

Singularity is pleased to announce a ‘fast-track internship’ initiative for law students bagging achievements in international moot court competitions.

As an international disputes boutique, Singularity handles cross-border disputes arising out of business relations and projects arising in various parts of the world, and implicating the intersection of applicable laws from these jurisdictions, as well as public international law and international investment law.

With the ‘fast-track internship’ initiative, Singularity aims to enable law students with keen interest in cross-border disputes to pursue an opportunity to work first-hand on such disputes, and add the learnings from real-world disputes to their existing moot court experience.

Students achieving any of the following accomplishments would be eligible for an internship under this initiative:

| Moot  | Achievement   |
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| Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot   | <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist</p> <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for Werner Melis Award for Best Memorandum for Respondent</p> <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for Pieter Sanders Award for Best Memorandum for Claimant</p> <p>Teams making it to the Round of 32 (Global Orals)</p>    |
| Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition | <p>Teams making it to the Round of 32 (Global Orals)</p> <p>Top 10 Oralists (Global Orals)</p> <p>Best Applicant / Respondent Memorial (Global Orals)</p>   |
| Vis East Moot   | <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for Neil Kaplan Award for Best Individual Oral Advocate</p> <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for Fali Nariman Award for Best Memorandum for Respondent</p> <p>Winner / First Runner up / Second Runner up for David Hunter Award for Best Memorandum for Claimant</p> <p>Teams making it to the Round of 16 (Global Orals)</p> |
| Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot  | <p>Winner / Runner Up (Global Orals)</p> <p>Highest Ranked Team (Global Orals)</p>  |

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|  | <p>Thomas Wälde Award for Best Advocate</p> <p>Best Advocate of the Final Match (Global Orals)</p>   |
| Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court                          | <p>Winner / Runner Up (Global Orals)</p> <p>Best Advocate of the Final (Global Orals)</p>  |
| John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition / ELSA Moot Court Competition | <p>Winner / Runner – up team (Global Orals)</p> <p>Best Overall Written Submissions (Global Orals)</p> <p>Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds (Global Orals)</p> <p>Best Orator of the Grand Finals (Global Orals)</p> |

Applicants eligible for this initiative would be participating in a separate internship pool, where they would be entitled to:

- (a) a short turnaround on internship applications (within 7 working days);
- (b) an exemption from a technical interview. The internship opportunity would be subject only to a peer interview and scheduling considerations;
- (c) an increased stipend of between Rs. 15,000 - Rs. 25,000 /- per month.

Prateek Bagaria (Partner, Singularity Legal) welcomed the new initiative, *“Singularity has a long legacy of nourishing young talent with an interest in cross-border disputes. With this initiative, we hope to make it easier for law students to build up this interest with real world experience. We have been very impressed in the past with interns with a strong mootting experience, and we look forward to encouraging and training more such students in our firm.”*

Natasha Kavalakkat, presently a counsel with Singularity, was picked for recruitment based on her mootting achievements, *“Mooting was my favourite thing about law school. It instilled in me a deep appreciation for the complexities of international disputes. Shortly after my successful participation in Vis, Singularity reached out and offered to interview me, which led to me joining the firm. And with the work we do at Singularity, it often feels like I am still mootting!”* Natasha was a semifinalist and second runner-up best speaker at the Vis East Moot 2020.

Singularity is an Asia and Africa focused international disputes boutique, established in August 2017. Since then, we have handled over US\$ 8 billion in cross-border disputes in various sectors, including energy and resources, construction and infrastructure, shipping and maritime, sports and entertainment, international trade and business, and private equity and finance.

These disputes have arisen out of business relations and projects in various parts of the world including the Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Canada, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Oman, Philippines, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone Singapore and Somalia.