

Competition Rules
for the Wardyński & Partners Prize for the best master's thesis
on the law of antitrust, unfair competition or intellectual property
(the "Rules")

§ 1
General provisions

1. The organiser of the Competition for the Wardyński & Partners Prize (the "**Competition**") is the law firm of Wardyński & Partners [Wardyński i Wspólnicy sp.k.] with its registered office in Warsaw (the "**Organiser**").
2. The aim of the Competition is to:
 - a) promote the growth of scholarship on the law of antitrust, unfair competition and intellectual property, and
 - b) support authors of master's theses in the aforementioned areas of law by selecting and rewarding the best master's thesis addressing these topics.
3. The Competition will be held at least once every four years.
4. These Rules set forth the rules and method of organisation of the Competition.
5. The Rules will be posted in Polish and English on the website www.wardynski.com.pl.

§ 2
Subject of Competition

1. The subject of the Competition is to select from among works submitted to the Organiser the best master's thesis on the law of antitrust, unfair competition, and intellectual property.
2. Master's theses addressing the aforementioned legal issues which:
 - a) were defended with a result of at least "very good," no earlier than 2023,
 - b) have received at least two written, favourable reviews from a person holding a doctorate or higher degree, a public official, or a member of the judiciary,
 - c) are written in Polish or English, and
 - d) are at least 80 pages long(**"Competition Works"**) are eligible for submission to the Competition.

§ 3
Conditions for participation in the Competition

1. The Competition is open to authors of master's theses regardless of where the work was written or published.
2. The following persons cannot participate in the Competition:
 - a) persons in an employment relationship or other similar factual or legal relationship with the Organiser,

- b) members of the Competition Committee.
- 3. Competition Works written by no more than two authors may be submitted in the Competition.
- 4. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and free of charge.
- 5. A condition for participation in the Competition is to make a submission in accordance with §4 of these Rules.

§ 4

Submission to Competition

- 1. Submissions for participation in the Competition will be accepted in electronic form at the e-mail address and at the times indicated on the Organiser's website.
- 2. A submission for participation in the Competition will be deemed properly made upon transmission on time, to the address indicated in par. 1, of the following documents:
 - a) Competition Work in a PDF file, and
 - b) two reviews of the Competition Work in separate PDF files.
- 3. Submissions shall be sent to the e-mail address konkurs.magisterski@wardynski.com.pl, indicating the title of the Competition Work and the author's name, e-mail address and telephone number. The word "Konkurs" or "Competition" should be included in the subject line of the e-mail.
- 4. Incomplete submissions will not take part in the Competition. An erroneous or incomplete submission may be corrected only once, within the time indicated by the Organiser.

§ 5

Competition Committee

- 1. Competition Works qualifying for the Competition will be assessed by a committee of lawyers specialising in the aforementioned areas of law (the "**Competition Committee**").
- 2. The selection of the best Competition Work shall be made through a discussion among at least half of all members of the Competition Committee.
- 3. The Competition Committee may decide to award the prize to more than one Competition Work.
- 4. Members of the Competition Committee shall refrain from discussion and assessment of Competition Works for which they are advisers or reviewers or as to which they issued a review or recommendation for purposes of the Competition.
- 5. The decision of the Competition Committee on selection of the best Competition Work shall be final and unappealable.
- 6. The Competition Committee may decide not to award the prize, in which case the Competition Committee shall justify that decision.

§ 6

Course of the Competition

The Competition shall comprise the following stages:

- a) Stage I:
 - i. formal assessment of competition submissions and their completeness, and qualification of Competition Works for the Competition,
 - ii. notification of submitters of qualification or non-qualification for the Competition, including the grounds for non-qualification;
- b) Stage II: substantive assessment of Competition Works;
- c) Stage III: discussion of Competition Works and selection of the best Competition Work by the Competition Committee.

§ 7

Announcement of Competition results

1. The results of the Competition will be announced at the times indicated on the Organiser's website.
2. The Organiser will notify the Competition participants and the winner(s) of the Competition of the time and place for the ceremonial closing of the Competition and award of the prize(s).

