

7th Edition of the International Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion at University of Milan, September 2023

On September 18-19 2023, the University of Milan hosted the 7th edition of the Law & Religion International Moot Court. Student teams from the United States (Brigham Young and Notre Dame Universities), the United Kingdom (the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple), and Italy (Bocconi, Macerata, and State University of Milan) argued in front of the U.S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights. The case blended religious freedom, freedom of speech, and green transition.

The U.S. Supreme Court was composed of Judges Chad Readler (6th Circuit, Court of Appeal, USA) and Richard Sullivan (2nd Circuit, Court of appeal, USA) and of Professor Jeremy Gunn (International University of Rabat, Morocco), who declared Notre Dame the best team and Christopher Ostertag (ND) the best oralist. The European Court of Human Rights was composed of Judge Ann power (Court of Appeal, Ireland) and Professors Mark Hill KC (Notre Dame Law School) and Andrea Pin (University of Padua), who declared the State University of Milan the best team and Trevor Zellweger (BYU) the best oralist. They also praised the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple for the quality of their written submissions.

The Moot Court, which thrives thanks also to the institutional help of Iclars and to the generous support of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University, started in Venice as a comparative enterprise and a training opportunity for young lawyers, and later moved to Bologna, Cordoba, and now Milan. With the management of Giada Ragone and Luca Vanoni (State University of Milan), Tania Pagotto (Bicocca University, Milan) and Andrea Pin (University of Padua), in its years of activity, the Moot Court has welcomed students and teams from Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

