

## REGULATIONS OF THE RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION ON DIGITAL LAW

### 1. General terms

- 1.1. The research papers competition on digital law (the **“Competition”**) is a form of encouragement of comprehensive study of digital law as well as support of scientific and educational activity. The purposes of the Competition are:
  - i. to spread knowledge about latest achievements in legal research;
  - ii. to improve professional relationships and scientific cooperation between researchers and research groups in both Russia and foreign countries.
- 1.2. The Competition is organized by the Editorial Department of the Digital Law Journal (the **“Organizer”**).
- 1.3. The objectives of the Competition are:
  - i. to encourage deep study of digital law;
  - ii. to identify prospective research fields in the field;
  - iii. to support original comparative legal research of the current problems of digital law;
  - iv. to raise awareness of digital law.
- 1.4. The best five research papers will be published in the Digital Law Journal (the **“Journal”**). The authors of the best three research papers will receive the following awards: for the first place — 100 000 (one hundred thousand) rubles; for the second place — 70 000 (seventy thousand) rubles; for the third place — 50 000 (fifty thousand) rubles.
- 1.5. The participants in the Competition should have a degree in law at the time of submission — bachelor degree, master degree, Ph.D. or their alternatives. The research papers can be prepared by one author or be co-authored. The number of co-authors of one paper should not exceed three persons.
- 1.6. The award is granted for the best research paper in the field of digital law that reflects the author’s / authors’ original ideas on a particular problem. The subject of the manuscript should comply with the Editorial policies of the Digital Law Journal, which are available at <https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/about/editorialPolicies#focusAndScope>.
- 1.7. The research papers should be submitted in the form of scientific articles or essays. The Guidelines for authors with all the relevant requirements are available at <https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>. The research papers are accepted in Russian or in English.

### 2. Submission rules

- 2.1. The Competition has the following timeline:
  - 2.1.1. January 20, 2025 — announcement of the Competition;
  - 2.1.2. March 1, 2025 — deadline for submission of the applications for participation;
  - 2.1.3. May 1, 2025 — deadline for submission of the research papers;
  - 2.1.4. no later than July 1, 2025 — announcement of the results of the Competition.
- 2.2. The applicants should submit their applications to the following email: [dlj@digitallawjournal.org](mailto:dlj@digitallawjournal.org). The application should include the following documents: a short CV, a signed data processing agreement, an abstract with the title of the research paper.
  - 2.2.1. The CV should indicate the author's name and surname, his or her affiliation (place of work, or study), education and email address.
  - 2.2.2. An abstract is a brief, one-paragraph summary of the paper (200–400 words). The abstract and the title should fully explain what the paper is going to be about. The text should be well structured, the information should be provided logically. The purpose of the research and methods should be described in sufficient detail. The title of the article should be connected with the text of the abstract. The abstract is to arouse the reader's interest in reading the entire text and to convey the necessary minimum of information to understand the essence of the study without referring to the text.
- 2.3. The research papers are submitted via Digital Law Journal website — <https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/login?source=%2Fjour%2Fauthor%2Fsubmit%2F1>. Registration is required to submit an application and a research paper (the “**Competition Materials**”) online and to check the status of the current submissions. The Applicants should note in the comments when completing the submission form that the manuscript is to be considered a competition paper.
- 2.4. The Competition Materials received after the deadline indicated in the Submission Rules and completed outside the conditions specified in these Regulations shall be declined.
- 2.5. In case of non-conformity of the properly submitted Competition Materials with the requirements fixed in para 1.5-1.7, 2.2 of these Regulations, the Organizer shall inform the Applicant within ten days of the day of submission. The Competition Materials will be accepted if the Applicant addresses all inconsistencies within two weeks.
- 2.6. All questions regarding participation in the Competition and submission of Competition Materials are to be directed to the following email: [dlj@digitallawjournal.org](mailto:dlj@digitallawjournal.org).

### 3. The procedure of selection and announcement of the winners

- 3.1. The Organizer shall forward the submitted research papers to independent experts for bilateral anonymous (double-blind) peer review. The procedure of bilateral anonymous (double-blind) peer review is described at the Journal's website <https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/about/editorialPolicies#custom-0>.
- 3.2. The Organizer shall send research papers that were recommended for publication by the Reviewers to the members of their Editorial Board for selection of the winners.
- 3.3. The members of the Editorial Board shall receive anonymized research papers. Selecting the winners, the members of Editorial Board shall only be guided by the recognized criteria of

- scientific evaluation, including depth of the scientific contribution in the chosen area, original character of work, as well as theoretical significance and practical relevance of its conclusions.
- 3.4. The Journal at the request of reviewers or members of the Editorial Board may seek additional materials and data from the participants in order to verify reliability, replication and validity of the research.
  - 3.5. The members of the Editorial Board shall discuss all the submitted papers in a free exchange of views.
  - 3.6. The members of the Editorial Board shall choose the winners by a simple majority vote.
  - 3.7. The results of the voting are not subject to disclosure. The Organizer shall only declare the winners' names, affiliations (places of work or study) and the title of their research paper.
  - 3.8. Announcement of the winners shall be conducted by e-mail with personal notification sent to every winner. Publication of the announcement on the Journal's website <https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/index> and on the Journal's official page on Telegram.
  - 3.9. The Journal shall transfer award to the winners' bank accounts, when the winners inform the Organizer of their bank details upon the Organizer's request.
  - 3.10. The members of the Editorial Board may decide to annul the decision on the award of winners in case of a retraction of the research paper already published in the Journal due to use of the unreliable sources or violation of the publishing ethics (<https://www.digitallawjournal.org/jour/about/editorialPolicies#custom-1>), unless otherwise specified by the Journals or their Editorial Board. The Journal shall inform the author of the paper about the annulment decision via email notification. The information about the retraction of the research paper and annulment of the award will be published on the Journal's website.

#### **4. Final provisions**

- 4.1. These Regulations shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation.
- 4.2. Any dispute arising in connection with these Regulations, which are impossible to resolve amicably, will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Russian Federation.
- 4.3. These Regulations are adopted by the decision of the Journal's Editor-in-Chief and effective from the date of adoption.
- 4.4. Any amendments to these Regulations shall be adopted by the decision of the Editor-in-Chief and effective from the date of adoption unless otherwise specified in the decision.



5. Withdrawal of the consent on processing personal data

- 5.1. The Author is entitled to withdraw the consent on processing personal data by notification in writing sent by post or email set out in the Regulations of the Competition of Research Papers on Digital Law.
- 5.2. The consent is considered withdrawn and this agreement considered annulled after 14 (fourteen) days of receipt of the notice of withdrawal.
- 5.3. The Author is entitled to withdraw their consent on processing personal data in full or in part of particular ways of processing personal data. The Author agrees on deletion of personal data by the Data Processor within 5 (five years) of the date of signature of the Agreement, or after withdrawal of the consent on processing personal data, unless otherwise specified under the laws of the Russian Federation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is entered into with effect from the date first set out below.

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