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Young Lawyers Contest 2018

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6-7 September 2018**



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Aim of the contest

The contest will bring together young and newly-qualified lawyers to spotlight the importance of European law for their future legal practice.

In teams composed of contestants from different European countries, they will be challenged to apply their knowledge of European law in practical role-play scenarios. Under the watchful eye of a jury of leading European law practitioners, they will learn to work with peers from other legal cultures to build strong cases in areas as diverse as business law, criminal justice and human rights.

The contestants will be judged both on their knowledge of European law and on their advocacy skills in drafting written arguments, conducting negotiations and pleading before a judge.

The contest is an opportunity for national and regional Bars to encourage their young lawyers to get excited about European law and to learn how to use it to improve their day-to-day practice.

Format and award

The contest will consist of three rounds. A carefully selected jury will rank the teams after each round. Only the two best teams will go through to the third and final round.

All participants will receive membership of the Friends of ERA Association, giving them access to useful European law resources and a network of practitioners from across Europe.

The members of the winning team will receive a voucher for free participation in an ERA event of their choice, including the cost of travel and accommodation.

All participants will also receive a certificate which they can use to fulfil their required number of continuing training hours if their Bar permits.

The contest will be conducted in English. Participants should be able to use it as a working language.

Participation

The contest is open to trainee lawyers and newly qualified lawyers (in their first year after qualification) from the member Bars of the CCBE.

There will be eight teams, each of three contestants. Each participating Bar may register up to three contestants.

If a Bar wishes to register more than three contestants, these will be placed on a reserve list.

Registrations will be processed in the order of their arrival.

Fees and expenses

The participation fee per contestant is €640. This covers all accommodation and catering for contestants, as well as the organisational expenses.

Participating Bars will be asked to cover the travel costs of their participants.



Jury

Sir Nicholas Forwood QC, former Judge at the General Court of the European Union

Programme

Thursday, 6 September 2018

14:00 Opening & welcome

First round

14:15 Defence of teams' written reports (four parallel sessions)

16:15 Session ends

Second round

17:00 Distribution of case materials to the teams – preparation of negotiation exercise

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 7 September 2018

08:30 Negotiation exercise

10:00 Session ends

10:15 Announcement of teams for the final round – teams receive case file for final round

Third round

11:15 Oral pleadings

12:15 Questions by Jury and team members

12:45 Responses

13:15 Deliberation by Jury

13:30 Announcement of winning team and award

13:45 Lunch

Registration

Bars wishing to participate in the contest should inform the CCBE. The deadline to nominate contestants is **12 April 2018**.



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Key dates

12 April	Deadline for participating Bars to nominate contestants
30 April	Publication of the list of registered participants Team members put in contact
8 June	Teams receive task for first round of the contest
16 August	Deadline for the teams to submit their written report for the first round of the contest
6-7 Sept	Contest at ERA in Trier, Germany

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