



CI Arb Vietnam Essay Competition 2020

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, headquartered in the UK are pleased to invite original, unpublished, high-quality submissions for the CI Arb Vietnam Essay Competition 2020.

This is a unique opportunity for law students and young legal professionals to contribute actively to the research of international arbitration.

It will award up to 03 cash honoraria for the best publishable articles in the area of international arbitration and also offer 05 rare vacancies of internship in reputable law firms in Vietnam.

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COMPETITION SUMMARY

Eligibility

The Competition is open to any person who, on the deadline for submission, is: (i) **a law student, a law graduate or a lawyer from any jurisdiction; and (ii) under 30 years old.**

The participants may choose one (01) topic in the given List of writing topics (attached) to write an essay.

01

Format

- Be in English.
- Be no more than 2,000 words (excluding appendices, footnotes, references, table, etc.).
- Be submitted in Word document format; be typed in Arial font of a font size 12 for the text and of at least size 10 for footnotes; and double spaced.

02

Honesty, Originality & Plagiarism

- The essay must be the original work of the participant and must not have been previously published in any form. Joint entries are not permitted.
- By submission of essay, a participant is deemed to consent that the essay may, at the judges' discretion, be tested for plagiarism.
- Essays must not contain any information which may identify the author.

03

Free to join

There is no financial charge to participate in the Competition.

04

Submission

Each entry must be submitted with a separate cover sheet containing the following information:

- E-mail address and Mobile telephone number;
- Educational institution, organization or employer of the participant.
- This cover sheet will be removed before submission to the judging panel.

All entries are submitted online via email to info@viac.org.vn under the subject line "CIArb Vietnam Essay Competition" on or before 09 October, 2020 ("Submission deadline"). Entries will not be accepted by any other means. Entries received after the Submission deadline will not be accepted for consideration.

Each participant may submit only one essay in this Competition and must comply with all Competition rules and deadlines. If any entry is submitted in an incomplete or untimely manner, the submission will not be accepted for consideration in the Competition.

PRIZES



**The
Winner:**

VND 20,000,000



**The First
Runner-Up:**

VND 10,000,000



**The Second
Runner-Up:**

VND 5,000,000

The 05 competitors with highest total scores will be offered a 3-month internship at one of the following law firms and institutions in Vietnam (the list is in alphabetical order):

EP LEGAL
Defining the legal edge
EP Legal Limited


DZUNGSR & ASSOCIATES LLC
A Boutique Shipping & Air Law Firm
Dzungsr & Associates

LEXCOMM
Solicitors & Barristers
Lexcomm LLC

V I L A F
VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM
Vietnam International Law Firm
(VILAF)

HOP DANG'S CHAMBERS
ARBITRATION & LEGAL EDUCATION
Hop Dang's Chambers

The arrangement of the internships of the top 05 competitors shall be decided after the results are announced.

As a condition of receiving any such prize, each award winner must agree (i) that the organizers shall have the option, but not the obligation, to publish the winner's article, subject to any editor's edits, (ii) that the organizers shall include the awarded essay into any publication of the organizers at the organizers' choice, and (iii) to be responsible for all taxes on such prize.

LIST OF WRITING TOPICS

01

Should the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration be used in Vietnam as a source of mandatory rules, or as guidelines, or not be used at all?

02

Is there a risk of unconscious bias by tribunals in disputes between Vietnamese parties and foreign parties from common law countries, with 02 out of 03 arbitrators having common law background while Vietnamese laws govern the merits of the case?

03

The Vietnamese Law on Commercial Arbitration contains no provisions on immunity of arbitrators. Please give your views on whether this facilitates or hinders the development of arbitration in Vietnam, drawing comparisons with the law and practices of other jurisdictions.

TIMELINE

01 Sep

Competition
announcement



09 Oct

Deadline of
submission



23 Oct

Deadline for judges
to send back their
assessments



16 Nov

Results
announcement

By participating in this competition, participants agree to assign exclusive copyright in the work to the organizers. The organizers shall be entitled to, without limitation, publish the essay (or part(s) thereof) on their websites, Newsletters, the Kluwer Arbitration Blog or any other publication (with due acknowledgement to the author), edit the entries for publication and make use of the essay or extracts thereof in its promotional materials (among others), without permission from or further notice to the participant.

PANEL OF JUDGES

The Panel of Judges
shall be comprised of:



Dr. Dang Xuan Hop
DPhi, Oxford
VIAC Listed Arbitrator



Ms. Mary B.L. Thompson
Chartered Arbitrator



Glenn Haley
Committee Member
CIArb East Asia Branch



Mr. Truong Trong Nghia
Partner, YKVN
VIAC Listed Arbitrator



Mr. Luong Van Trung
LLB in Law, Lawyer, MCIArb,
VIAC Listed Arbitrator