

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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A/P Robert Beckman wins award at Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Competition

Associate Professor Robert C Beckman was awarded the 2005 Pamela M Young Award at the Jessup Competition Awards in Washington DC in early April in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Prof Beckman was cited for the success of the Singapore teams in the Jessup Competition, for his efforts to promote the Jessup Competition in the Asian region by organising mooted clinics and regional friendly rounds, and for the suggestions that he has made to Jessup Administrators over the years to improve the standard and administration of the Competition.

The Pamela M Young Award was created by the Friends of Jessup (FOJ) in 1993 in honour of Ms Pamela Young, Assistant Jessup Administrator from 1974 to 1994. The Friends of Jessup are a worldwide volunteer network of thousands of attorneys, judges, legal scholars, and volunteers devoted to the support of the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Prof Beckman has been coaching Singapore teams in the Jessup Competition since 1978. NUS teams have the best record of any law school in the Competition. They have won the competition four times, been runners-up seven times, and semi-finalists six times. NUS teams have also won numerous awards for Best Oralist and Best Memorial. More than 500 law schools from over 70 countries participate in the annual Jessup Competition.