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The ELI Young Lawyers Award 2019 constituted a prestigious recognition of my work. The opportunity to present my research to the most prominent legal scholars from across Europe at the ELI Annual Conference has been a great honour and privilege. Overall, the YLA is a major step forward in my career.

Luigi Buonanno

2019 Young Lawyers Award Winner

Not only was it a great challenge to write a paper for the ELI Young Lawyers Award, it was also a wonderful experience to go to Riga to present my paper to a variety of professionals in the field and discuss the topic with them.

Manon van Roozendaal

2018 Young Lawyers Award Winner

The ELI Young Lawyers Award was a great honor for me and a true milestone in my career. Above all, it was a golden opportunity to participate in ELI's successful Annual Conference, present my work, discuss with prominent experts and be informed about ELI's very exciting present and future projects.

Evgenia Ralli

2017 Young Lawyers Award Winner

INTERLEGES

the international association of independent law firms

Interleges has been the proud sponsor of the ELI Young Lawyers Award since 2018. It was founded in 1989 by a group of like minded law firms who saw the opportunity of strengthening links in other jurisdictions at a time when boundaries in Europe were coming down. As such it shares the aims of ELI in learning from the achievements of different legal cultures, endorsing the value of comparative knowledge and taking a genuinely international perspective in dealing with legal issues. Interleges has grown from its roots in Europe and is now a well-established and closely linked alliance of independent law firms with offices across the countries of the European Union, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North and South America. Through Interleges, both business organisations and individuals have access to specialist lawyers who have experience in representing clients from different countries.



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ELI Young Lawyers Award

Giving a Voice to Young Lawyers

Europe's future lies in the hands of the young generation. As part of the ELI's mission to improve law-making in Europe, the ELI Young Lawyers Award is a special opportunity to uncap the innovative power and creativity of younger lawyers and to facilitate intergenerational exchange of views and ideas.

Founded in June 2011, ELI is an independent non-profit organisation established to initiate, conduct and facilitate research, make recommendations and provide practical guidance in the field of European legal development. Through its endeavours, ELI seeks to contribute to the formation of a more vigorous European legal community, integrating the achievements of the various legal cultures, endorsing the value of comparative knowledge and taking a genuinely pan-European perspective.

As a membership-based body, it is ELI's constituents, composed of lawyers, judges, academics and other members of the legal profession from various locations of the European Continent (and where appropriate, beyond), that run and shape its course. It is also its constituents, through its elected Council, that approve projects to go ahead under the Institute's auspices, and it is the Membership that critiques and ultimately votes on whether to approve projects as worthy of ELI's seal.

ELI's work covers all branches of the law: substantive and procedural; private and public. Its projects aim to produce results of immediate practical utility and have, among other things, inspired national governments and EU bodies in the drafting of legislation. Past projects have also received the endorsement of key national and European bodies, including the European Parliament. For an overview of completed, current and prospective ELI projects, we invite you to visit the ELI website and/or peruse through its Projects Brochure.

ELI Young Lawyers Award

The ELI Young Lawyers Award was officially launched in 2016 to provide the young European legal community with a mechanism to propose practical suggestions for the betterment of European law. As such, it gives a voice to future European legal experts and helps ELI in fulfilling its core mission of improving the quality of European law.

Applicants must be students enrolled at a European university currently undertaking a university law degree, whether undergraduate or postgraduate or are within five years of being awarded a law degree at the date by which entries must be submitted.

Candidates must submit a unique and original paper which was not previously published and which deals with a European legal issue that could be improved. The paper should not exceed 2,500 words. Topics can span any area of law, from climate change to criminal law, corporate law to legal challenges in the realm of emerging technologies.

The contribution may be submitted in any of the EU official languages along with an English translation. Papers for the ELI Young Lawyers Award have to be submitted by 30 April each year.

The Jury of the ELI Young Lawyers Award is drawn from ELI and other participating institutions. It is selected by the ELI Executive Committee every two years.

The successful candidate wins a cash prize and is invited to present their paper at the ELI Annual Conference. This provides the winner with an opportunity to meet some of the world's leading legal experts and exchange ideas with them. Their accommodation and travel expenses are covered up to the sum of EUR 1,000.

In addition, the winning contribution is published on ELI's website and its author is awarded two years of free ELI membership. This allows the winner to be involved in the activities of the Hub of their residence or SIGs, present project proposals and participate in the Members Consultative Committees (MCCs) of the various ELI projects.

Prizes

- Cash
- Presentation of paper at the ELI Annual Conference
- Publication of paper on ELI website
- Coverage of travel and accommodation expenses
- Two-year complimentary ELI membership

You can find more detailed instructions, including the ELI Stylesheet and Submission template, on the Young Lawyers page of our website.

