



Association of Women Solicitors

Essential for Success

Title	The Association of Women Solicitors (London) 25 th Anniversary Essay Competition
The Competition	Law students, trainee solicitors, trainee legal executives and pupil barristers are invited to enter the Association of Women Solicitors (London) 25 th Anniversary Essay Competition.
The Essay Title	Either 1. Consider the following as a matter of criminal law: What role does provocation have as a defence to a charge of domestic violence and when can provocation be said to begin? or 2. What rights, if any, does a parent have to require discontinuance or alteration of treatment of a child? Is there any overriding right?
The Closing Date	Friday 21st July 2017 at 5pm. Email essays to AWSLondon1@gmail.com
Winners	The winners will be announced at the AWS Summer Party on 3 rd August 2017 (7pm) at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5AH
Prizes	The winner of the Competition will receive £1,500 and the runner up £500.
About the Competition	The Association of Women Solicitors (AWS) was established in 1992 although its roots go back to the first half of the last century. We are celebrating our 25 th anniversary this year. Although our name would seem to suggest that membership is only open to women solicitors, we are open to a whole range of female legal professionals. Our strap line is 'Essential for Success' and we monitor the legal press to comment on issues affecting women in the legal sector and take an interest in all things that have the potential to affect our members' careers and wellbeing. We are open and inclusive and warmly welcome new members. In 2017, we are offering 2 years' free membership to anyone qualifying this year.
Further rules of the Competition	See Appendix 1 attached.

Appendix 1

1. The Competition is open to all those who, as at the closing date for the Competition on 21st July 2017, are current law students (undertaking an undergraduate law degree), the LPC, GDL or barristers' equivalent, trainee solicitors, trainee legal executives and pupil barristers **provided they are members of the AWS**. For non-members, you can join at the same time as submitting your essay by completing the application which is on the AWS website at <http://awslondon.co.uk/about-us/membership/>. Membership is free to anyone qualifying this year ie in 2017 as a solicitor, barrister or legal executive.

Guidelines for Submission of Entry

2. Each entry must address one of the two Essay Titles of the Competition set out above and not exceed 2000 words (including footnotes).
3. Please prepare your entry in the following style adopted by the AWS (London) for publication.
4. Each entry must be typed.
5. Please provide a cover page setting out
 - Your full name
 - Postal address, email and daytime telephone contact number
 - Your eligibility to enter the Competition
 - The word count for your entry (which must include footnotes)
6. You do not need to include a bibliography.
7. Please use
 - A4 paper
 - 1.5 line spacing
 - Ariel 11 point for text and Ariel 10 point for footnotes
 - Justified alignment
8. 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.
9. Footnote numbers should be placed after a full stop or other punctuation, not before
10. Footnotes should be placed at the foot of the page, not at the end of the text.
11. The house style is to spell out numbers only under 10 in the text. Numerical figures can be used for numbers 10 and above. E.g. One, three, nine, but 10 and 25
12. Foreign words or short phrases that are not commonly used in English should be *italicised*.

13. Spell out words such as 'figure' and 'per cent' in the text. Abbreviations are acceptable in footnotes so long as you are consistent.
14. 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.

25th May 2017