

Intellectual Property celebrated by the BACIU PARTNERS team through the Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition, now in its 3rd edition



The curiosity to explore the spectacular field of intellectual property law was the main element that defined the *vibe* of the third edition of the Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition organized by the BACIU PARTNERS team together with our partners ELSA Bucharest.

The competition was addressed to third and fourth-year law students, with 28 teams registered at its start.

The BACIU PARTNERS team involved in the substantive structuring and formal organization of the event this year was varied, highlighting the importance given by the firm to interactions with younger future colleagues, law students, but also the common passion we share for doing things with purpose, with passion. **Ana-Maria Baci**, **Andreea Bende**, **Ileana Nicolescu**, **Zsófia Judit Halmágyi**, **George Irimescu**, **Narcis Codori**, **Oana Ionescu** and **Iunia Radu**, together with **Anca-Ştefanescu Toma** and **Raluca Comanescu**, were the interlocutors of the participants in the competition, throughout the stages of the project.

At the end of the pleadings, **Ana-Maria Baci** mentioned: *"In the year in which World Intellectual Property Day celebrates music, under the theme IP & Music: feel the beat of IP, we are glad to have offered law students a stage on which to make their voices heard. Through this project, which has already become a tradition, we contribute to spreading the sound of knowledge – an echo of legal curiosity, creativity and our desire, as a team, to look beyond the letter of the law. Whether we are talking about the opportunity to identify and capitalize on our professional potential in a dynamic setting, or about the challenge of listening to and understanding the changing needs of the business community, every step in this direction matters for each of those involved in this project. We congratulate all 56 students who expressed their interest in this competition – we hope that this experience will play an important role in bringing them closer to the field of intellectual property. Congratulations also to the entire BACIU PARTNERS team involved in organizing this project – for the dedication and enthusiasm with which we manage, together, to carry on this valuable initiative."*

Ileana Nicolescu, MC of the Competition added: *"From one edition to another of the Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition, our enthusiasm grows steadily – a growth fuelled both by the growing interest of students in this competition, and by the valuable experiences we build together, year after year. We pay attention to the feedback received and actively respond through adjustments designed to refine each stage, in order to bring the editions closer to the current reality of the practice in the field of intellectual property. We strongly believe that applied legal education, including through such competitions, has the power to train professionals who understand the depth of law – as a tool for protection, but also as a source of inspiration. We are happy to offer students the chance to discover, through practice and dialogue, how much the law can support and cultivate creativity. For us, this competition is part of our way of contributing to shaping the future of the intellectual*

property field."

The pleadings stage generated an emotional charge, due to its unfolding in one of the courtrooms of the High Court of Cassation and Justice, amplifying the feeling of "real", and with it, the emotions of the participants.

The third edition of the Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition organized by BACIU PARTNERS was won by the team comprised of **Ioana Gheorghe** and **Raluca Miulescu**. The team on the second place included **Loredana Filip** and **David Ene**, and the third place was awarded to **Maria-Elena Paraschiv** and **Andreea-Iulia Lungu**.

By organizing the Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition, we aim to create an elite collaborative environment in which the combination of legal knowledge with elements of creativity and communication is fundamental and in which each participant makes their voice heard in the fascinating world of intellectual property law. It is also one of our specific ways to anticipate the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day on April 26, an event established by the World Intellectual Property Organization to raise awareness of the role of IP rights in encouraging innovation and creativity. **Happy World Intellectual Property Day!**