

2012 Research Essay

Prize Pool \$15,000

The **Banking and Financial Services Law Association Ltd** (ABN 61 006 354 089) offers two prizes each year for research essays in important issues of current banking and financial services law and practice which are relevant to Australia and/or New Zealand. **In 2012 the Association offers a prize pool of \$15,000** – the amounts awarded will be at the discretion of the Prize Panel – for first and second place. The Association reserves in its absolute discretion the right not to award either or both prizes for any reason.

The object of the Prize is not only to make the benefits of the research available to the public but also to encourage the research potential of the successful entrant. Students (both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels), academics, and practitioners are invited to submit an entry.

Entries should:

- Display a high degree of legal scholarship on matters of contemporary practical day-to-day relevance in the fields of banking and/or finance law (including insolvency)
- Demonstrate original thinking on the topic, rather than being a collation of ideas of others or a digest of recent case law
- Be of a standard, both as regards content and presentation, which is suitable for publication in a refereed/peer-reviewed law journal

Entry conditions:

- Not more than two authors per entry
- Only one entry per author
- Maximum of 10,000 words (excluding footnotes)
- Must comply with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (3rd ed. 2010)
- Entry must be unpublished at the time of acceptance, and must normally remain unpublished until the award is announced. However the Association may allow an entrant to publish pending a decision on the award. The Association reserves the right to publish successful papers, both in hard copy and in electronic format, once a decision has been made.
- The winning entry and others worthy of publication will be published in the Journal of Banking and Finance Law & Practice (Thomson Reuters in conjunction with BFSLA)
- Entries are 'blind reviewed' and two copies of each submission will be required – one with identifying details and the other with no identifying details. The Association reserves in its absolute discretion the right not to award either or both prizes for any reason.

Entries close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday 8th June, 2012

and will be judged by a panel selected by the Association. The winners will be announced at the Annual Conference Dinner on Sunday 5th August, 2012 (Queenstown, New Zealand)

Please contact the BFSLA Secretariat for your entry application by sending an e-mail to: jenny@eventsolutions.com.au