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ESCL Essay Prize – Regulations

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Conditions for participation

1. Participants must be either young professionals or students. ‘Young professionals’ must be no more than 40 years old at the date of submission. There is no age limit for students, who must be registered with a university or professional institution.
2. A maximum of two co-authors is allowed for any essay.
3. Only papers concerning construction law will be considered. Construction law is widely defined to include the following subject areas, which are provided as examples, not as an exhaustive list:
 - Construction and engineering contracts;
 - Contract administration;
 - Procurement law;
 - PFI/PPP;
 - Professional liability of architects or engineers;
 - Building regulations and control;
 - Construction insurance;
 - Law relating to transfer of buildings and real estate;
 - Torts in construction;
 - Construction disputes and their avoidance/resolution including mediation, dispute boards, arbitration and litigation.
4. The essay must be submitted within the period 1 January to 1 July 2023, arriving before 17:00 on 1 July 2023 (see also clauses 8-11).
5. The essay must be written in English.
6. The maximum length of the essay is 5000 words, excluding references and footnotes/endnotes. Each entry must include an accurate word-count.
7. Participants are expected to have read the Statement on Ethics and Malpractice below.

Submission

8. The essay must be submitted within the period 1 January to 1 July 2022, arriving before 17:00 on 1 July 2022. They must be submitted by e-mail in a Microsoft Word Document. The essay should be sent to the secretary of the jury:

E.M. Bruggeman

Email: embruggeman@ibr.nl and info@ibr.nl

Hard copies will not be accepted. An acknowledgment of receipt of the entry will be sent within two working days.

9. The following information and documents should be provided together with the essay: the name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), email address(es) and dates of birth of the participants(s);
- If applicable, the name of the relevant study program, title of the thesis and date of graduation;
 - A form signed by the participant(s) accepting the conditions for participation. This form can be found below.
10. Essays submitted without the required information (clause 9) will not be considered.
11. The secretary of the jury will send an anonymous version of the essay to the members of the jury.

Evaluation criteria

12. In assessing the scientific quality of the essay the jury will evaluate the following aspects of the essay:
- Originality of the topic;
 - Approach/quality of analysis;
 - Approach/quality of presentation;
 - Interest to construction law and construction professions;
 - Connection with either European law or with the law of more than one European country.
13. If only one part of the essay concerns construction law, the jury will evaluate only that specific part.
14. The report of the jury will be published on the occasion of the awarding ceremony.
15. There will be no correspondence concerning the jury's decision.

Jury

16. The jury is chaired by the President of the ESCL who will appoint two other members of the jury.
17. The secretary of the jury is E.M. Bruggeman.
18. If the jury considers a jury consisting of more than three persons appropriate, the jury can decide to enlarge the jury in that year.
19. Previous to the evaluation the jury will not be informed about the mark the essay received.
20. A member of the jury whose relative wants to submit an essay will withdraw from the jury.

Prize

21. The first prize will be awarded with € 2.500,-.
22. The second prize will be awarded with € 1.000,-.
23. If the second prize is given to two participants, they will receive € 500,-- each.
24. In addition, the jury may award (a) Commendation(s).
25. The winners may be invited to submit a (modified) version of their essay for publication to the editorial board of the International Construction Law Review.
26. The jury reserves the right not to award all or any of the prizes.

Final provision

27. In cases not covered by these rules, the chair of the jury decides.

Statement on Ethics and Malpractice

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The Entry must meet the requirements for editing. The essay submitted must comply with the requirements for writing under the Author Guidelines for European Society of Construction Law Essay prize.

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Sources of financial support

Sources of any financial support for research used in an essay (grants, scholarships etc.) should be mentioned in the paper in a footnote on the first page.

Submission of an essay to other institutions/publications

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ESCL Essay Prize - Form of acceptance

Herewith we/I accept to have read the Statement on Ethics and Malpractice concerning the ESCL Essay Prize and agree to its provisions and to all the rules of the Competition.

Name:

Signature:

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Signature:

Date:

