

Graham Turnbull Essay Competition guidelines and eligibility

- The competition is open to all current or prospective law students, trainee solicitors, pupils, solicitors and barristers within three years of admission/call in England and Wales at the closing date. You will still be eligible if you are currently between stages and intend ultimately to pursue a career in law.
- The deadline for the competition is **17.00 on Monday 25 November 2019**.
- All entries must address the topic of this year's competition and not exceed 2,000 words (including footnotes).
- Please prepare your entry in the following style adopted by the Law Society for publication.
- All entries must be typed.
- Please provide a cover page giving:
 1. Your full name
 2. Postal address, email and preferred contact number
 3. Your eligibility to enter the contest
 4. The word count for your entry (which must include footnotes)
- Do not put your name in the text of the entry or number the pages.
- You do not need to provide a bibliography.
- Please use:
 1. A4 paper
 2. 1.5 line spacing
 3. Arial 11pt for the text and Arial 10pt for footnotes
 4. Justified alignment
- Spelling: please use UK English spelling rather than American variants and 's' rather than 'z' in words such as 'recognise'. Please be consistent. However, do not change alternative spellings in quoted material and book and article titles.
- Footnote numbers should be placed after a full stop or other punctuation, not before.
- Footnotes should be placed at the foot of the page, not at the end of the text.
- The house style is to spell out numbers only under 10 in the text.
- Foreign words or short phrases that are not commonly used in English should be *italicised*.
- Spell out words such as 'figure' and 'per cent' in the text. Abbreviations are acceptable in footnotes so long as you are consistent.
- Please make sure that your final copy can easily be opened as a Word document and does not have any restrictions placed on it in terms of access.
- Please remember that this is an international human rights competition and the judges will expect to read arguments based on international law.
- Please send your essay to sarah.richardson@lawsociety.org.uk.