with Rektor Prof. Dr. Christian Tietje, LL.M.***

**Thursday, 31 January at 18:00**

**DOZENTENBIBLIOTHEK ZIVILRECHT THOMASEANUM**

We will be seeking candidates for the 2016 FDI International Moot Court to represent MLU at the International Regional Rounds in Miami, USA. The competition offers intensive, practical and international experience to law students eager to diversify their legal skills. The competition is conducted in English.

Participants receive the following benefits:

- i) Sprachschein, Seminarschein and 10 Credit Points for "Master of Business Law and Economic Law-LL.M.oec." at MLU
- ii) Nachweis für Schlüsselqualifikation
- iii) Fully funded major travel and accommodation to compete in the competition
- iv) Individual Instruction on FDI Law, Legal Drafting, as well as Advocacy and Litigation Techniques

Requirements for Participation:

Applicants must be Law Students or LL.M. Students of Business Law and Economics.

**LAW STUDENTS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (or more)**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Foreign Direct Investment?**

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an important and growing area of international business law. Globalization has transformed the nature of transnational and international business activity. While in the past, individuals and businesses tended to invest in foreign business through purchase of stocks and other forms of equity, more recently, there has been a persistent trend toward direct investment in foreign business, which is commonly referred to as FDI. FDI occurs when a firm or individual establish investments directly within the national boundaries and the legal jurisdiction of a foreign country. A common example of FDI is when an investor establishes foreign business operations or acquires foreign business assets.

### **What is unique about FDI?**

In recent times, FDI has been encouraged through the establishment of bilateral investment treaties (BITs). A BIT is an agreement between two countries that sets out the terms for foreign investment between them. BITs regularly include arbitration clauses that often require parties subject to the BIT to resolve their disputes through a private alternative dispute resolution framework called “arbitration.”

### **What is a Moot Court and how does it help me with law school and with my career as a lawyer?**

A moot court is a competition that allows law students to get life-like high-stakes experience in important aspects of legal problem solving. The FDI Moot court gives you practice in arbitration which is a newly evolving and highly lucrative area of legal practice. Additionally, through participation in a moot court competition, you get the opportunity to improve your legal skills through problem solving. You get in-depth training in written and oral advocacy. You have the opportunity to make friends for life and join a growing group of uni-halle moot court alumni. FDI, as a phenomenon, is becoming increasingly important to both international and domestic business activities. Furthermore, international arbitration is quickly becoming a preferred method of solving legal issues that come up in the course on international business. If you are interested in economic law in general and/or working in Big Law both FDI and arbitration are very relevant to the work that you will do and you will be better off knowing about how these cutting-edge areas of the law are evolving.

### **What qualities do I need to enjoy and succeed at Moot Court?**

To succeed in moot court, you need to work hard, and fights fair. Joining a moot court requires a mix of talents including the capacity for consistent hard work over the course of several months, the capacity to work well in a team and provide support where it is needed, strong research skills, and the capacity to master new information quickly. Strong English skills, with regard to reading, writing, and speaking, are a huge advantage as are being fairly open-minded and flexible in your thinking.

### **Anything else I need to know?**

Please be aware, that the moot court is a safe space where there is zero tolerance for sexual harassment and discrimination. All interested candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. We strongly encourage applications from women and under-represented minorities (including socio-economic minorities). All applications will be reviewed on completely neutral basis and final candidates will be selected purely on the basis of merit, language skills, and performance during the interview—without prejudice or preference given to any particular group and in accordance with the policies of the Chair, the University, and applicable laws and regulations of Germany and the European Union. The Chair will cover registration fees and essential travel and accommodation expenses related to participation in the moot court. Any additional expenses, such as food and supplies, are not covered by the university