

VI “Professor Albert H. Kritzer” Essay Competition

**On the Convention on International Sale of Goods
 (“CISG”)**

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COMPETITION RULES

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VI Essay Competition *Professor Albert H. Kritzer*

RULES

Article 1 - These Rules pertain to the VI “Professor Albert H. Kritzer” Essay Competition on the subject of the 1980 Vienna Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG or CVIM).

Article 2 - The competition is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students of Law and related disciplines, linked to any higher education institution in Brazil or elsewhere.

Paragraph one: Entries will be accepted until January 15, 2018, and should be sent by email to concurso@cisg-brasil.net, observing with the following requirements:

- I A closed file (.pdf) of the work excluding any reference or indication that may enable the identification of the author, his/her educational institution or location (replace names and any other relevant text with sequences of “x”);
- II A closed file (.pdf) of the work including reference to its authorship;
- III Information of the entrant’s full name, mailing address, contact numbers, and the educational institution to which he/she is or has been linked;
- IV A declaration (‘Appendix 1’), in pdf format, signed by the entrant, subject to the penalties of the law, stating that he/she has fulfilled the requirements set out in these Guidelines, has not incurred any impediment therein and declaring the originality of the work.

Paragraph two. The entrant must be or have been linked to his/her respective educational institution, as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, during any period in the years 2016 and/or 2017.

Paragraph three. By submitting an application, the entrant demonstrates that he/she is aware of and agrees to all of the provisions set out in these Guidelines.

Paragraph four. Only the names of the winning entrants will be made public.

Article 3 - Each entrant may submit only 1 (one) essay, individually written, consisting of unpublished work in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, and predominantly addressing the CISG.

Paragraph one. When preparing his/her essay, the entrant should observe the rules established by the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards (ABNT). The desirable length of each essay is 30 (thirty) to 40 (forty) pages and the maximum is

80 (eighty) pages in total. Entrants are not permitted to cite any of their own work.

Paragraph two. It is strongly recommended that entrants respect the need for conciseness, addressing the topic and subtopic to be dealt with and avoiding circumlocution and delays through the use of generalities. In addition, where possible, it is recommended that entrants offer a critical (not only descriptive) perspective on the chosen subject. Refined standards of whichever language has been chosen must be respected throughout the essay.

Paragraph three. Essays will be evaluated according to the criteria determined by the Organizing Committee, among which, for example, the following are included: (i) adequate use of legal sources; (ii) language; (iii) depth of reflection; (iv) use of comparative methods when addressing/examining of topics.

Paragraph four. Works that have not been published in any book, physical or digital, will be considered unpublished. Essays that are available on databases belonging to Brazilian and foreign universities will also be considered unpublished.

Article 4 - Editors and advisors of CISG-Brasil.net, and directors, advisors and employees of other any supporting entity are not permitted to enter the competition.

Article 5 - Submitted essays will be evaluated by an Examining Committee, created for this purpose.

Paragraph one. Decisions made by the Examining Committee will be final and will not be subject to claims or appeals.

Paragraph two. The Examining Committee will be composed of 5 (five) members, 3 of whom will necessarily be members of the Advisory Council of CISG-Brasil.net.

Article 6 - Prizes will be awarded for the three best entries, the nature of which will be as follows:

□ **First Place:**

- R\$ 7,000.00 (seven thousand Brazilian reais);
- Exemption from the requirement of registration at the Cologne Summer Academy on International Arbitration or at the Cologne Summer Academy on International Mediation, for participation in September 2018;
- Publication of the submitted essay on CISG-Brasil.net.

□ **Second Place:**

- R\$ 4,000.00 (four thousand Brazilian reais);
- Publication of the submitted essay on CISG-Brasil.net.

□ **Third Place:**

- R\$ 2,500.00 (two thousand, five hundred Brazilian reais);
- Publication of the submitted essay on CISG-Brasil.net.

Paragraph one. All prizes will be personal and non-transferable.

Paragraph two. At the Examining Board's discretion, prizes may be awarded solely for first place, or for first and second places

Article 7 - The results will be announced on March 31, 2018, a date which is liable to alteration on behalf of the organizers. The organizers may, at their own discretion, hold an awards ceremony, alone or in conjunction with another event, on the aforementioned date or otherwise.

Sole Paragraph. The prizewinners will have a 30-day period after the announcement of the results during which they may review, update or adapt their work to meet publishing standards, but substantial modifications to content are forbidden. Each of the prizewinners must provide the open file (.doc or .docx) for publication. The prizewinners thereby authorize the organizers to use their names and photos for the purpose of publicizing the competition and the results.

Article 8 - Unforeseen issues will be resolved by the competition organizers.

São Paulo, August 17th, 2017

APPENDIX 1

DECLARATION

I, [full name, CPF (Brazilian nationals) or passport number (non-Brazilian nationals), full address, telephone number, email address], declare that:

- (i) I have fulfilled the requirements set out in the Rules of the VI Albert Kritzer Essay Competition;
- (ii) I have not incurred any impediment set forth in the Rules.
- (iii) The essay being submitted is an original and unpublished work.

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[Location]

[date]

[Signature]