

COMPETITION SECTION - HORSFALL TURNER ESSAY PRIZE RULES

Aims

The Horsfall Turner essay prize is a prestigious award given to the best essay submission on a given topic every year. It is designed to encourage trainee solicitors to engage with competition and European law. See below for details of this year's prize

Prizes

The entrants will be judged by the Competition Section Essay sub-committee - all entrants identities will be removed before judging. The chosen winners will each:

- receive an invitation to the Competition Section Annual Dinner and Awards taking place on Thursday 21 November 2019 at the Law Society. All prize winners will be seated on the Competition Section Chair's table, the same as the keynote speaker.
- receive their award from the keynote speaker on stage
- receive either the first prize cheque of £1,000 or highly commended prize cheque for £250

Rules

1. Essays shall be no more than 2,500 words in length (including footnotes and references).
2. The essay should be written in the font Arial, font size 11 using Microsoft Word, fully annotated, referenced, stating the word count and no PDFs (as we will anonymise each essay prior to judging).
3. Entries must be sent as an electronic file (see details in entry form below), to be received no later than 12 noon on Monday 21 October 2019. When submitting an entry, the entrant shall confirm his or her agreement to comply with the Rules of the Horsfall Turner Essay Prize.
4. Entrants must be trainee solicitors or paralegals/stagiaires working at law firms or organisations which have an office in the UK. Trainees who qualify shortly before the closing date are eligible to submit an entry, provided he or she has indicated his or her intention to submit an entry prior to qualifying. Entrants shall on request provide proof of status and for this purpose we will accept the name and e-mail address of a partner in the entrant's law firm/organisation who may be contacted for the sole purpose of confirming that status.
5. The work must be the sole creation and original work of the entrant. It must not have been published before in any media, legal or otherwise.
6. The decision of the panel of judges is final and is not subject to appeal.
7. It is a condition of the competition that, while the entrant will retain copyright in the work, the Section will have the right to publish the winning essay free of charge.

2019 Question

'Earlier this year, experts from the European Commission (EC) and a UK Digital Competition Expert Panel both made recommendations to adapt competition law and policy to the challenges of the digital era. Do you think the EC was right to propose a presumption of anti-competitive conduct, effectively shifting the burden of proof for pro-competitive benefits onto platform operators?'



THE HORSFALL TURNER ESSAY PRIZE 2019 – ENTRY FORM

Please complete the form below and return with an electronic copy of your essay to:

competitionsection@lawsociety.org.uk inserting in the email subject line 'Horsfall Turner Essay Competition Attn Denise Murphy

Entry deadline - 12 noon on Monday 21 October 2019.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Job title: _____

Length of PQE _____

Organisation: _____

DX: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____