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BUREN Thesis Prize for Insolvency Law 2026

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1. Objective

To inspire enthusiasm for and encourage interest in insolvency law in the broadest sense, BUREN has teamed up with Celsus Juridische Uitgeverij (Celsus) and has launched the BUREN Thesis Prize for Insolvency Law. Every year Buren awards the BUREN Thesis Prize for Insolvency Law to the author of the best Master's thesis on insolvency law. By awarding this prize, BUREN wishes to promote high-quality theses on insolvency law.

2. Prize

- 2.1 The winner will receive a cash prize of EUR 1,000, and also gets a chance to log experience as a student trainee in BUREN's Restructuring and Insolvency Department.
- 2.2 Celsus will publish the winning thesis and the author will receive five copies.
- 2.3 The prize is awarded once a year. BUREN reserves the right not to make an award in any particular year.

3. Conditions for entry

- 3.1 Only Master's theses graded 8 or higher may be entered.
- 3.2 Master's theses finalised in the period from 27 September 2025 to 25 September 2026 are eligible for nomination.
- 3.3 The master's thesis must have been written at a Dutch university.
- 3.4 The thesis must be written in Dutch or English.

4. Entry

- 4.1 To qualify for the BUREN Thesis Prize for Insolvency Law, entrants should e-mail the documents listed below to scriptieprijs@burenlegal.com attn. R.W.A. (Ruud) Brunninkhuis, jury secretary:
 - The anonymised thesis (e.g. without your name or that of your supervisor or university) in PDF and in Word;
 - The entry form, fully completed and signed (available for download at burenlegal.com/en/thesisprize2026).
- 4.2 The jury secretary can ask entrants for a scan of written proof of evaluation of the thesis.
- 4.3 The jury secretary will decide whether the terms and conditions for entry have been met. No correspondence will be entered into about the secretary's decision.
- 4.4 The author will be notified if all conditions have been met, after which the thesis will be eligible for review by the jury.
- 4.5 The closing date for entries is 25 September 2026 (11:59 PM).

5. Acknowledgement of receipt

Entrants will receive acknowledgement or receipt by e-mail. Entrants will also receive notice if their entry does not meet the terms and conditions and is not eligible for consideration.



6. Judging criteria

Entries will be judged by at least the following criteria:

1. Legal content;
2. Critical approach and original contribution to the thesis' subject;
3. Theoretical or practical relevance;
4. Quality of argumentation and of theory developed or opinion formed;
5. Use of relevant literature and case law, and
6. Presentation style, i.e. clear writing in English or Dutch.

7. Judging

- 7.1 A jury of three persons appointed by BUREN will judge the entries.
- 7.2 Entries will be anonymous for the jury. This means that the jury does not know the name of the author, the supervisor or the university.
- 7.3 The jury determines the judging procedure.
- 7.4 The jury has the right, but not the obligation, to ask third parties for advice before taking a decision.
- 7.5 Within one month of the closing date for entries the jury will draw up a shortlist of five nominations maximum. After the winning entry has been announced, all nominated theses will be published on the BUREN website, after the authors have been informed by e-mail.
- 7.6 The jury will select the winner within one month after drawing up the shortlist.
- 7.7 The award ceremony for the BUREN Thesis

Prize for Insolvency Law 2026 will take place on Thursday 19 November 2026 in the late afternoon at our office in The Hague (subject to change). Shortlisted authors will be invited to attend.

- 7.8 No correspondence will be entered into about the award of the prize or the jury's decision.
- 7.9 The jury may decide to award one or more honourable mentions to non-winning entries.
- 7.10 The jury may decide not to award a prize.

8. Awards ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 19 November 2026 in the late afternoon (subject to change).

9. Final provision

In cases not provided for by these rules, BUREN will decide after having heard the jury.



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