

SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2015

Roles of the Participants within the International Criminal Court

The simulation of the International Criminal Court (ICC) offers delegates a truly unique and dynamic experience, unlike any other committee. The ICC is a small, intimate environment that will require a high level of preparation and engagement from every participant, regardless of the role assigned.

The ICC committee at SRMUN Charlotte 2015 will be comprised of nine delegates who will debate two cases. There are four roles within the ICC: *Prosecutor*, *Defense Counsel*, *Victim's Advocate*, and *Judge*. Each participant of the Court will serve as Judge for at least one case; however, three participants will serve as Judge for both cases. The remaining six participants will alternate the role of Judge for the first case with either the role of Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, or Victim's Advocate for the second case. Below is a description of each role:

Prosecutor:

The role of Prosecutor will be assigned based on applicant qualifications; two Prosecutors will be selected, one Prosecutor for each of the two cases. Throughout the duration of the simulation, the Prosecutor will present arguments, offer evidence, and answer questions in order to establish the criminality of the accused. The Prosecutor will be responsible for preparing opening and closing statements, as well as presenting all evidence against the accused. Prosecutors must be able to apply relevant international law to the facts of the case. Prior to the conference, Prosecutors must submit an indictment in place of a position paper.

Defense Counsel:

The role of Defense Counsel will be assigned based on applicant qualifications; two Defense Counsels will be selected, one Defense Counsel for each of the two cases. Throughout the duration of the simulation, the Defense Counsel will present arguments, offer evidence, and answer questions in order to defend the accused against the criminal accusations presented before the Court. The Defense Counsel will also be responsible for preparing opening and closing statements, as well as presenting all evidence to defend the accused. Defense Counsels must be able to apply relevant international law to the facts of the case. Prior to the conference, Defense Counsels must submit a legal brief in place of a position paper.

Victim's Advocate:

The role of Victim's Advocate will be assigned based on applicant qualifications; two Victim's Advocates will be selected, one Advocate for each of the two cases. Victim's Advocates will act as the legal representative of their clients, rather than acting as the actual victim(s). Throughout the duration of the simulation, the Victim's Advocate will present arguments, offer evidence, and answer questions in order to establish that his/her client(s) has succumbed to damage, loss, or injury. It is vital that arguments presented by the Victim's Advocate do not impede upon the rights of the accused to a fair and impartial trial. Prior to the conference, Victim's Advocates must submit a legal brief in place of a position paper.

Judge:

The role of Judge will be assigned based on applicant qualifications. Each of the nine participants of the Court will act as Judge for at least one case; three participants will act as Judge for both cases. Throughout the duration of the simulation, Judges will hear the arguments and evidence presented before them and will deliberate each case to reach a decision. Six Judges will preside over each case and will draft opinions following their deliberations. Judges must approach each case objectively and remain impartial to the arguments presented by all members of the Court. The three participants *assigned to be a judge for both cases* will submit a preliminary opinion in place of a position paper.