

ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR THE WOLF THEISS AWARD 2010

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WOLF THEISS RECHTSANWÄLTE GmbH (*WOLF THEISS*) is offering the *WOLF THEISS Award 2010*, amounting to EUR 12,000, for an outstanding academic paper in the field of Austrian, European or international business law, the contents of which are related to Austria or a country in Central, Eastern or South-Eastern Europe. In addition, the winner of the prize money will receive a personal licence for the RIDA plus2 legal index database, including a 1-year subscription.

In addition to the prize money, the winning paper will be published in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series* by the Neuer Wissenschaftliche Verlag (publishing house), with WOLF THEISS bearing the publication costs. If a paper has already been published or a publication contract has been signed with a publisher, the respective publication may still be submitted for the *WOLF THEISS Award*. In this case, however, the winner would only be awarded the prize money.

Entries for the *WOLF THEISS Award 2010* and for publication in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series* can be submitted with immediate effect. The jury of experts decides, preferably every quarter, on the inclusion of a paper in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*, but at the latest together with the decision on the awarding of the prize money, so that the selected papers may be published as quickly as possible. The jury of experts will decide on the awarding of the prize money in May 2010.

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Entrants must be born after 31 December 1978. Members of the prize jury and WOLF THEISS employees are excluded from entry.

Eligible for entry are dissertations written in German or English at an Austrian university and assessed at least with a grade of "good", or equivalent papers written by graduates of an Austrian university or university of applied sciences at an Austrian or foreign university in the field of Austrian, European or international business law, the contents of which are related to Austria or a country in Central, Eastern or South-Eastern Europe; especially (but not exclusively) welcomed are public-law or civil-law papers devoted to the following areas:

- banking and financing law
- company law and mergers & acquisitions
- property law
- new media and telecommunications law
- commercial and arbitral jurisdiction, as well as business mediation
- company-relevant tax law.

Dissertations and equivalent academic papers published after 28 February 2009 are also eligible for the award; in the case of unpublished papers, they must have been assessed by the university authorities after 28 February 2009.

Entries must be submitted in duplicate by 31 March 2010 to WOLF THEISS, FAO Dr. Kurt Retter, Schubertring 6, 1010 Vienna, in a sealed envelope. The following documents (photocopies are sufficient) must be enclosed:

- (a) a brief curriculum vitae of the author together with current contact details;
- (b) documentary proof of assessment by the university authorities, and with entries of equivalent academic status, equivalent documentary proof;
- (c) with published works, suitable proof of the date of first publication;
- (d) if academic certificates have been awarded to the entry, photocopies of these certificates as well as the appraisal of the dissertation;
- (e) a summary of the entry's key arguments in no more than three pages.

If the entry has already been submitted for other prizes or has already been awarded other prizes, this must be mentioned in the letter of application.

If the entry has not yet been published and no binding agreement on publication has yet been concluded, the entrant may also apply for the paper to be published in the WOLF THEISS Award Series. In this case, the letter of application must include the following:

- (a) an express declaration that the entrant is also applying for the paper to be published in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*;
- (b) an express declaration that the paper has not yet been published and no binding publication agreement has yet been concluded with a publishing house;
- (c) an express obligation on the part of the entrant not to offer the paper to a publisher for publication before the decision of the jury of experts on the work's inclusion in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*, but at least up to the end of the quarter following the entry's submission, and not to enter into any publication obligation.

A jury of experts will decide by simple majority by the end of May 2010 on the awarding of the prize money. The prize money may also be divided among several authors.

The jury of experts will decide on a work's inclusion in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*, preferably every quarter, but at the latest together with the decision on the awarding of the prize money, by simple majority. The decision on awarding the prize money to papers and the inclusion of a paper in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series* are not interdependent. An entry may, for instance, be awarded the prize money without being recommended for publication in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*, and vice versa, an entry may be recommended for publication in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series* without winning the prize money. If none of the entries are deemed worthy of the award, the awarding of the prize money can be wholly or partially deferred, with no recommendations for publication in the *WOLF THEISS Award Series*. The decision of the prize jury is final and cannot be challenged, especially not before a court of law. The entries and documents submitted will not be returned.