



Student Legal Essay Competition

The Inn's annual Student Law Journal invites students to submit essays for any legal area of interest.

All entries will be reviewed by a panel of Benchers and Barristers who will select the top 10 entries to be included in the journal. After selection, the journal will be published online with hard copies being stored in the Inn's library.

In addition to inclusion within the law journal, there are two named essay prizes available:

Lord Millett Equity Essay Prize

The Lord Millett Equity Essay Prize is awarded to the student with the best essay on the subject of equity in the law.

The Lord Millett Equity Essay Prize is made possible by a generous legacy left to the Inn by The Rt Hon Lord Millett, who was Treasurer of the Inn in 2004. In agreement with his family, we have established the essay prize in the field of equity, of which Lord Millett was the outstanding exponent of his time.

Lincoln's Inn Essay Prize

The Lincoln's Inn Essay Prize is awarded to the student with the best overall essay on any other legal subject.

Students are permitted to enter essays for both prizes should they wish to. Please note that students cannot submit the same essay for both prizes.

In addition to these prizes, there will also be a prize for overall 2nd and 3rd place.

Prizes

Prizes are available in the following categories:

1. **Lincoln's Inn Essay Prize:** £500 & Lincoln's Inn Pen
2. **Lord Millett Equity Essay Prize:** £500 & Lincoln's Inn Pen
3. **Overall 2nd place:** £50 & Lincoln's Inn Pen
4. **Overall 3rd place:** Lincoln's Inn Pen

The deadline for submissions for the 2026/27 Student Law Journal is **09:00 on Monday 09 November 2026.**

Rules

Eligibility: Those submitting an entry must be a current student member of Lincoln's Inn.

Subject: Submissions can either be legal essays/articles or legal case-notes.

Submission: Essays should be submitted in **Microsoft Word Format** by email to education@lincolnsinn.org.uk alongside a completed [Submission and Plagiarism form](#).

Word Count: Essays must be no longer than **1500 words**. Footnotes are included in the word count. Essays that exceed this word limit will not be considered.

References: All submissions must conform to the **Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA)**. Footnotes are required but bibliographies are not.

Formatting: Essays should be submitted in **Arial size 12** with **1.15 line spacing**. Footnotes should be formatted in **Arial size 10**.

Reworked Coursework: Essays written as part of a student's degree may be submitted for selection providing -

1. The student declares that the essay has previously been submitted as part of an academic course in their email when they submit it to the Inn.
2. The essay is reworked as to make it currently relevant.
3. The essay has not been submitted or published elsewhere.

ChatGPT and AI: ChatGPT or similar programs should not be used to write any part of a submission. Should suspicions be raised that an element or all a submission has been written using ChatGPT or similar programs, the student will be asked to provide evidence of the research and writing process. Any submission that is found to be written using Chat GPT or similar programs will be automatically excluded from judging and publication.

Plagiarism: Any form of plagiarism will not be tolerated and will lead to an automatic disqualification. Students will be required to sign a plagiarism declaration when submitting any essay.

Questions: Should you have any questions regarding the essay competitions, please email education@lincolnsinn.org.uk.