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## 1. Objective

Within the framework of the institutional agreement executed on December 4, 2022, between the Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (hereinafter **ASIPI**) and the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (hereinafter **Franklin Pierce**), the latter agreed to grant a total of 6 educational scholarships per calendar year, for a term of 5 years (2023 to 2027).

These rules are intended to establish the requirements for this Scholarship Program, and the contest through which **ASIPI's** members can access it.

The scholarship shall be awarded through the participation of an essay writing contest on topics of interest related to the study and development of Intellectual Property.

## 2. Scholarships

**Franklin Pierce** offers the following scholarships:

- a) One (1) annual Scholarship covering the full academic cost (tuition) for the *Franklin Pierce Hybrid JD (Juris Doctor) in Intellectual Property, Technology and Information Law*.
- b) Two (2) annual scholarships covering the full tuition for the *Masters of Law In IP (LLM)* or the *Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP)*, hereinafter referred to as the **Master's**, to be chosen by the winner. This program can be taken in its residential version at the University, or in its virtual form at the student's choice.
- c) Three (3) annual scholarships covering the full tuition fee for the *Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI)*.

Candidates should visit the **Franklin Pierce** website at <https://law.unh.edu/>, for more information about the educational programs for which they will be competing, particularly with regard to the requirements that the winner must meet in order to be admitted. It may be advisable for contest participants to start the admissions process for the program for which they are applying in order to meet the requirements, even if they do not ultimately win the scholarships.

### ***3. Franklin Pierce's contribution***

**Franklin Pierce** agrees to grant a full scholarship covering the full cost of the tuition of the programs detailed in clause 2, to the winners of the competitions established in these rules (hereinafter "scholarship recipients").

**Franklin Pierce** will not assume any other responsibility in addition to the aforementioned.

### ***4. ASIPI's contribution***

**ASIPI** shall not assume any travel or lodging expenses corresponding to the scholarship recipients for the in-person completion of their respective academic programs.

**ASIPI** shall assume all the necessary tasks for the organization of the contests, including the conformation of a jury for the revision of the submitted essays, choosing the winners with the participation of **Franklin Pierce**, notifying them and providing all pertinent information and assistance to the participants and the eventual winners of the contest.

### ***5. The contests***

There will be 2 contests, both with the requirements and deadlines set forth in articles 8 and 11 of these rules.

One of the contests will be to choose the winners of the scholarships for the **IPSI** and the other one will be for the winners of the scholarships for the **Master's** and for the **JD**. Participants in the latter contest must expressly indicate in the submission letter and/or in the notification of participation (art. 10) whether they are participating in both programs or only in one of them, and eventually indicate which one.

In both cases, participants must comply with the requirements, obligations and commitments established for each of the programs, as well as with the entry requirements established by **Franklin Pierce** for each of them.

## ***6. Contest participants and scholarship recipients commitments and obligations***

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By the mere fact of submitting an essay and participating in the contests regulated by these rules, **ASIPI** members agree to the following commitments and obligations:

- 1) The participants must be members of **ASIPI** with their fees up to date, and in case of winning, must remain in the Association paying their membership fee during the entire duration of the academic program and at least three more years after its termination.
- 2) The scholarship recipient must commit to be at **ASIPI's** disposal for any request that ASIPI may have regarding the scholarship and the academic program, as well as to present a report of his/her experience or consent to an interview at the end of the program.
- 3) Declare that they are financially able to meet all travel, lodging, and food expenses in cases where the Academic Programs call for on-site attendance in **Franklin Pierce** or where the academic activity is conducted on-site.
- 4) Assign to **ASIPI** all ownership rights of the essay submitted for the contest.
- 5) To comply with all the requirements established by **Franklin Pierce**, such as **TOEFL** or **IELTS** English test, student visa for the United States, etc..., having to make all the necessary arrangements for such purpose.
- 6) If possible, participants will begin the admission process with **Franklin Pierce** when submitting the essay and competing for the scholarships. By doing so, if the contestant is the winner, many steps would have been advanced making the process faster and easier.
- 7) The scholarship recipient is required to purchase health insurance for the duration of his/her stay when the academic program is in-person.

All this must be guaranteed and proven by the scholarship recipient, who must present the pertinent documentation to **ASIPI's** Executive Committee immediately after having been notified that he/she has been awarded the scholarship.

## 7. Program requirements

- a) In case of applying for the **JD** program it is necessary to have 3 years of professional experience in Intellectual Property, Technology and/or Information.
- b) Be a member of **ASIFI** with your membership fees up to date, including the 2023 fee.
- c) Financially able to meet all travel, lodging, and food expenses in case of having applied for a program that requires in-person attendance.
- d) Apply for the USA student VISA in case of having applied for a program that requires in-person attendance.
- e) Comply with the English exams required by **Franklin Pierce** for the **LLM/MIP** and **JD (TOEFL or IELTS)**, with the passing grades required by each of them.
- f) The members of **ASIFI's** Executive Committee may not participate as well as those who are elected to be part of the qualifying jury.

## 8. Written work requirements

- a) **Topic:** Any topic related to Intellectual Property.
- b) **Length:** The required length is as follows:
  - **IPSI** – maximum 10 pages,
  - **LLM-MIP** and **JD** – between 10 and 15 pages, according to the following format:

<b>Paper size</b>	<b>A4</b>
<b>Font:</b>	<b>Arial</b>
<b>Font size:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Paragraph:</b>	<b>Simple</b>

- c) **Anonymity:** The essay should not have any mention of the author, in order to facilitate anonymity before the Qualifying Group.

