



# ELI YOUNG LAWYERS AWARD RULES

## 1. Purpose

The ELI Young Lawyers' Award is an award, launched by the European Law Institute (ELI) in 2016. The goal of this award is to provide the young legal community with a mechanism to propose practical suggestions for the improvement of European law, as a way of giving voice to the future legal experts and to help the ELI in fulfilling its core mission of improving the quality of European law. The award is supported by the ELI and other appropriate participating institutions.

## 2. Applicants

The following are eligible to submit entries:

- Individuals currently undertaking a university law degree, whether undergraduate or postgraduate; or
- Individuals who are within five years of being awarded a law degree at the date by which entries must be submitted.

Where queries concerning eligibility arise, the decision of the ELI is final.

## 3. Contribution

Candidates must submit a unique and original paper which was not previously published and which deals with a European legal issue that could be improved. Joint submissions, by the means of co-authorship of up to two applicants, are also accepted. The contribution has to be submitted in English. The submission shall contain:

1. A completed application form and signed permission slip, which are both available on the ELI website;
2. A paper containing at least the following:
  - a. Executive summary that is a concise and accurate summary of the main conclusions of the paper with a maximum of 300 words;
  - b. Table of contents displaying the headings and sub-headings of the main body and their respective page numbers;
  - c. Main body of the **paper with a maximum of 2.500 words, identifying a problem or a possibility for improvement of an indicated field of the law in Europe and analysing one or more possible solutions**, and normally including a brief introduction and conclusions;
  - d. List of abbreviations (if needed);
  - e. A bibliography including all work cited and all legislative instruments and judgments referenced.

It is essential that all sources and authorities are cited in accordance with principles of good scientific practice and following the most recent version of the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). The current, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, is available here:

[https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola\\_4th\\_edn\\_hart\\_2012.pdf](https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf)

By entering your submission you agree to an automatised plagiarism check, as a result of which ELI and the University of Vienna will store a copy of the submission.

#### **4. Style**

All contributions shall be submitted in an A4 format with standard margins (2,5 cm). Page numbers should be displayed throughout the document in the bottom center. The font shall be Calibri, font size 11, and 1,5 pt line spacing.

Headings shall be used throughout the submission and be generated automatically with the 'Heading' function in a word processor. Headings should be numbered (ie 1., 1.1., 2.). Second and third level headings might be used, if needed.

All footnotes shall be in font size 10 with 1 pt line spacing.

#### **5. Jury**

The Jury of the ELI Young Lawyers' Award is comprised of representatives of the ELI and other appropriate participating institutions. It is selected by the ELI Executive Committee every two years.

The Jury will select the winning paper based on the following criteria: the strength of the legal analysis, novelty and innovation as well as the relevance of the topic. It goes without saying that an acceptable level of linguistic and editorial quality is expected.

#### **6. Prize**

The winning paper will be published in the ELI Newsletter and on the ELI website. Best efforts will be made to get the paper published in UNIDROIT's Uniform Law Review, an Oxford University Press Journal.

The winner(s) will be invited to present their paper at the ELI Annual Conference at the expense of the award's sponsor, Interleges (accommodation and travel expenses up to EUR 750 will be covered). In addition, the winner(s) will receive a EUR 750 cash prize, five years of free ELI membership and will be offered a paid internship (up to three months) at a law firm affiliated with Interleges.

In the case of a joint submission of co-authors the prize will be split. The co-authors' travel expenses and accommodation will be covered up to the above-mentioned sum. The cash prize will also be split by two. Both winning contributors will be awarded 2.5 years free ELI fellowship.