



## **International Law**

Presentations and Debates

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I will assign each student, sometimes assigning more than one presentation per day, in a random order. The master list will be compiled on the course website. Just follow the link "Presentations".

This approach will provide an extraordinary opportunity: (1) to practice your skills in presenting the cases, problems, and other assigned materials; and (2) to debate the issues, as you will be doing soon in your professional career (perhaps). Members of this class will no doubt be future diplomatic, political, educational, and legal leaders. I hope that you will seize this challenge.

Should you have any questions about your assignments, I will be available after each day's class. Do not leave class without understanding what problem or case you have been assigned for the next day. I will also monitor my e-mail, should you have questions later in the day. Also, I will be in my office during my normal office hours (as usual).

Essentially, you will present your side to the class. The class will ask questions to refine their understanding. Eventually, the class will vote for the winning side, which will receive *extra* points. Grades will be assigned on how well you present, how well you field the questions, and how well you tie in the legal topics discussed in class. Please note that you need to know *all* relevant background information about your topic and/or case. Thus, if you are assigned a case, you will need to know both the material facts and the legal facts of the case, the reasoning used by both sides, and the legal philosophies underlying the decision. If you are assigned an issue, you need to know all relevant facts that would convince people to side with you. Your job is to convince the class that your (assigned) position is the correct position.

## Topics:

1. Eisentrager v. Johnson  
US Supreme Court; 339 U.S. 763 (1950)  
Date: September 21, 2006
  - a. Eisentrager: .....C. Darnell
  - b. Johnson: .....P. Day
  - c. George W. Bush.....K. Benford
  
2. The Holy See v. Starbright Sales Enterprises, Inc.  
Philippines Supreme Court  
102 International Law Reports, 163 (1995)  
Date: September 28, 2006
  - a. Starbright: .....S. Barnhill
  - b. Pope (Vatican): .....N. Fecher
  
3. The US arrearage in membership dues to the United Nations.  
Sломanson text, p182–83; Problem 3.F  
Date: October 3, 2006
  - a. United States: .....S. Checchinato
  - b. Nations who have paid:.....T. Moncrief
  
4. The Nottebohm Case  
International Court of Justice Reports 1955, 4 (1955)  
Date: October 5, 2006
  - a. Liechtenstein: .....A. Johnson
  - b. Guatemala: .....J. Chiang
  
5. The Legality of the Palestinian Wall  
International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion 9 July (2004)  
Date: October 10, 2006
  - a. Majority: .....C. Lokey
  - b. US Judge Bergenthal: .....S. Senkel
  
6. Palestinian Statehood  
Date: October 10, 2006
  - a. In favor of Palestinian statehood: ...B. Collins
  - b. Against Palestinian statehood: .....N. Koch

7. What is the solution to the problems of a divided Cyprus?  
Date: October 17, 2006
  - a. Greece .....R. Butler
  - b. Turkey .....P. Weaver
  
8. Medellin v. Dretke  
US Supreme Court; 544 U.S. \_\_\_\_; No. 04–5928  
Date: October 19, 2006
  - a. Majority judges: .....C. Bethmann
  - b. Dissenting judges: .....A. York
  
9. The Fisheries Jurisdiction Case (UK vs. Iceland)  
International Court of Justice Reports 1974, \_\_\_\_ (1974)  
Date: October 26, 2006
  - a. UK (Majority): .....E. Seifert
  - b. Iceland (Dissent): .....R. Butler
  
10. Rasul v. Bush  
US Supreme Court; 542 U.S. 466  
Date: November 2, 2006
  - a. US Defense Secretary Rumsfeld: .....R. Wallace
  - b. Detainees’ Attorney: .....S. Shoemaker
  
11. Hamdan v. Rumsfeld  
US Supreme Court; 548 U.S. \_\_\_\_; No. 05–0184  
Date: November 2, 2006
  - a. US Defense Secretary Rumsfeld: .....A. Patel
  - b. Hamdan’s Attorney: .....C. Lamp
  
12. Nicaragua v. United States  
International Court of Justice Reports 14, 165 (1986)  
Date: November 9, 2006
  - a. United States: .....B. Stooksbury
  - b. Nicaragua: .....B. Greene
  
13. Sadak v. Turkey  
36 European Court of Human Rights 26, 452 (2003)  
Judgment 17 July 2001  
Date: November 16, 2006

- a. Sadak: .....J. Long
- b. Turkey: .....A. Huisingh

14. Pakistani Rape (Mukhtar Mai v. Pakistan)

Date: November 21, 2006

- a. George W. Bush:.....B. Wuethrich
- b. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: .....W. Robinson
- c. UNHCR: .....J. King

15. Avena (and other Mexican Nationals) v. United States

International Court of Justice Reports 2004, \_\_\_\_ (31 March 2004)

Date: November 28, 2006

- a. United States: .....J. Roberts
- b. Mexico: .....L. Tapocsi

16. US Invasion of Iraq of 2003.

Date: November 30, 2006

- a. Legal: .....C. Datskos
- b. Illegal: .....M. Durnin