

The FBE International Contract Competition 2020



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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 Bilbao Bar Association, 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 persons mentioned in point 6 of these Terms and Conditions.
- 4) Competition – means the “International Contract 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 (consisting of maximum 2 persons) 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 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 pairs 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 Competition will be held at the premises of the Bilbao Bar Association in Bilbao. The Coorganisers 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 presentations 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 to two teams.
- Each participating team consists of two young lawyers.
- 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 to the Hosting Bar till 20th of February 2020.
- The Competition may host up to 8 teams. Each Bar may send for the Competition up to two teams. First applying teams will take part in the contest, however the Hosting Bar may need to make a selection to provide international character of the Competition and form international negotiating pairs.

6. Competition

Competition lasts 2 days. One contract case a day. The Hosting Bar will form teams into negotiating pairs. Each team will represent his client basing on the scenario presented in the case.

The course of the Competition:

6.1. The case

- Teams receive a case 30 days 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 teams educational and training support.
- The case will have different informations for each team (i.e. team A will be representing a software developer and their case will include important informations concerning the developer; team B will be representing a startup and their case will include information concerning the startup).

6.2. The Competition days

- Team meets their counterpartners and 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 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. Materials admitted during the Competition

- Only competing teams work on the case.
- Participants may use only the resources that they brought with them, i.e. books, lawyers programs available on their laptop (wi-fi connection will be provided by the Hosting Bar).

6.5. Equipment

- Participants come with their own equipment they want to use (laptops, tablet, smartphones).
- The Competition teams are provided with wi-fi Internet access and printers for their disposal in the office.

6.6. Recording and transmission of the Competition

- The Competition may be recorded and used for educational purposes.
- The Internet transmission to other room where the public may watch negotiations may be available.

6.7. Judgement

- Panel of judges consists of up to 6 judges.
- The Coorganisers Bars will provide judges.
- The Bar sending a team may also appoint own judge (optional).
- Judges assess teams taking into account skills of teams' members that are important for international commercial lawyers.

6.8. The winners

- The winner of the Competition may be the team.

7. Prizes and costs

- The winner of the first prize will be invited to attend the FBE Congress in Paris to be held on 14-16th May 2020 where he/she will receive a special prize from the FBE's board.
- The Coorganisers Bars covers costs of:
 - ✓ Software infrastructure for the Competition.
 - ✓ Office rooms meeting technical requirements.
 - ✓ Catering during the Competition, including lunch and dinner on both days of the Competition.
 - ✓ Press service.
 - ✓ The President of Hosting Bar Award.
- Participating Bar covers:
 - ✓ Team preparation.
 - ✓ Travel of the team and appointed judge (if any).
 - ✓ Accommodation of the team and appointed judge (if any).

8. Announcement of the results

- 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 Mrs. Begoña Angulo. E-mail: cri@icasv-bilbao.com

Application Form

