

## Frequently Asked Questions – The Oath of Justitia

If your question is not addressed here, please e-mail [oath@liquid-legal-institute.org](mailto:oath@liquid-legal-institute.org)

### **Eligibility**

#### ***Who can participate?***

As this competition is primarily directed at undergraduate and graduate students, anybody currently enrolled at university up to PhD level can participate. However, each team must have at least one member who has is studying a degree 'connected to law' to ensure adequate understanding of the profession.

#### ***What counts as 'a connection to law'?***

To meet the 'one student connected to law' requirement, we accept students who are:

- Studying law – as an undergraduate or graduate student
- Studying law as part of a joint degree
- Studying law as part of another degree
- Studying law as an academic minor

#### ***Is the competition open to undergraduate and graduate students?***

Yes, it is open to Bachelor, Master's and PhD students, or your national equivalent, like:

- 'Promotion' degree in Germany
- Juris Doctor (JD) degree in Australia, Canada, the US etc.

#### ***How many people are allowed in one team?***

Each team must consist of at least three students.

#### ***Is it possible to register your interest as an individual or pair?***

Yes. If you would like to participate but cannot form a team of at least three students, you can still register your interest with us. We will try to find you a match but cannot guarantee your participation.

However, registering individually/as a pair should be an exception due to rules ensuring equal opportunities for all participants. We see working in an established team as an advantage over working in new groups.

#### ***Are students from different universities allowed to form a team together?***

Yes, students from different universities may compete as one team.

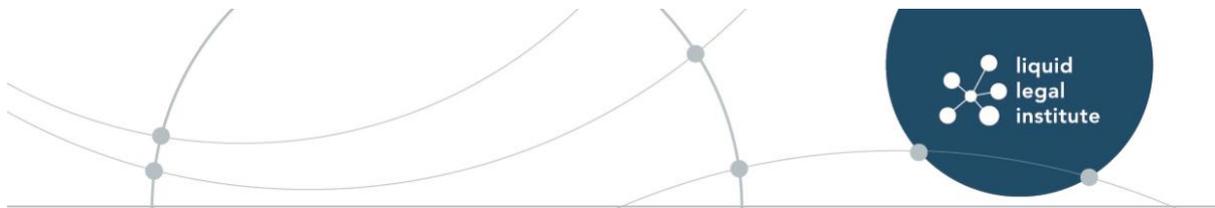
#### ***Are multidisciplinary teams encouraged?***

Yes, we encourage law and non-law students to collaborate on this competition since they can offer differing perspectives.

### **Submitting your entry**

#### ***Word count, format and e-mail for submissions***

All final submissions should be made via e-mail to [oath@liquid-legal-institute.org](mailto:oath@liquid-legal-institute.org).



Each submission for the Oath of Justitia must include:

- A one-page document outlining your version of the Oath (300 words maximum) and
- A supporting essay which explains the reasoning behind your Oath (2000 words maximum, excluding references and footnotes).

Each submission for the Oath of Justitia should include the above as two separate PDFs.

The first document should include a separate front page stating the names and contact details of the participants, a short summary/synopsis of the Oath as well as the word count for each document.

You may also want to submit the optional Deployment Plan to be eligible for an additional prize. There is no prescribed word limit/format for the Deployment Plan, and we encourage you to be creative.

### ***Deadlines for registrations and submissions***

The deadline for registration is 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 23:59 CET. You must register using the form provided on our website, [available here](#). At this point, you do not have to submit any work, we just need your team details. However, we encourage you to start developing your ideas right away.

We will offer Introduction Calls on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for registered participants as well as those interested in participating! You can use these as an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the competition and learn more about the LLI!

The deadline for submissions is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021, 23:59 CET. We will disregard late submissions, unless a proper reason is provided.

Please note the CET time zone (GMT+1), particularly if you live outside this time zone.

### ***What happens if our team does not receive a confirmation e-mail?***

If you have not received an e-mail confirming safe receipt of your submission within 48 hours, please contact us again at [oath@liquid-legal-institute.org](mailto:oath@liquid-legal-institute.org).

### ***Is the Deployment Plan optional?***

Yes, this is an optional element of the competition. We greatly encourage you to submit one, as it gives your team the opportunity to increase your chance of winning a prize!

### ***Does the entry have to be in English?***

Yes, all entries must be made in English. Using reference and footnote sources written in other languages is allowed.

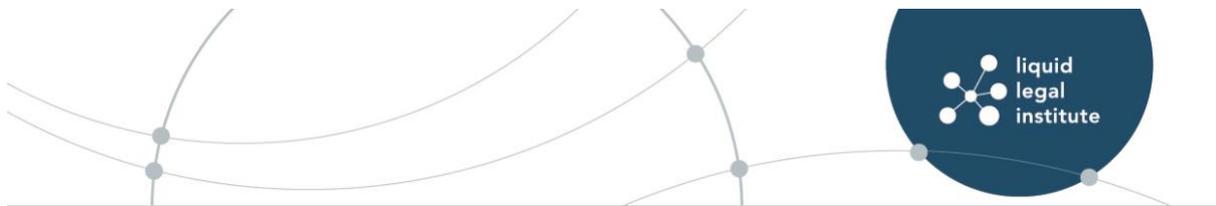
## **Competition results**

### ***Who will judge the competition?***

An expert jury of renowned law-related professionals and law scholars drawn from the LLI network and beyond – stay tuned for updates!

### ***What criteria will be used to judge the competition?***

- Content – How does your Oath contribute to academic debate?
- Meaning behind the Oath – What do you want to achieve, what hides behind your written words or questionnaires? What is the thinking behind your ideas?



- Creativity – Should an Oath developed in a digitalized world consist of words written somewhere on a paper scroll like in Ancient Greece?
- Usability – Can your Oath really be used and understood by lawyers, media and other stakeholders?
- Reach – How could your Deployment Plan to reach the masses?

***When will the competition results be announced?***

We aim to announce the competition winners by mid-June 2021.

***How will the competition results be promoted and shared?***

We will be promoting and sharing the winning teams' results through

- Publication of winning submissions on the LLI website
- Publication of the competition results in [Going Digital](#), an online magazine about the changing legal market
- A virtual awards ceremony
- A virtual platform for each winning team to explain and discuss their ideas with renowned professionals and legal experts
- Digital certificates confirming the competition results
- Sharing winning submissions on the LLI's LinkedIn page

**Still have a question?**

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