

## VEGAS LEX SUPPORTS SECOND RAA ONLINE ARBITRATION COMPETITION

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The VEGAS LEX law firm is a partner of the Second Annual Online Student Arbitration Competition organized by the Russian Arbitration Association (RAA) with support of the Higher School of Economics\*.

Head of Litigation practice [Victor Petrov](#) will judge the competition as an arbiter.

This year, the competition, that is the largest student arbitration competition in the CIS, will bring together 44 teams from more than 20 cities of Russia and the republic of Belarus.

Following a mid-March draw procedure, the teams were split into plaintiffs and defendants for the preliminary rounds, which will be held through videoconferencing\*\*.

Until April 16, 2017, the teams will prepare written reviews of their opponents' claims. The preliminary rounds will be held from April 20 until April 30, 2017. Based on these procedural documents, the plaintiffs and defendants will verbally defend their positions before the arbiters online.

As a result of the preliminary rounds, the best teams will be qualified for the quarterfinal, semifinal and then compete in the final rounds in Moscow on August 25–27, 2017. The best speakers will have an opportunity to do an internship in Russia's leading law firms.

On August 25, 2017, on the eve of the hearings, the RAA will organize a conference for the contest participants, arbiters, and international arbitration experts.

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*\* The RAA competition is an opportunity for all law students to prove themselves to leading Russian experts on international arbitration. The first rounds do not require physical presence, only a good Internet connection.*

*\*\* The list of participating teams and the results of the draw are available at the competition website: <http://arbitrations.ru/raa-25/online-moot/online-rounds-draw.php>.*

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