

International Weekend 2018

International oratory competition

Information note

ABOUT

International Weekend is an annual event organised by the Junior Lawyers Division of the Law Society of England and Wales, the Young Barristers Committee of the Bar Council, the European Young Bar Association and the London Young Lawyers Group.

The International Oratory Competition aims to showcase the oratory skills of each contestant and provide networking opportunities for young lawyers from around the world. Humour and satire are strongly encouraged.

DATE AND VENUE

Saturday 29 September 2018
15:45 to 16:45
The Law Society
113 Chancery Lane
London, WC2A 1PL

ELIGIBILITY

Any lawyer attending the International Weekend and able to speak English is eligible to register to participate. Slots will be allotted on a first come first served basis.

REGISTRATION AND DEADLINE

Completed registration forms must be submitted by email not later than 5pm on Friday 28 September 2018 to juniorslawyers@lawsociety.org.uk

TOPICS

This year's topics are:

1. Vegetables have feelings – stop carrot cruelty?
2. Media has spoiled our eating habits
3. Black Lives Matter v Blue Lives Matter
4. Why did the chicken actually cross the road?
5. Middle aged parents figure out Snapchat
6. Things a T-Rex can't do with its little arms
7. Socks and sandals are okay
8. Pineapple is not a pizza topping

COMPETITION RULES

- Participants must take a position either in the affirmative or negative on one of the proposed topics. Only one topic may be attributed to any participant (the affirmative and negative of any given topic counting as distinct topics).

- Presentations cannot exceed five (5) minutes in duration and cannot be interrupted by the jury. Participants whose presentations exceed five (5) minutes in duration will be penalized, and risk disqualification.
- Following each participant's presentation, the jury will have the opportunity to comment on the presentation.
- Contestants will be judged on content, language, delivery and value.
- After all the presentations are complete, the jury will name the winner of the 2018 International Oratory Competition. The winner will be announced immediately following the 2018 Competition.

JUDGES

Participants will be evaluated by a panel composed of representatives from the organising committees of International Weekend 2018.

ENQUIRIES

Should you have any queries please contact juniorklawyers@lawsociety.org.uk

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