



Justice and the Law Society 2018 Essay Competition:
Law in First Person

Competition Guidelines

1. The UQ Justice and the Law Society (JATL) is holding an essay competition for current Australian law students.
2. Essays may be between 2,000 and 5,000 words.
3. The prizes available are:
 - a. First prize:
 - i. \$400 cash prize;
 - ii. Publication in *Pandora's Box*; and
 - iii. One complimentary ticket to the JATL Annual Professional Breakfast.
 - b. Second prize:
 - i. \$200 cash prize; and
 - ii. Publication on *Pandora's Blog*.
4. This year's competition will explore Indigeneity, and the ways in which the law responds to, recognises and makes reparation to Indigenous peoples, both in historical and contemporary perspective. Possible areas of law that you could explore in your essay include native title, anti-discrimination law, human rights law, criminal law, constitutional law, administrative law and family, elder and children's law. If you have any concerns regarding whether your essay topic is appropriate please email us at pandorasbox@jatl.org.
5. Entry is open to university students who are studying a recognised law programme (either an LLB or JD, including dual degree students) at a university in Australia. Students must be enrolled on the date of submission (7 September 2018).
6. The winning essay will be chosen at the discretion of the judging panel, with regard to the following criteria:
 - a. Only one essay per person may be submitted;
 - b. Essays must relate to the theme 'law in first person';
 - c. Essays must be the original work of the author; however, joint authorship will be accepted (to a maximum of two).
 - d. Previous university assessment may be entered but essays must be previously unpublished.
 - e. All citations must comply with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC). This includes the use of comprehensive footnotes.
 - f. Any plagiarism will be treated strictly, such that the essay will be automatically ineligible for the competition
 - g. Essays must be within the word limit, exclusive of footnotes for citation purposes. No annexures or attachments will be accepted;
 - h. Please give your essay a title;
 - i. Submissions will be electronic only. The completed essay must be emailed as a PDF and Word document attachment to vpadmin@jatl.org by the deadline.
 - j. The text of the email should include:
 - i. Your full name.
 - ii. Your phone number.
 - iii. Your preferred email address.
 - iv. The name of the university you attend.
 - v. The title of your essay.
 - vi. Your essay's word count.
 - k. Entries must be in 12 point type. The font must be Times New Roman.