

Rules for the Justice Florentino P. Feliciano Arbitration Writing Competition

I. Eligibility

The Competition shall be open to any person who, on the deadline for submission, is enrolled in the Juris Doctor or Bachelor of Laws program of any Philippine law school.

II. Format

1. The paper must deal with an issue in arbitration that has not been resolved by the Philippine courts and that requires extensive discussion and analysis of laws, rules, and principles relevant to the issue.
2. The paper must:
 - a. be in English;
 - b. contain at least 6,000 words (excluding appendices, footnotes, references, tables, etc.);
 - c. be typed using Times New Roman font of a font size of at least 12 for the text and at least 10 for footnotes; and
 - d. be double spaced.
3. The paper must be the original work of the participant, and must not have been previously published in any form.
4. Only one entry per person is allowed. Joint entries are not permitted.
5. Each paper must be submitted with a separate cover sheet with the following information:
 - a. Name;
 - b. E-mail address;
 - c. Mobile phone number;
 - d. Educational institution of the participant; and
 - e. Total word count (excluding appendices, footnotes, references, tables, etc.).
6. The paper and cover sheet must be submitted as separate documents. The paper will be assigned a unique identification number, and the cover sheet will be removed before submission to the judging panel.
7. The paper must not contain any information that may identify the author.

III. Submission

1. The paper must be delivered to the following address:

Philippine Institute of Arbitrators

Attention: Atty. Ricardo Ma. P.G. Ongkiko
5th Floor SyCipLaw Center
105 Paseo de Roxas
Makati City, Philippines

2. The deadline for submission is 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 28, 2018. No entry will be accepted after the deadline.

IV. Judging

1. The entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges knowledgeable in the field of arbitration.
2. All decisions of the judging panel are final, and no appeal or other correspondence will be entertained.

V. Evaluation Criteria

1. The entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Substance and content [50%]
 - b. Form and presentation (including language used, logical flow, footnoting, order of presentation of legal issues, and clarity of expression) [25%]
 - c. Novelty of issue (including difficulty of issues presented, strength of conclusion, and recommendations) [25%]
2. Entries may be disqualified if they do not satisfy any of the requirements set out herein.

VI. Prizes

1. The overall winner will be awarded PhP50,000.00.
2. The first runner-up will be awarded PhP20,000.00.
3. The second runner-up will be awarded PhP5,000.00.

VII. Intellectual Property

By participating in this competition, the participants agree to assign exclusive copyright in the paper to the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (“PIArb”). PIArb shall be entitled to, among other things, (a) publish the paper or parts thereof on any publication (with due acknowledgment to the author), (b) edit the entries for publication, and (c) make use of the paper or extracts thereof without permission from or further notice to the participant. The participants shall not cause the publication of the paper or parts thereof on any other publication without prior written agreement from PIArb. PIArb shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to such an agreement.