

2015

Research Essay

Prize Pool A\$20,000

The Banking and Financial Services Law Association Ltd offers prizes each year for research essays on important issues of current banking and financial services law and practice which are relevant to Australia and/or New Zealand. The amounts of the prizes may be reset each year. In 2015 the Association offers a prize pool of A\$20,000 but the amounts awarded will be at the discretion of the Board. The entire amount may be awarded to a single winner or it may be divided among two or more winners in proportions decided by the Board.

The object of the prizes is to encourage the research potential of the successful entrant(s) and to make the benefits of the research available to the public. The competition is open to students (both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels), academics and practitioners (solicitors and barristers).

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 co-authors per entry.
- Only one entry per author.
- Authors must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand at the time of submission, but may be studying at a university outside those places at the time of submission.
- Previous winners of this prize are not eligible to apply for 2 years after the year in which they won it.
- Word count: maximum of 10,000 words (excluding footnotes).
- Entries must comply with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (3rd ed. 2010).
- Entries must be unpublished at the time of acceptance and must normally remain unpublished until the winner is announced. However, the Board may allow an entrant to publish pending a decision on the winner. 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 may be published in the Journal of Banking and Finance Law & Practice (Thomson Reuters in conjunction with BFSLA)
- The Board may appoint an adjudicating committee to assess the applications and make recommendations, but the final decision is that of the Board.
- Entries are 'blind reviewed'. Two copies of each submission will be required – one with identifying details and the other with no identifying details.
- The Board reserves in its absolute discretion the right not to award prizes for any reason.
- No member of the Board or of the adjudicating committee is eligible to enter.

Entries Close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday, 5 June 2015

and will be judged by a panel selected by the Board. The Prize results will be announced at the Annual Conference Dinner on Friday, 4 September 2015.

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