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WOLF THEISS Award 2007: WOLF THEISS awards for outstanding works of jurisprudence presented for the eighth time

A total of four works of jurisprudence featured at the presentation on 14 June 2007 in the imposing setting of the Liechtenstein Museum.

The WOLF THEISS Award, organised annually by Austria's largest law firm - WOLF THEISS - since 2000, was presented this year on 14 June at a ceremonial reception with around 350 guests in the Liechtenstein Museum.

The award of €12,000, together with a licence for the RIDA legal index database including one year's subscription, was awarded to Dr. Claudia Zeinhofer for her paper on the concept of medicament, and its distinction from other product categories. This paper was also awarded the publication prize together with three other qualifying scientific papers. Together with the Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag publishing house, WOLF THEISS created the "WOLF THEISS Award Series" of publications in 2001, providing a channel for publishing worthy works of jurisprudence.

The festive ceremony and subsequent reception in the premises of the Liechtenstein Museum were attended by the guest speaker Mag. Brigitte Ederer, Chairwoman of the Board of Siemens AG, Austria, by his Excellency Walter Ibrahim, Ambassador of Albania, the Regional Councillor for Lower Austria, Karin Kadenbach, and numerous VIPs from business and politics, jurisprudence, and legal practice.

This year's jury that decided on the winner of the WOLF THEISS Award 2007 was again distinguished, with four university professors: Professor Susanne Kalss, Professor Martin Karollus, Professor Eduard Lechner and Professor Bernhard Raschauer, with Dr Eric Frey from the daily newspaper "Der Stan-

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The WOLF THEISS Award is awarded every year in cooperation with the daily newspaper "Der Standard", the publishers Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, and the RIDA legal index database, for outstanding works of jurisprudence on Austrian and European or international commercial law with clear relevance to Austria. The WOLF THEISS Award acknowledges and promotes outstanding legal practice by Austrian lawyers.

The WOLF THEISS Award 2008 call for papers will be issued in autumn 2007, and the specialist jury will meet in late May 2008 to decide on the submissions when the entry deadline has passed. Papers for publication can be submitted for the "WOLF THEISS Award Series" on an ongoing basis, to be decided by the jury at regular intervals.

Details on the winners of the Wolf Theiss Award 2007:

This year's cash prize of €12,000, together with publication and a personal licence for the "RIDA plus2" legal index database, goes to Dr. Claudia Zeinhofer.

Dr Claudia Zeinhofer gained the sought-after prize by her work entitled "The concept of medicament, and its distinction from other categories of product (considering in particular food law)". She deals with a topic that is of major importance to commercial practice in view of the great variety of products affected. The first part considers in detail the term "medicament", taking into account community law stipulations and interpretation of legal precedent; this focuses especially on the possible changes due to Directive 2004/27/EC. The second part of the paper focuses on the distinction between medicaments, foods and food supplements, since this is where the greatest definitional problems arise. The last two sections deal with the distinction from cosmetics and medicinal products. Overall this paper provides an analysis of the term "medicament" not previously available to this degree of precision and at this level of legal reasoning, investigating it in all its criteria and particular applications, comparing it to categories of product that are systematically closely related, and examining its legal consequences in the regulatory context of the legal field concerned.

The jury selected the following papers for publication in the "WOLF THEISS Award Series" published by Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag:

- **Dr Maria-Luise Fellner:** *"Personality protection of legal persons"*

- **Dr Florian Philapitsch, LL.M.:** *"The digital private copy - an investigation of the freedom of duplication for personal and private use in international, European and national law in the digital environment"*
- **Dr Florian Bernhard Umfahrer:** *"The reform of European legal capital rules and its impact on UK and Austrian company law"*

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- **"Austrian Tax Law Firm of the Year"** (Tax Award 2006, International Tax Review)

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