§ 8

Prize

1. The author(s) of the best Competition Work will be awarded the prize" (the "**Prize**"). The Prize is monetary.
2. In the case of awarding more than one Competition Work, the Prize shall be divided within the discretion of the Competition Committee.
3. If more than one person is entitled to receive the Prize, the Prize shall be divided within the discretion of the Competition Committee.
4. Within 14 days after announcement of the results of the Competition, the winner of the Prize must provide the Organiser electronically information about the bank account to which the Prize should be transferred.
5. The Organiser shall transfer the Prize to the indicated bank account within 30 days after receipt of the winner's bank account number.
6. If the Organiser or any member of the Competition Committee receives substantiated information before or after award of the Prize indicating that a Competition Work infringes the law, the Organiser has a right to withhold awarding or delivering the Prize until the doubts are resolved. Following verification and confirmation of such information by the Competition Committee, the Organiser shall have the right to:
 - a) refuse to award the Prize to the given participant and award it to another Competition participant,
 - b) decide not to award the Prize in the Competition,
 - c) demand return of the Prize already awarded.

§ 9
Copyright

1. The Organiser undertakes to respect the author's moral rights.
2. The author of the Competition Work shall bear full liability to the Organiser and third parties if a submitted Competition Work infringes rights, particularly copyright or personal interests of third parties.

§ 10
Personal data

The personal data of the author of a Competition Work will be processed by the Organiser under the rules set forth in the "Informational clause for authors of Competition Works," set forth as Enclosure no. 1 to these Rules.

§ 11
Concluding provisions

1. If a participant in the Competition violates these Rules, the Organiser may exclude the participant from the Competition.
2. Matters not addressed in these Rules shall be governed by the Act on Copyright and Related Rights of 4 February 1994, the Civil Code, and other relevant provisions of Polish law.
3. The Organiser reserves the right to amend these Rules; provided, however, that such amendment shall not infringe the vested rights of participants in the Competition and shall be causally connected with the following valid grounds justifying amendment of the Rules:
 - a) the need to adjust the Rules to comply with applicable law or judicial decisions,
 - b) material organisational changes on the part of the Organiser
 - c) the need to streamline or improve the rules for organising the Competition in order to more effectively fulfil its purposes.
4. The Organiser will notify participants in the Competition of any amendments via the Organiser's website.
5. These Rules shall enter into force on 8 November 2024.

Enclosures:

1. Informational clause for authors of Competition Works

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1. Controller of personal data

The controller of your personal data is Wardyński i Wspólnicy sp.k. with its registered office in Warsaw ("we," "us"). You may contact us as follows:

- by post: Wardyński i Wspólnicy sp.k., Al. Ujazdowskie 10, 00-478 Warsaw, Poland
- by e-mail: [...]

2. Purposes for processing and legal basis for processing

We will process your personal data in order to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct the Competition, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assessing the Competition Work submitted by you○ Notifying you of the results of the Competition, and the time and place for ceremonial closing of the Competition and awarding of the prize(s)○ Public announcement of the results of the Competition○ Payment of the prize to your account if you win the Competition.	The legal basis for processing is our legitimate interest of ensuring the possibility of taking part in the Competition and complying with our obligations arising out of the public undertaking described in the Rules.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comply with our legal obligations, arising in particular out of tax and accounting regulations and regulations governing the operations of the Organiser.	The legal basis of the processing is the necessity to comply with a legal obligation on the part of the controller.

3. Period of retention of personal data

We will retain your personal data for the period of conducting the Competition and through the limitations period for claims arising out of the Competition (public undertaking).

We will retain your personal data processed for the purpose of compliance with a legal obligation, for the period necessary to comply with our legal obligations arising under tax or accounting regulations.

4. Recipients of data

We will provide your data to members of the Competition Committee and authorised persons involved in conducting the Competition. We may also provide your data to our suppliers we hire to perform services related to processing of personal data, such as providers of IT services. Such entities will process data on the basis of a contract with us and only in accordance with our instructions.

5. Your rights related to processing of personal data

You have the following rights related to processing of personal data:

- The right to object to processing of your data on grounds relating to your particular situation
- The right to access your personal data
- The right to demand rectification of your personal data
- The right to demand erasure of your personal data
- The right to restrict processing of your personal data.

To exercise the foregoing rights, contact us by e-mail or post (contact details in point 1).

Right to object

Because we are processing your data on the basis of our legitimate interest, you have the right to object to processing of data on grounds relating to your particular situation.

Right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority for protection of personal data, i.e. the President of the Personal Data Protection Office.

6. Obligation to provide data

Providing personal data is voluntary but necessary to take part in the Competition and to enable the Organiser to notify the winners of award of prizes. Insofar as it involves compliance with the obligation to withhold advances against income tax on prizes awarded to the winner, provision of data is obligatory under the Personal Income Tax Act.

7. Cookies

The Organiser's website (wardynski.com.pl) processes information in cookie files under the rules set forth at <https://wardynski.com.pl/cookies>.