

JACQUES LASSIER PRIZE RULES

To honour the memory of one of its former chairmen, Jacques LASSIER, Lawyer at the Bar of Paris, the International League of Competition Law (hereafter “LIDC”) has organised a competition to encourage writtenworks on the subject of competition law and especially doctoral theses.

ARTICLE 1 THE COMPETITION AND THE PRIZE

Every two (2) years the LIDC awards the sum of EURO **2,000**, which is known as the “Jacques Lassier Prize”(hereafter the “Prize”), to a piece of written work on the subject of competition law (anti-trust law and unfair commercial practices law including unfair competition law and intellectual property) from residents in a State represented by a national group within the LIDC, or by individual members of the LIDC.

Applicants must send to the following addresses by electronic means (info@ligue.org; murielle.chagny@uvsq.fr; jules.stuyck@kuleuven.be) their application **from 1st April 2026 until 15 May 2026**. Their application file shall include : a letter stating in particular their contact details (electronic and postal addresses, telephone number), an electronic version of their doctoral thesis in PDF format, a summary of the thesis of at least fifteen pages in English and in another language of the LIDC, the official transcript, when one has been made, two letters of recommendation from academic personalities other than those sitting on the Lassier Prize’s jury.

The jury may ask applicants to send two copies of their works in paper format, with it being clear that the received works will not be returned to the authors, and remain the LIDC’s property.

As far as possible, no Prize is granted *ex aequo*, but exceptionally, the Prize can be shared out. The jury may decide to award a special mention, which is not accompanied by the payment of any prize. The jury also reserves the right not to award the Prize.

ARTICLE 2 WORKS SUBMITTED

Dissertations defended between **1st January 2024 and 31 December 2025** are allowed to compete. The Prize may be awarded to an unpublished or already published work. However, if a thesis has been published and it has incorporated changes suggested by the jury, then it is the version initially submitted to the jury that must be sent in the application for the Prize. The author of the work must be a private individual.

“Dissertation” is taken to mean a work corresponding to academic requirements (bibliography, footnotes etc.) of a significant length (at least 200 pages) and requiring at least two years of research work.

The works submitted must be written in one of the national languages of the LIDC member states. In any case, the candidate must also submit a summary of his/her thesis, of at least fifteen pages, in English and another official language of the LIDC.

ARTICLE 3

JURY

To award this Prize, the LIDC Council will appoint a jury consisting of at least three (3) members of different nationalities, chaired by an academic.

In the case of works submitted in a language not spoken by any member of the jury, the jury may, with due authorisation by the LIDC Chairman, allow itself to be advised by a member of the LIDC who does speak this language. This person does not take part in the vote.

If one of the members of the jury has been a thesis director or member of the candidate's thesis defence jury, he or she cannot take part in the evaluations and deliberations concerning this candidate.

ARTICLE 4

OBLIGATIONS OF THE WINNER

The winner of the Prize undertakes to be present at the prize-giving ceremony and at any events organised by the LIDC to promote the prize and the prize-winners. In particular, the winner may be asked to speak at a conference or webinar organised by or with the LIDC on a subject related to that of the winning thesis.

By submitting the work, the applicant(s) will declare that in the event of winning the Prize, he/she consents to publish the work on the LIDC's website, or if granting such a licence is not possible then to publish a summary of the work's conclusions on LIDC website.

In case of any publication of the work, the winner of the Prize will take the necessary steps to ensure that the publication contains the reference that the author was awarded with the Jacques Lassier Prize by the LIDC.

More generally, the winner(s) undertake that the presentation of the work at conferences, colloquia and in scientific publications will state the Lassier Prize.

The winner(s) authorise the LIDC to use their contact details and images in the course of LIDC's communication actions regarding the Lassier Prize, without giving right to any benefit, financial or otherwise, outside the delivery of the prize.

ARTICLE 5

DEFICIENCIES AND DISPUTES

The LIDC Council will resolve at its own discretion any matter for which no provision has been made above, and which could arise regarding the competition's rules.

ARTICLE 6
APPLICATION

The LIDC Council has adopted these rules and they cancel and replace any previous texts.