EUROPEAN BARS FEDERATION

2025 INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT COMPETITION

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Organized by the FBE Legal Education Commission and the FBE Arbitration Commission ("Organizing Commissions").

Supported by the Palermo Bar Association, Madrid Bar Association and Bilbao Bar Association, and ("Co-organisers Bars").

Terms and Conditions of the International Contract Competition

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE FBE INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT COMPETITION

The FBE International Contract Competition is an educational event in which young lawyers from different jurisdictions meet each other to negotiate international contracts.

On this occasion, in the frame of an arbitration proceeding, two parties enter into negotiations regarding the conditions of the contracts, which are object of the dispute, to try to settle the dispute. Young lawyers from different jurisdictions will form teams to re-negotiate the terms of the litigious contracts.

The goals of the Competition include building relations between lawyers from different jurisdictions and enhancing international cooperation skills in the field of law.

1. DEFINITIONS

The terms set out below shall have the following meaning:

1) FBE – means the European Bars Federation ("Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe").
2) Competition – means the International Contract Competition, co-organized by the Organizing Commissions and Co-organisers Bars.
3) Jury – means a committee of lawyers, appointed by the Co-organisers Bars, whose task is to select the finalists and winners of the Competition, who will be awarded the prizes in accordance with point 5 of these Terms and Conditions.
5) Participating Bars – Bars who are FBE members and wish to participate in the Competition.
6) Participant – young lawyers who are members of the Participating Bars.

2.LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition will be conducted in English. The negotiations shall be carried out in English.

3.PARTICIPANTS, TEAMS, AND APPLICATION

The Participants must be lawyers, attorneys-at-law, advocates or trainees **under 35 years of age**, and members of any of the Participant Bars.

Each Participating Bar can send up several participants. The applications shall be individual.

The teams will be formed by the Organizing Commissions and the Co-organizer Bars, based on the number of participants sent by the Participant Bars. Teams can be formed by Participants from the same or different Participating Bars. Each team will represent its client based on the scenario presented in the case.

Applications for the Competition are to be filled out on the official form and send via email, **by 20 January 2025**, to the Madrid Bar Association, (internacional@icam.madrid), to the Palermo Bar Association (mcalantropo@gmail.com)

4.COMPETITION

The competition will last 2 days. One negotiation case a day.

1. Negotiation 1 (1st day of the Competition),
2. Negotiation 2 (2nd day of the Competition).

The Competition will take place at the Ordem dos Advogados de Portugal (Lisbon).
The course of the Competition will be as follows:

a) The case
Teams will receive the cases on 26 January 2024. Teams are expected to prepare for the Competition "as it is in real life" and are only responsible for their preparation. At this stage, the Participating Bars may provide their participants with educational and training support.

The case will have different information for each team, based on the procedural position.

b) The Competition days
Teams will meet their counter partners, re-negotiate the contracts and prepare the final version of the settle agreements.
Each day, teams will have 4 hours to negotiate the contracts and prepare the final version of the settle agreements.
The team's goal for each day is to prepare and submit a settle agreement. It is possible that not the whole contract is negotiated. In this case, teams submit the part of a contract that was agreed upon by the time of the end of the Competition Day.

c) Questions and interpretations of the case
A case always leaves room for interpretation. Teams may interpret the case themselves, but it is suggested to turn to the Jury members to solve raising questions.

d) Recording and transmission of the Competition
The Competition may be recorded and used for educational purposes.

e) Jury
The Jury consists of 3-5 members, depending on the number of Participants.
The Co-organisers Bars will provide Jury members for the Competition.
Jury members will assess teams considering the skills that are important for international commercial lawyers.

f) The winners
The winner of the Competition will be a team, not the individuals.

5. PRIZES AND COSTS

5.1. The winning team will receive an award at the end of the Competition.

5.2. The Co-organisers Bars cover the costs of:

- Meals and leisure activities carried out during the Competition.
- Delivery of diplomas to all Participants.

5.3. Participating Bar (or the Participants themselves) cover the cost of:

- Hotels and flights of their Participants
- Team preparation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS

6.1. The Jury shall announce the results after the second case has been completed.

6.2. The results will be published on the website and social media of the FBE.

7.CONTACT DETAILS

Any questions concerning the Competition should be directed to:

- Madrid Bar Association: internacional@icam.madrid
- Palermo Bar Association: mcalantropo@gmail.com
- Bilbao Bar Association: cri@icasv-bilbao.com

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Application Form

The Bar	
Participating Bar	
Contact Person in the Bar	
Phone (international format)	
E-mail	
The Participant	
Participant	
Phone	
E-mail	
Professional Card Number	
Additional Notes Please tell us about your motivation to participate in the competition.	

The participant will send the application to the FBE Legal Education Commission (internacional@icam.madrid) and the FBE Arbitration Commission (mcalantropo@gmail.com) and put in copy the Bilbao Bar Association (internacional@icabizkaia.eus) and to the bar association of membership, **before 14:00 PM (CET) Monday 20 January 2025**.