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Young Lawyers' Writing Competition

Organised by the IBA Communications Law Committee, on the occasion of the conference of the 20th Annual Communications and Competition Law Conference, to be held in Florence on 18 and 19 May 2009.

Introduction

The Communications Law Committee of the International Bar Association is again running its special project for young lawyers: the 7th Communications Law Committee Young Lawyers' Writing Competition. For this competition lawyers up to and including the age of 35 are asked to submit a short paper on one of the topics described below, of their free choice.

Rules for Participation

- (1) The Young Lawyers' Writing Competition is free to enter. It is open to lawyers up to and including the age of 35 whether or not they are members of the IBA. Winners of previous editions of the Young Lawyers' Writing Competition promoted by the IBA are not entitled to participate.

Papers shall be based on one of the following topics:

- The challenges involving the regulatory environment for Next Generation Access Networks;
- Perspectives on mobile regulatory issues.

Papers must be original, unpublished works. They will not be under consideration for any commercial contract by any publishing house. The author is warranting his or her unrestricted copyright to the paper submitted.

- (2) Participation with a pen name will be permitted, provided that an operative contact and a valid address are provided for a term until 30 June 2009. If authors using pen names are chosen as finalists, they will be required to prove their identity, age and qualification as a lawyer. If these requirements are not met, the candidate will automatically fail. Submissions with pen names will in any case need to be disclosed by all participants once the winner has been chosen, at the request of the judging committee. Pen names are mandated for lawyers working in the law firms of the members of the judging committee, i.e. Allen & Overy, Jones Day, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Kraatz & Kraatz, and Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice Advogados.
- (3) In the case of papers submitted under a pen name, the e-mail address or any other reference of the sender shall not disclose the real details of the participant. In the case of e-mail addresses, for example, this can be achieved by using free e-mail services.
- (4) Joint submissions will be permitted. In this case, the prize will have to be split amongst the joint participants in a way they consider appropriate. In any event, both participants must meet the requirements set out in these rules.
- (5) Papers must be sent by e-mail, preferably as Word documents or in PDF format, to the following five recipients:
 - Bernard Amory, Jones Day, Brussels, bamory@jonesday.com
 - Peter Eijssvoogel, Allen & Overy, Amsterdam, peter.eijssvoogel@allenoverly.com
 - Klaus J Kraatz, Kraatz & Kraatz, Kronberg, kjk@kraatz.com
 - Camila Borba Lefevre, Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice Advogados, São Paulo, clefevre@mmso.com.br
 - Almudena Arpon de Mendivil, Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Madrid, aam@gomezacebo-pombo.com
- (6) Papers are to be written in English and should be between 3,000 and 5,500 words. The text should be double-spaced. Each paper must contain the author's name, or the author's pen name, and a valid contact address on the front page.
- (7) Papers must be submitted and received by 1 April 2009. Papers received after this time will not be considered.



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- (8) The judging committee will consist of former Chairs of the IBA Communications Law Committee: Bernard Amory, Peter Eijvoogel, Klaus J Kraatz, Camila Borba Lefevre and Almudena Arpon de Mendivil. They will judge the papers on the basis of legal argumentation, research, style, logic, originality and overall quality of the content. An international, rather than a strict domestic, approach will be appreciated.
- (9) It is planned that the judging committee will communicate its decision to the winner and possibly any additional finalists between 1 and 10 May 2009 along with a request for their identification as per rule 4 and 5.
- (10) The winner will be announced to the public at the IBA conference to be held in Florence in May 2009. The decision of the judging committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website. Winners will be contacted at the e-mail address indicated by them on the paper. They will be requested to provide a biographical note giving details of their legal career, studies and professional appointments.
- (11) The prize for the winning paper is as follows:
 - Free registration for the Communications and Competition Law Conference of the IBA to be held in May 2009 in Florence, Italy (including lunch and dinner).
 - Up to €800 to cover travel expenses and hotel fees (or part thereof). This sum will be paid once the winner gives sufficient detail to the IBA on how this will be allocated.
 - The chance to present the paper during the conference.
- (12) The IBA Communications Law Committee has the right to publish a selection of the papers submitted, including but not limited to the winning paper (either the full text or extracts thereof) up to 18 months after the competition has ended; this includes but is not limited to the publication in the conference documentation and/or on the IBA website and/or in the IBA Communications Law Committee Newsletter and/or other IBA publications. In any event, the name of the author will be indicated appropriately. Authors shall include a biographical note giving details of their legal career, studies and professional appointments. Papers received that are not in this form may not be considered.
- (13) Each participant may only submit one paper. Employees of the IBA or officers of any IBA committee are excluded from the competition.
- (14) The IBA, its Communications Law Committee, the judging Committee and the organisers of the competition are not responsible for the loss, damage or non-arrival of any paper, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of any paper.
- (15) Participants will be expected to have read and accepted all the above rules.

Additional information is available from Camila Borba Lefevre, Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice Advogados, São Paulo,
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