

Terms and Conditions of the International LegalTech Competition "AI-Powered Legal Practice"

§1 Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meaning:

a) FBE – the European Bars Federation (Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe);

b) Competition – the International LegalTech Competition "AI-Powered Legal Practice" organized by the FBE New Technologies Commission;

c) Participant – an individual or a team of individuals (consisting of maximum three persons) who takes part in the Competition in accordance with §§ 3-4 of these Terms and Conditions;

d) Finalist - a Participant selected in accordance with § 4 of the Terms and Conditions.

§ 2 Purpose of the Competition

1. The FBE New Technologies Commission acknowledges the increasing importance of new technologies and artificial intelligence in our democratic societies and the potential benefits when it is fully used at the service of the quality and efficiency of justice.

2. The purpose of the Competition is to increase awareness and encourage innovative thinking among lawyers on topics such as the implementation of modern technologies into legal services and exploring innovative areas at the junction of law and artificial intelligence.

3. Given the above purposes, Participants are encouraged to present projects that take into consideration not only theoretical possibilities of the use of new technologies in legal services (i.e. theories on the legal implications of the use of AI), but also practical consequences of such phenomena for society and even technical implementations opportunities in this field.

§ 3 Requirements regarding Participants and their projects

1. The Competition will be conducted in English. The presentations submitted shall be made in English.

2. The Participant shall be an individual or a team of up to three individuals. The individual or at least one member of a team shall be a lawyer representing a Bar Association associated within the FBE; the remaining team members may be IT specialists, programmers, UX experts, university students or representatives of other areas. There is no age limitation.

3. The Participants shall submit their presentations in a non-editable PDF format.

4. The presentations shall be anonymized, i.e. no name or logo can be visible in any part of the presentation.

5. There is no limit as to a number of pages/slides that can be submitted at the first stage of the Competition. Participants must be aware that, in case their project is selected for the second stage of the Competition, they will be required to make an oral presentation not exceeding 15 minutes, using the same PDF file submitted at the first stage of the Competition.

§ 4 Competition

 The Competition consists of two stages.
During the first stage, the Participants shall submit their presentations on the topic "AI-Powered Legal Practice". The project shall focus on the use of AI and its impact on legal services, with particular emphasis on the practical (current or future) aspect of such use within the legal sector. The project may involve an already existing or underway technological solution or the legal implications of AI, as long as this affects (or will affect in the foreseeable future) the way legal services are provided.

3. At the first stage of the Competition Participants are required to send a presentation by 31 March 2024 together with an application form attached as appendix no 1 to the following email address: mdymitruk@oirp.wroclaw.pl.

4. By 15 April 2024, the jury shall select a maximum of 10 finalists ("Finalists") who will take part in the second stage of the Competition. By 30 April 2024 the jury shall inform the Participants, by means of electronic communication, of the outcome of the first stage by sending the information to the email address provided by the Participant.

5. The second stage of the Competition will take place at the The Biscay Bar Association (Bilbao, Spain). The exact date will be announced later.

6. During the second stage of the Competition, the Finalists will present the topic to the jury. The presentation time will not exceed 15 minutes. The Jury may ask the Finalists questions regarding their respective presentations.

7. The second stage of the Competition will take place in front of the public.

8. The order of presentations will be chosen at random and communicated to the Finalists at least one day before the day of the presentation by means of electronic communication to the email addresses provided by the Finalists.

9. After the presentations are heard, the jury will retire to select the best Finalist who will be awarded a prize as set out in § 5 hereof. The jury will review each Finalist individually, evaluating the presentation, the manner in which it was presented and the creativity of the presented idea, using a scale from 1 (the lowest mark) to 5 (the highest mark).

10. The jury will announce the results once the second stage of the Competition has been completed. The jury's decision is final. The results will be published online.

11. By submitting the presentation for the Competition the Participant fully accepts the Terms and Conditions and the decisions of the organizers and the jury.

§ 5 Prizes and costs

1. The winner will be invited to attend one of the next FBE Congresses where he/she/them will be required to give a presentation to receive a dedicated prize from the FBE's board.

2. Prize may be awarded only to one Participant unless the jury decides otherwise.

3. Each Participant or its Bar will cover their costs connected with participation in the Competition.

§ 6 Contact details:

Any questions concerning the Competition should be directed to the organizer: the FBE New Technologies Commission (email of the President of the Commission: mdymitruk@oirp.wroclaw.pl).