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THE WILL NEXT GEN PROJECT

WILL has successfully united senior legal professionals across 23 time zones. To ensure the longevity of our vision—"a world where legal protection is democratized"—we want now to invest in the future. We aim to launch a dedicated section for young professionals, students, and graduates in Law and Economics. This group will infuse WILL with enthusiasm, technological expertise, and fresh perspectives.

1. Mission & Purpose

The objective of WILL Next Gen is to groom the future partners of the alliance.

- ✓ **Innovation:** Acting as a think-tank for legal-tech and modern marketing strategies.
- ✓ **Energy:** Bringing enthusiasm to cross-border collaborations.
- ✓ **Succession:** Preparing young talent to eventually step into their career and to step to senior leadership role in WILL.

2. Criteria for Admittance

To maintain the prestige of WILL while remaining accessible, the following strict but inclusive criteria for admittance are:

A. Professional Status & Education

Candidates must fall into one of the following categories:

- **Students:** Currently enrolled in the final two years of a Law Master's degree in Economics, International Relations, Accounting, Tax Advisory, or related disciplines.
- **Graduates/Trainees:** Recent graduates currently undertaking mandatory legal or accounting traineeships, without the license to be counsels before a court or to act independently as professionals.

B. Age Limit

Maximum Age: Candidates must be under the age of ****30**** at the time of application.

C. The "Sponsorship" System (Referral)

- **Mandatory Sponsorship:** Every WILL Next Gen applicant must be nominated or "sponsored" by an existing Senior WILL Affiliate and by a second referral (two-referral system).
- **The Sponsor's Role:** The Senior Affiliate acts as a guarantor for the junior's ethics and professional potential

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D. Letter of Intent & Vision

Applicants must submit a one-page **Letter of Intent** answering the question: *"How can I use technology and modern thinking to democratize legal access?"*

Alternative: A 2-minute video presentation covering the same topic.

Procedure: Application requirements:

1. Written application or video according to letter D.
Applications should be submitted to the email address: nextgen@willeague.com.
2. After positive evaluation: The WILL board will communicate with the Sponsor Senior Affiliate and with the National WILL territory president involved.

E. Language Proficiency

A B2 level or higher in English is required, along with proficiency in at least one other language to reflect the international nature of WILL. Formal certificates of proficiency are not required; testing for English proficiency will be part of the evaluation process at the discretion of the board.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Members of WILL Next Gen will be active affiliates. They will be expected to:

- ✓ **Digital Contribution:** Assist Senior Affiliates with understanding emerging technologies (AI in law, blockchain, social media presence).
- ✓ **Committee Participation:** Have a representative seat in WILL's marketing or tech committees once created.
- ✓ **Annual Project:** The group must present one "Innovation Project" to the Board annually.

The WILL NEXT GEN members will be official affiliates of WILL, subject to the obligations and rights of a standard affiliate (in particular, to the WILL affiliate guidelines).

4. Membership Fee

Standard junior fee: 100 EUR annually. Special fees can be granted on specific situations and indicated jurisdictions and markets.

The fees of WILL NEXT GEN members will be used for the activities of this division.

Enrica Maggi, CEO

Marco Buscema, Founder

The WILL BOARD