

The FBE International Contract ONLINE Competition 2020



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS of the International Contract ONLINE 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 lawyers, appointed by the Co-organisers Bars, whose task is to select the Finalists of the Competition and the winners, who will be awarded the prizes in accordance with point 7 of these Terms and Conditions.
- 3) Finalists – means the people mentioned in point 6 of these Terms and Conditions.
- 4) Competition – means the “International Contract Online Competition”, coorganised by the Bilbao Bar Association and the Madrid Bar Association under the patronage of FBE.
- 5) Participant – shall mean any individual person or team who participates in the Competition in accordance with points 5 and 6 of these Terms and Conditions.

2. General overview of the Competition

The FBE International Contract Online Competition (the Competition) is an educational event in which young lawyers from different jurisdictions meet each other to simulate commercial contract case.

The basis for the Competition is a commercial contract case which contains a situation, focused on a digital business, concerning conditions of partners that would like to cooperate. Young lawyers (national “law firms” - “teams”) from different jurisdictions form teams and negotiate the contract.

The goals of the Competition include building relations between lawyers from different jurisdictions and enhancing international cooperation skills in the field of law.

The Competition consists of two rounds:

1. Case 1 (1st day of the Competition)
2. Case 2 (2nd day of the Competition)

3. Organizers

The Co-organisers are the Bilbao Bar Association and the Madrid Bar Association. The first prize will be awarded by the FBE.

4. Language of the Competition

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

5. Teams, application and participation

- The Competition is addressed to young lawyers from the FBE Members Bars.
- Each FBE Member Bar can send up several participants. The application shall be individual.
- The teams will be appointed by the Co-organisers Bars.
- The participants must be lawyers, attorneys at law, advocates or trainees under 35 years of age, admitted or called to one of the bar associations under the FBE.
- Applications for the Competition are to be filled on the official form and send via email to the Hosting Bar till 30th of September 2020, to Mrs. Begoña Angulo, e-mail address: cri@icasv-bilbao.com
- Participants will take part in the contest, however the Co-organisers Bars will make a selection to provide an international character to the Competition and form international negotiating teams.

6. Competition

Competition lasts 2 days. One contract case a day. The Co-organisers Bars will form teams into negotiating pairs. Each team will represent his client basing on the scenario presented in the case. The negotiation meetings will take place via online.

The course of the Competition:

6.1. The case

- Teams receive a case two weeks before the Competition. Teams are expected to prepare for the Competition “as it is in real life” and are only responsible for their preparation. At this stage, the participating Bars may provide for their participants educational and training support. The participating teams shall inform the judge regarding the preparation work and invite him/her to any international meeting organised and held by the team members.
- The case will have different information for each team (i.e. team A will be representing a software developer and their case will include important information concerning the developer; team B will be representing a startup and their case will include information concerning the startup).

6.2. The Competition days

- Teams meet their counterparts, negotiate and prepare final version of the contract.
- Each day teams will have 4 hours to negotiate and prepare final version of the contract.
- The goal for the teams for each day is to prepare and submit the contract. It is possible that not the whole contract is negotiated. In this case teams submit the part of a contract that was agreed by the time of the end of the Competition day.

6.3. Questions and interpretations of the case

- A case always leaves room for interpretation. Teams may interpret the case themselves but it is suggested to turn to a judge to solve raising questions.

6.4. Recording and transmission of the Competition

- The Competition may be recorded and used for educational purposes.

6.5. Judgement

- The Co-organisers Bars will provide judges.
- The Bar sending a participant may also appoint own judge (optional).
- Judges assess teams taking into account skills of teams' members that are important for international commercial lawyers.

6.6. The winners

- The winner of the Competition will be the teams, not individuals.

7. Prizes and costs

- The team winner of the first prize will be represented by one of its participants in the next FBE Congress where the winner will receive a special prize from the FBE's board.
- The Coorganisers Bars covers costs of:
 - ✓ Software infrastructure for the Competition.
 - ✓ Press service.
 - ✓ The President of Hosting Bar Award.
- Participating Bar covers:
 - ✓ Team preparation.

8. Announcement and costs

- The Jury shall announce the results after the second case has been completed.
- The results will be published in the communiques of the Bilbao Bar Association and the Madrid Bar Association, as well through the information channels of the FBE.
- Each prize referred to in point 7 of these Terms and Conditions may be awarded only to one Team, unless the Jury decides otherwise.

9. Contact details

Any questions concerning the Competition should be directed to Bilbao Bar Association, to to Mrs. Begoña Angulo. E-mail: cri@icasv-bilbao.com