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### MESSAGE FROM THE HON MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

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There is something special about the Jessup Mooting Competition. Many, perhaps most, of my High Court associates have taken part. It is a life changing experience. It was a great privilege for me twice to sit in the Australian final. And what success Australian teams have enjoyed! I am very proud of our competitors and wish this year's Australian finalists great success.

I am also proud to be awarded this year's Terry Connolly Friend of Jessup Award. Especially so because the prize now bears the name of my late friend Justice Terry Connolly. I pay my respects to his memory, to his widow Dr Helen Watchirs and to their children.

Fill your days with achievements and service to others. It is up to you all to ensure that the magic of Jessup lasts all your lives.