



LAW FIRM OF THE FUTURE COMPETITION

co-organised by the Wrocław Bar Association and the Hague Bar Association.



Terms and Conditions of the "Law Firm of the Future" competition

§ 1 Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meaning:

- 1) FBE** – means the European Bars Federation (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe);
- 2) Jury** – means a committee of 5 lawyers, appointed by the Wrocław Bar Association, whose task is to select the Finalists of the Competition and the winners, who will be awarded the prizes in accordance with §7 of these Terms and Conditions;
- 3) Finalists** – means the persons mentioned in §6 of these Terms and Conditions;
- 4) Competition** – means the „Law Firm of the Future” competition, organized by the Wrocław Bar Association and the Hague Bar Association under the patronage of FBE;
- 5) Participant** – shall mean any individual person or team (consisting of maximum 2 persons) who participates in the Competition in accordance with §5 and 6 of these Terms and Conditions.

§ 2 Purpose of the Competition

The purpose of the Competition is to promote and encourage innovative thinking of young students and lawyers at the start of their career in a time where traditional law practise is changing rapidly. Furthermore, the purpose of the Competition is to promote the activities of FBE aiming at implementing new IT solutions among lawyers and to encourage the lawyers to use them in their daily practice.

§ 3 Organizers

The Competition will be held at the premises of the Wrocław Bar Association in Wrocław. The co-organizers are the Wrocław Bar Association and the Hague Bar Association. The first prize will be awarded by the FBE.

§ 4 Language of the Competition

The Competition will be conducted in English. The presentations shall be prepared in English.

§ 5 Participants

The Participant must be a 4th or 5th year law student, a trainee or pupil, an attorney at law or an advocate up to the age of 35, admitted or called to one of the bar associations under the FBE.

§ 6 Competition

- 1.** The Competition consists of two stages. During the first stage, the Participants shall submit their presentations concerning changes, innovations and/or proposals related to the development of new technologies in the legal services industry.
- 2.** Any Participant can take part in the first stage of the Competition. Participation entails sending a PowerPoint presentation by 15 January 2019 together with an application form attached as appendix no. 1 to the following e-mail address: dyrektor@oirp.wroclaw.pl

- 3.** By 22 January 2019, the Jury shall select a group of a maximum of 10 finalists (**"Finalists"**) who will take part in the second stage of the Competition. By 22 January 2019, the Jury shall inform the Participants, by means of electronic communication, of the outcome of the first stage by sending the information to the e-mail address provided by the Participants.
- 4.** The second stage of the Competition will take place on 22 February 2019 (Friday) at the head office of the Wrocław Bar Association (Poland). During the second stage, the Finalists will present the subject to the Jury using the submitted presentation. The presentation time shall not exceed 15 minutes. The Jury may ask the Finalists questions regarding the presentation.
- 5.** The Competition will take place in front of the public.
- 6.** The order of the presentations will be chosen at random and communicated to the Finalists at least 1 day before the day of the presentation by means of electronic communication using the e-mail addresses provided by the Participants.
- 7.** After all presentations are heard, the Jury will retire to select 3 best Participants who will be awarded prizes. The Jury will review each Participant individually, evaluating the presentation, the manner in which it was presented and its creativity, using a scale from 1 (the lowest mark) to 5 (the highest mark).
- 8.** The Jury's decision is final.
- 9.** Applying to take part in the Competition implies full acceptance of these Terms and Conditions and the decisions of the organisers and the Jury.

§ 7 Prizes and costs

- 1.** The winner of the first prize will be invited to attend the FBE Congress in Barcelona to be held on 30th May 2019 where he/she will receive a special prize from the FBE's board.
- 2.** The winners of the second and third place will receive their prizes from the co-organizers.
- 3.** The Wrocław Bar Association will cover the following costs:
 - the venue costs for the Competition, including office rooms with appropriate technical equipment;
 - catering, including lunch during the day of the Competition and dinner on Friday evening.
- 4.** Each Participant or its bar shall cover their costs associated with participation in the Competition, in particular the costs of travel and accommodation.

§ 8 Announcement of the results

- 1.** The Jury shall announce the results after the second stage has been completed.
- 2.** The results will be published in the communiques of the Wrocław Bar Association and the Hague Bar Association, as well through the information channels of the FBE.
- 3.** Each prize referred to in §7 of these Terms and Conditions may be awarded only to one Participant, unless the Jury decides otherwise.

§ 9 Contact details

Any questions concerning the Competition should be directed to:

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