- d) **Unpublished:** Essays must be unpublished and written by the participant. They cannot have been submitted to other contests or published.
- e) **Language:** Entries must be submitted in English only.
- f) **Originality:** Special consideration will be given to the originality of the work as well as the author's own ideas and concepts on the subject matter.
- g) **Submission letter:** Participants must attach a letter stating all their personal information, declaring under oath that the essay is of their authorship, original and unpublished, and expressly stating that they comply with all the requirements contained in these rules and assume the obligations and commitments contained therein. In the same letter they must indicate for which of the academic programs they are applying, and in the case of the **Master's** program, indicate whether they will carry it out in-person or virtually.

## ***9. Call***

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The **ASIPI** Secretariat shall send all **ASIPI** members a call for participation in the contest no later than February 7, 2023.

## ***10. Notification of participation***

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All interested parties shall notify **ASIPI's** Secretariat of their intention to participate in the contest and shall complete a form (*Letter of Participation and Commitment*) which shall be provided to them, which shall serve to confirm that they comply with the requirements of the program.

The deadline for sending this notification is February 28, 2023.

Notwithstanding the above, the lack of this notification shall not be an obstacle for the interested party to submit an essay to compete within the established term, and the fulfillment of the requirements shall be evaluated at that time.

Only if the applicant works in a company that is a corporate member of **ASIPI**, a letter from that company confirming the applicant's employment and that they are aware of this application must also be submitted. If the participation has not been notified by the date specified in this section, this letter must be submitted with the work.

## ***11. Submission of papers***

The works must be sent via e-mail together with the submission letter to the **ASIPI** Secretariat no later than March 31, 2023, where it shall be verified that they comply with the requirements outlined in these rules.

When any work does not meet the requirements, the author will be informed immediately and given three calendar days from the notification date to correct the error.

If the correction is not received within the aforementioned period, it will be assumed that the participant has withdrawn his/her application from the competition.

## ***12. Grading***

The works shall be sent to the Qualifying Group, which will be formed by three or more members. All the qualifiers will be members of **ASIPI** and/or members of **Franklin Pierce**, with a distinguished academic and professional background in intellectual property, to be designated by the Executive Committee of **ASIPI**.

The Qualifying Group shall select 3 winning works for the IPSI contest, indicating the first, second and third place. It shall also select 3 works for the **Master's** contest and the **JD**, also indicating the order of the winners. The first-place winner will have the right to choose between the scholarship for the JD and the scholarship for the **Master's**. If he/she only applied for one of the programs, this right will transfer to the second and, if applicable, to the third work chosen.

In case any winner does not accept or cannot access the assigned scholarship, the Qualifying Group will choose 3 additional works for each competition (substitute works), also in priority order, and whose authors will be contacted to assign them the scholarships as appropriate.

The Qualifying Group must notify the winning works by April 25, 2023, and **ASIPI's** Secretary shall be notified of the result. **Franklin Pierce** will be notified of the names and contact information of the winners by the Secretary of **ASIPI** following notification, acceptance, and determination of the scholarships to which each recipient has access.

The Qualifying Group may declare any of the contests totally or partially void. When it is declared totally void, it means that none of the competing works met the minimum standards of quality required to name the author the winner. In the event of partial desertion, it will mean that there were insufficient works deserving of the award to cover the contest-assigned scholarships.

### ***13. Notification of the winners***

**ASIPI's** Secretary shall communicate the names of the winners and the topics of the respective papers to the Executive Committee for its immediate approval. Subsequently, **ASIPI's** Secretary shall notify the winners no later than April 28, 2023.

### ***14. Non-transferability - Acceptance of winners***

The scholarships are **Non-transferable**, therefore, if the winner is unable to participate in the academic program to which he/she acceded, the respective scholarship could be deserted or assigned to one of the authors of the substitute essays chosen by the Qualifying Group. Therefore, the winners must confirm to **ASIPI's** Secretary their participation in the respective Academic Program by May 3, 2023.

In case the winner is not able to attend, the scholarship will be awarded to the first substitute work chosen by the Qualifying Group, and if he/she is unable to attend, the second substitute or the third one will be chosen if necessary. If a scholarship recipient cannot be obtained from among the substitutes, the competition will be vacated.

In the event that a scholarship remains vacant, the **ASIPI** Executive Committee reserves the right to implement other mechanisms to assign them to an **ASIPI** member.

### ***15. Works***

Once the works have been returned by the Qualifying Group, they shall remain at **ASIPI's** Secretariat, and **ASIPI** may dispose of them as it sees fit.

The winning works, as well as the work/s that the Qualifying Group has considered deserving, shall be published in the works established by **ASIPI's** Executive Committee. As a condition of receiving the scholarships, all winners are required to sign assignments of rights to **ASIPI** and **Franklin Pierce**.

All the participants of the contest agree to refrain from publishing or otherwise exploiting the works they have submitted for a period of two years as from the date on which the results of the contest are announced.

### ***16. Scholarship recipient's contribution***

The winners of the scholarships commit themselves to the following:

- a) To develop a work that reflects what was learned in the Academic Program to which he/she acceded, which shall be submitted to **ASIPI's** Executive Commit-

tee for its approval. Likewise, in case the Executive Committee of **ASIPI** so determines, the possibility will remain open for the scholarship recipient to make a presentation in this regard during a future **ASIPI** Congress or Conference.

- b) To actively participate in **ASIPI** in whatever capacity the Executive Committee of **ASIPI** deems necessary and convenient, either by preparing written works, collaborating in a specific Committee/s, or by contributing in any activity tending to promote the development of Intellectual Property within the framework of the objectives established by **ASIPI**.
- c) To remain in **ASIPI** during the entire academic Program to which he/she acceded, and three full years after its conclusion.

### ***17. Signature of contract***

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Prior to completing the academic program, the scholarship recipient must sign an agreement with **ASIPI** to formalize the fulfillment of the terms outlined in these rules and the assignment of its rights to the work.



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