Press release
4th edition: Three students awarded

- Allen & Overy and HEC - in partnership for the first time this year with the daily business newspaper La Tribune - have organised the 4th edition of the Legal and Tax Prize. The academic defence took place on June 25th at the HEC campus at Jouy-en-Josas.

- A jury of 17 members (see the complete jury on page 2) including high-profile individuals from the business world, as well as representatives of HEC School of Management and lawyers from Allen & Overy LLP, Paris:

  - Christopher Annandale, Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking
  - Sophie Dangu, Steria
  - Nathalie Debeir, Saunier Duval
  - Thierry Dor, Ipsos
  - Pascal Hénisse, La Tribune
  - Bernard Kuhn, LVMH
  - Kevin Korengold, Dalkia International
  - Sabine Lochmann, Johnson & Johnson
  - Isabelle Perret-Noto, Cetelem
  - Laurent Pitet, GlaxoSmithKline
  - Robert Villard, Schlumberger Limited

A jury of 17 members selected three winners and a special jury award from among seven finalists.

First prize:
Jean-Florent Mandelbaum (International Taxation and Law specialisation): "Permanent establishment as a fictitious separate entity: legal, tax and economic aspects";

Second prize:
Mathias Huntzbuchler (International Law and Management Master): "Towards a more ethical approach to the remuneration of the managers of listed companies";

Third prize:
Cédric Kosso-Vanlathem (International Taxation and Law specialisation): "Obligation to declare crossing thresholds in French Law".

"Special jury award" for the "scale and the relevance of the treated set of themes":
Torsten Sauer (International Law and Management Master): "Geographical optimisation of cross border LBOs: a legal and financial comparison with respect to France, Germany and Luxembourg".

* First prize: 5,000 Euros and a paid work placement for a minimum period of 3 months
** Second prize: 3,500 Euros
*** Third prize: 1,500 Euros
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- Christopher ANNANDALE  General Counsel - Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking
- Sophie DANGU      Head of Legal - Steria
- Nathalie DEBEIR    Head of Legal - Saunier Duval
- Thierry DOR       Head of Legal - Ipsos
- Pascal HENISSE    Journalist - La Tribune
- Bernard KUHN      Head of Legal - LVMH
- Kevin KORENGOLD   Head of Legal - Dalkia International
- Sabine LOCHMANN   Head of Legal - Johnson & Johnson
- Isabelle PERRET-NOTO International Legal department - Cetelem
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- Robert VILLARD    Deputy General Counsel Strategic Transactions Schlumberger Limited
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Legal and Tax Prize

- The Legal and Tax Prize was created in 2004 after Allen & Overy became a member of the HEC Foundation.

- The organizers: two international structures leaders in their fields: A&O, a “magic circle” law firm; and HEC, the first European Business School since 2005.

- The Prize is awarded for the three best theses, submitted by seven to 10 students of the HEC International Taxation and Law specialisation and of the International Law and Management Master (in partnership with the ESCP-EAP).

- The jury, composed of high-profile businessmen, as well as representatives of HEC School of Management and lawyers from Allen & Overy LLP, Paris, interviews the finalists.

- The prizes will be presented to the winners during the award ceremony in the presence of a guest of honour; Patricia Barbizet - Artemis in 2005; and Jacques Veyrat - Neuf Cegetel in 2006.

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