

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, 4th edition, is available here: https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf

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.

6. Prize

The awarded candidate(s) will be invited to present their paper in front of the Jury in the course of the ELI Annual Conference.

In addition, the winning contribution will be published on the ELI website and its author(s) will be awarded a EUR 500 cash prize as well as two years of free ELI membership, which will allow them to be involved in Special Interest Groups, present project proposals and participate in the Members Consultative Committees of the different ELI projects.

The ELI and sponsors will further cover their accommodation and travel expenses up to EUR 1.000. This will provide the winner(s) with an opportunity to meet and greet some of the world's leading law experts and exchange ideas with them.

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 with a one year free ELI fellowship.