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Call for Papers Regulation

REGULATION

WhatNext.Law Award – Articles

CHAPTER I – GENERAL RULES

Section 1

Scope

1. This Regulation establishes the terms and conditions for WhatNext.Law Award – Articles (“Award”).
2. The Award is offered by **NOVA School of Law** and Vieira de Almeida & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados SP RL (“**VdA**”) (together as “**Parties**”), in the context of the activities of the Research Centre “WhatNext.Law” (“**Centre**”).
3. The objective of the Award is to distinguish and award articles of scientific merit and quality whose topics fall within the scope of the Centre’s research areas and which are eligible under the terms of this Regulation.

Section 2

Participants

Any person with, at least, a bachelor’s degree, irrespective of whether it was obtained from a Portuguese or a foreign university, may participate

Section 3

Frequency

1. Without prejudice to the subclause below, the Award will be awarded twice per year, starting from the year 2021.
2. The Parties may decide at any time to change the frequency of the Award.

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CHAPTER II – APPLICATIONS

Section 4

Call for Papers and Applications

1. Subject to the frequency defined, the Centre will periodically launch *Call for Papers* with the objective of selecting the winner of the Award.
2. The *Call for Papers* referred in the previous subclause will be published on the Centre's website and should:
 - a) Identify, clearly and unequivocally the relevant research topics which should be in line with the general research areas of the Centre;
 - b) Identify the recipients and any requirements of the applications;
 - c) Indicate the deadlines for submitting the applications, as well as the deadlines for evaluating and publishing the results;
 - d) Identifying the email to which applications should be submitted.
3. Applications should be sent to the Centre by the deadline set in the *Call for Papers*. The date and time of submission will correspond, for all purposes, to the date and time of sending the email message to the email identified in the *Call for Papers*.

Section 5

Requirements for Participants

1. The Award will only be awarded to those participants who meet the criteria set out in this Regulation and in the *Call for Papers*.
2. Applications may be submitted individually or jointly; in the latter case, the articles must necessarily be co-authored.
3. Every participant may submit only one article in each call.

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Requirements for Articles

1. Articles submitted in the context of the *Call for Papers* should meet the following requirements:
 - a) They are original and written by the participant(s);
 - b) They must not be previously published, in whole or in part, irrespective of the means and form of publication, until the results of the Award have been published and, in the case of the selected for publication articles, they must not be published until the date of publication by the Centre;
 - c) The topic should cover one of the areas identified in the *Call for Papers*;
 - d) They must be written in the Portuguese or English language. In the first case, it is required that the title, keywords and abstract are also provided in English;
 - e) They should not exceed 10.000 words, including footnotes and excluding bibliography, eventual annexes and the abstract, which should not exceed 250 words;
 - f) They must be written in accordance with the format and style requirements defined in the Drafting Guidelines, available at the Centre's website.
2. For the purposes of paragraph b) of this Section, articles that have been printed or submitted as part of the participants evaluation at a university shall not be considered as published.
3. Each participant must send an editable version of the article, preferably in Word format, which must meet the requirements of this Section.

Section 7

Evaluation Criteria

1. Submitted articles that meet the applicable requirements will be evaluated by the Centre's Scientific Commission, based on the following criteria:
 - a) Scientific quality;
 - b) Contribution to the progress and development of science within the general research areas of the Centre;
 - c) The level of the research carried out;
 - d) The level of analysis;
 - e) Quality of writing.

2. All texts will be submitted to the Turnitin plagiarism detection system. Any well-founded suspicion of fraud or plagiarism will lead to the rejection of the article, without prejudice to any possible communication to the competent authorities for the opening of an investigation.

CHAPTER III – AWARD AND PUBLICATION

Section 8

Award

1. After the evaluation of the articles submitted, the Directive Commission of the Centre with the support of the Executive Commission will proceed to the final selection of papers that will be published as well as the article(s) that will receive the Award.
2. Depending on the number and quality of the submitted articles, there may be one or more winning entries.
3. The results will be published on the website of the Centre.
4. The authors of the winning articles will receive the monetary amount identified in the *Call for Papers*.
5. If the quality of the article submitted justifies it, the Directive Commission of the Centre with the support of the Executive Commission may decide to grant the Award *ex aequo* or to award honourable mentions, dividing the total amount of the Award among the winners.
6. The Directive Commission of the Centre with the support of the Executive Commission may decide not to grant the Award if the articles submitted do not demonstrate the required scientific quality or if they do not fulfil other eligibility criteria.

Section 9

Authorisation and Publication

1. Pursuant to the applicable legislation, the article submission expressly grants to the Centre and the Parties a global, royalty-free authorisation to share and publish the articles submitted, by any means, digital or other.
2. The previous subclause shall apply to any article submitted in the context of the *Call for Papers* and not only to the articles winning the Award. Nevertheless, only articles with scientific merit, relevant to the Centre's research areas or to its strategy shall be published.
3. Authors of articles chosen for publication will be notified and may publish the same article or an adapted or modified version of it elsewhere, by any means, digital or other, 90 days after the publication of their article by the Centre.
4. Any subsequent publication of the article, following the 90-day exclusivity period referred above, must mention and include an acknowledgement of the first publication of the article by the Centre, as well as, in the case of the winning authors, a mention to the Award. The following acknowledgement or a similar one can be used: "A previous version of this article was published on [site, including a link to the WhatNext.Law website]".

CHAPTER IV – FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 10

Omissions

Any cases of omission, including those concerning the evaluation and award process, will be resolved by the Centre's Executive Commission.

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Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication on the Centre's website and shall always be available for consultation therein.