THE ECTA AWARD 2020 - STUDENT CATEGORY

ECTA, the European Communities Trade Mark Association, is a non-governmental association that unites members coming from all European Union Member States with associate members from all over the world. The powerful network of members consists of professionals with a practical knowledge in trade marks, in particular, lawyers, trade mark advisors, trade mark attorneys, in-house counsel and others who can be considered specialist practitioners in these areas. The diverse character and makeup of its international membership and its strong link to many European Institutions makes ECTA uniquely suited among associations to foster and encourage further academic research and examination of trade marks and trade mark law in different European countries.

In order to further strengthen the cooperation and exchange with academics, ECTA has decided to grant the ECTA Award in two categories, i.e. student and professional, to an individual who has written an article or an essay of importance in the subject matter of and for the development of **European Trade mark law**, **Design law, Copyright law or Geographical Indications law**.

The Award would be granted from time to time, when found grounded, at ECTA's discretion.

The ECTA Award, if granted, will be presented during the Association's 39th Annual Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Award consists of a sum of EUR 2.000 as well as 18 months of ECTA Membership for the First Prize in the student category, EUR 1.000 and EUR 500 respectively for the Second and Third Prizes as well as 18 months of ECTA Membership. The winning papers will be published by ECTA notably on the ECTA website and a summary in the ECTA Bulletin. Therefore, by participating to the selection, the authors grant to ECTA the rights to publish their works on any existing support or media. By participating in the competition, the authors undertake to prepare a summary of their winning papers and a resume of the author according to the criteria (e.g. length and format, etc.) determined by ECTA and until the deadline determined by ECTA.

To qualify for this award, the lawyer student and/or non-lawyer student must: (i) be enrolled as either part-time or graduate student in law or an equivalent or related subject; (ii) write a substantive paper on European Trade mark law, Design law, Copyright law or Geographical Indications law (i.e. related for instance to cross border issues etc.)

Papers will be judged by the Professional Affairs Committee of ECTA, subject to approval by the Management Committee. Papers will be judged according to the following criteria: (i) extent of research done, (ii) breadth and timeliness of subjects, (iii) cross-border aspects, (iv) Enhancement of European Trade mark law, Design law, Copyright law, or Geographical Indications law, (v) relationship to the Common Market, (vi) quality of writing, (vii) originality of subject and ideas.

The **deadline** for the submission of papers is **1 March 2020**.

Papers shall be sent to the ECTA Secretariat by e-mail to ecta@ecta.org.

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Please note that by submitting a paper, it is considered that you consent to having your paper and/or a summary of your paper and name and your resume published on the ECTA website / in the Newsletter / in the ECTA Bulletin if you are selected as a winner.

ECTA kindly requests that your organisation spreads this information and encourages its students to participate in the selection and to use the possibility not only to win the award but to share with professionals their academic or practical research and ideas for improvement of the trade mark protection at the national and EU level.

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