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LAWard 2024***



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As an international corporate law firm, CERHA HEMPEL aims to support high-quality education and practical legal training and to support those students and graduates who have shown themselves to be particularly gifted and talented individuals.

To promote the academic activities of those studying Austrian, European and international corporate law, CERHA HEMPEL in cooperation with the business law programme at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (*WU Wien*) presents the CERHA HEMPEL Best Thesis Award (the **LAWard 2024**) – with a total prize fund of up to **EUR 5,000** – to undergraduate and master's students who have written **truly exceptional dissertations** on a subject relating to corporate law and to one graduate of a PhD in law programme whose thesis has been judged to be of exceptional quality.

Prizes will be awarded by a jury consisting of academics and legal practitioners, in the following three categories:

Undergraduate dissertation
Master's dissertation
PhD thesis

Prizes:

Undergraduate dissertation	EUR 750.00 (awarded in respect of two dissertations)
Master's dissertation	EUR 1,500.00 (awarded in respect of one dissertation)
PhD thesis	EUR 2,000.00 (awarded in respect of one thesis)

Entries for the LAWard 2024 can be submitted from now **until 31 October 2024** (date of the postmark). An expert panel of judges consisting of representatives drawn from the fields of academia and practice will decide on the awarding of cash prizes.

Facultas Verlags- und Buchhandels AG is supporting the LAWard 2024 by agreeing to publish the winning PhD thesis and by providing book vouchers.

Conditions of participation:

Applicants must be students or graduates of the **business law program of the Vienna University of Economics and Business or of a doctoral program of an Austrian faculty of law**. Both undergraduate dissertations, master's dissertations and PhD theses from one of the aforementioned fields of study that have been awarded a "Good" or "Very Good" grade at the time of their entry may be submitted; the date of the last assessment may not be before 30 June 2023.

If the dissertation or thesis has also been submitted for or has already been awarded other prizes, this must be stated in the application letter.

Entries that treat areas of business law may be submitted, for instance:

- Employment law
- Banking and finance
- Corporate law
- Trade law and arbitration
- Capital markets law
- Real estate law
- Media and telecommunications law, and IP law
- Eastern European law
- Public commercial and European law
- Civil law and civil procedural law
- White collar crime

Entries must be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope (they do not need to be hardbound, but please no loose sheets) and must be received by CERHA HEMPEL by no later than 31 October 2024 (date of the postmark):

CERHA HEMPEL
Human Resources
Parkring 2
1010 Vienna

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The following documents must be enclosed (in two copies, except for the contact information):

- A brief resume of the author
- Up-to-date contact details
- Assessment of the work/certificate or diploma (a copy will suffice)
- Short summary of the main arguments underpinning the work submitted (max. 3 pages)

In addition, the following documents must be submitted electronically to golegal@cerhahempel.com:

- A brief resume of the author
- Up-to-date contact details
- Assessment of the work/certificate or diploma
- Short summary of the main arguments underpinning the work submitted (max. 3 pages)

An expert panel of judges will decide on the awarding of cash prizes. The cash prize will be divided among several applicants and will be awarded in January 2025. The decision of the jury is final and not subject to any appeal, including before the courts. For organisational reasons, the works submitted cannot be returned.

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