

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIFTEENTH JOSÉ MARÍA CERVELLÓ BUSINESS LAW PRIZE

The José María Cervelló Chair of IE Law School and the ONTIER law firm announce the “Fifteenth José María Cervelló Business Law Prize”.

The main purpose of the Prize is to promote legal study and research, and to facilitate access to the LLM courses of IE Law School for people who do not have the necessary financial resources. The prize will be governed by the following conditions:

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRIZE

The prize consists of the award of € 30,000 as follows:

- € 10,000 will be given to the author of the winning essay.
- € 20,000 will be assigned to the José María Cervelló Chair to be applied to its scholarship programme for the study of legal or tax courses at IE Law School.

Up to a maximum of two runner-up awards may be given to essays of sufficient quality to merit that distinction.

PARTICIPANTS

All persons of Spanish or foreign nationality who are graduates in Law, holding either a pre-Bologna “licenciatura” qualification or a degree (grado) may take part.

The winners or the runners-up of the Cervello Prize in previous years will not be able to participate.

JURY

The Jury for the award of the Cervelló Prize will be composed of the following members:

Chairman:

D. Manuel Ausaverri Ferrer, Director of Strategy, Innovation and Sustainability, Indra

Members:

- **Dña Isabela del Alcázar Benjumea**, Global Head of Sustainability, IE University.
- **Dña. María del Rosario Alonso Ibáñez**, Professor of Administrative Law, University of Oviedo.
- **D. Jorge Álvarez González**, Partner, Ontier.
- **Dña. Soledad Atienza Becerril**, Dean, IE Law School.
- **D. José Antonio Cainzos Fernández**, State Attorney on leave of absence, President, Centro Internacional de Arbitraje de Madrid (CIAM).
- **Dña. Ana Belén Campuzano Laguillo**, Professor of Commercial Law, University San Pablo CEU.
- **Dña. Pilar Cancer Minchot**, State Attorney before the Supreme Court..
- **D. Pablo Enrile Mora-Figueroa**, Partner, Ontier.
- **D. Roberto Fernández Castilla**, State Attorney - Head of the State Secretariat of Energy.
- **Dña. María del Pilar Galeote Muñoz**, Director of the José María Cervelló Chair, IE Law School,
- **Dña Fabiola Gallego Caballero**, General Secretary and General Director of Legal Counsel. Deputy Secretary of the Board, Indra.
- **D. Adolfo Menéndez Menéndez**, State Attorney on leave of absence, Ontier lawyer and co-holder of the José María Cervelló Chair.
- **Dña. Esther Muñoz Espada**, Professor of Civil Law, University of Valladolid.
- **Pedro Roderó Rodríguez**, Partner-Director, Ontier.
- **D. Fernando Riaño Riaño**, Director of Institutional Relations and Social Responsibility of the Social Group, ONCE.
- **D. Juan José Torres-Fernández Nieto**, Chief State Attorney before the Supreme Court and co-holder of the José María Cervelló Chair

Secretary:

- **D. Carlos de la Pedraja García-Cosío**, Vice-Dean and General Manager of IE Law School.

The Chairman of the Jury will act as a “first among equals” and for that purpose will organize and direct the Jury’s deliberations and voting. The Jury will reach its decision by absolute majority of its members present or represented. In the case of representation, it must be attested in writing and signed by the represented member, or by a signed and scanned e-mail of delegation addressed to the Secretary of the Jury, indicating the full name of the representative who must be another member of the Jury. This communication will be incorporated as an appendix to the minutes of the Jury’s meeting. In the event of absence, vacancy or illness of the Chairman of the Jury, he will be replaced by the member who is the oldest co-holder of the José María Cervelló Chair. In his or her absence, the other co-holders who are members of the Jury in the same order and, in their absence, the oldest member. In the event of absence, vacancy or illness of the Secretary of the Jury, he will be replaced by the youngest member. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn among the youngest members.

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SUBJECT OF THE ESSAY

The subject of the essays opting for the “Fifteenth José María Cervelló Business Law Prize” is: **“Sustainability and Corporate Governance”**

Length, Format and Presentation of the Essay

- All essays must be original, unpublished works written in Spanish or English. The length is a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 35 pages, printed on one side only, with 1.5 spacing and using Times New Roman or similar font, size 12.
- Essays may be sent by e-mail to the following address: isabel.garces@ie.edu Isabel Garcés as coordinator of the Cervelló Chair, and Carlos de la Pedraja, as secretary of the Jury, shall at all times maintain the anonymity of the authors of the essays submitted. Once the Jury’s decision has been given, they will inform the Jury of the identity of the winner and of the other participants.
- **If the documents are sent by e-mail:**
 - A file in PDF format with the original work headed with the title of the document and the pen name of the author should be sent.
 - In a separate PDF document, only the title of the document and the pen name of the author should be sent. The following information on the author should also be included: name, address, contact telephone numbers and a brief CV, as well as a signed and scanned declaration stating that the work has not previously been published, that it has not been entered into any other pending competitions and that there is no commitment in relation to the rights of such work.
 - All work that is sent via email before the entry closing date will be accepted.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE AND DECISION

- The last day to submit essays is **Thursday 23 September 2021 at 23:59 p.m.** (Madrid, Spain time). The award ceremony will take place in the month of **October or November 2021**, at IE Law School. All participants will be invited to it with sufficient notice.
- The Panel’s decision will be final. Simply by submitting their work, participants accept unreservedly and undertake to abide fully by these rules and the final decision of the Panel.
- The prize may be declared void if, in the Panel’s opinion, the quality of the essays submitted does not reach the minimum standard required.
- IE Law School and the José María Cervelló Chair reserve the right to publish the winning entry in magazine or book format, and also to publish it in digital format on the Chair’s page on the IE Law School website.



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