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The Competition Law Association is a partner of the annual competition for the best master's thesis in the field of competition and consumer protection organized by the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection. The Polish Economic Society is the patron of the competition.

Since 2010 the Association has been presenting its own award in the competition for the best master's thesis in the field of competition protection, and as of 2022 also in the consumer protection category.

The competition is designed to draw students' attention to issues of competition and consumer protection. It is open to those who have graduated law or another field of study - economics, administration, or management. Theses in the field of competition protection should address issues relating to anticompetitive practices, merger control, state aid, or counteracting the unfair use of contractual advantage in the marketing of agricultural and food products. Theses in the field of consumer protection should deal with practices that violate collective consumers' interests, abusive contract terms, or unfair market practices.

The following prizes are waiting in the competition for the best master's thesis:

- for taking 1st place PLN 7,000,
- for taking 2nd place PLN 5,000,
- for taking third place PLN 3,000.

In addition, the person who wins the award of the Competition Law Association receives a cash prize of PLN 5,000. It is possible to accumulate the awards of the Office Chairperson and of the Competition Law Association, but it also happens that the award of the Association is given to a different thesis than the one awarded by the Office Chairperson.

The finalists of the competition receive not only financial awards. One of the gratifications can also be a paid three-month graduate internship at the Office. In addition, with the consent of the authors, the winning theses or their excerpts may be posted on the Association's website.

Details of the competition, terms and conditions and application form can be found at: https://www.uokik.gov.pl/konkurs_prace_dyplomowe.php#faq3420, and the terms and conditions of the Association's award below.