



## International Union of Notaries (UINL)

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE THIRD UINL PRIZE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE ELDERLY, IMMIGRANTS, CHILDREN, REFUGEES OR OTHER GROUPS WHO ARE IN A VULNERABLE POSITION.

**First:** All original and unpublished works (understood to be those not published in any form including internet publication), whose subject fits the wording of the same, will be eligible for the Prize and Second Prize. Namely, those that have the purpose of legal research on persons with disabilities, the elderly, immigrants, children, refugees or other vulnerable collectives.

In order to clarify concepts, the following is added:

- 1.- “*Research*” refers to the final subject-matter of the work presented, which therefore cannot simply be a structured compilation or presentation of legal texts with more or fewer comments.
2. When we speak of “*legal*”, we refer to the fact that the research in question must be conducted from a legal point of view into the problems affecting those people in a situation of vulnerability and not from any other perspective, with particular emphasis on the eminently practical aspect of legal research and the proposal of novel solutions to address the social and legal problems affecting these collectives.

**Second:** The works will have to be a minimum 100 and a maximum 120 pages in length, typed on one side in double spacing. Bibliographical notes and annexes shall not be counted for this purpose, and must appear after the main text. A single font (Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri or Garamond) shall preferably be used, size 12 for the text and 14 bold for the title.

Works may be submitted in any of the following languages: Spanish, English and French.

**Third:** The work will be submitted by email by fifteen hours of **May 31, 2025 (deadline extended)** to the UINL email address: [uinl@uinl.org](mailto:uinl@uinl.org) with an indication in the body of the email of the pseudonym under which the work is submitted.

Identification of the pseudonym with the author(s) shall be made by sending, in a sealed envelope by ordinary mail, the identification details of the pseudonym in sealed escrow, indicating on the outside the chosen pseudonym and on the inside the name, surname, nationality, profession, address, telephone number and e-mail of the author(s). It shall be sent to the **UINL SECRETARIAT at Via Flaminia 160, 00196 Rome, Italy.**

This electronic format must take the form of a PDF, in size 12 Times New Roman font. The sealed escrow must include a sworn statement by the author indicating that the work is unpublished and that it has not been simultaneously entered in another prize-winning competition, with the submitter assuming responsibility for this not being the case.

Submitted works shall in no case be returned.

**Fourth:** The prize will be come with a purse of nine thousand euros. The Prize may be declared void or shared between several works, in which case the purse shall be shared between them.

**Fifth:** The Jury, which shall decide the prizes, shall comprise a minimum of seven members and a maximum of ten. It shall be chaired by the **President of the UINL**, or the person to whom he shall delegate, acting as **Secretary of the UINL**. The other members appointed by the **Steering Committee of the UINL** shall be specialists in the study of the Prize's subject.

**Sixth:** The Prizes shall be awarded to the most meritorious works in the opinion of the Jury, which shall reach its agreement by majority vote, with particular regard for originality and practical application, with special value given to the eminently practical aspect of legal research and the proposal of novel solutions for the social and legal problems affecting these collectives. The Jury may designate finalists to the works considered to be of interest.

**Seventh:** The Jury's decision shall be made public at the latest 30 days before the World Congress of the legislature in question, informing those who have entered by letter and/or telephone and giving them any publicity that may be deemed appropriate.

**Eighth:** Participation in this competition implies the full acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. The jury's decision shall be final.

**Ninth:** The prize shall be awarded to coincide with the UINL International Congress held every three years.

The prize-winning works, as well as the shortlisted works, shall be the property of their authors, but the UINL reserves the right to include, at its expense, any prize-winning works in the periodical publications on its website as well as to publish it separately on a one-off basis, without the right to any financial compensation by the author who, by the fact of participating in the competition, waives all rights by reason of such publications.