

APLI Essay Competition Rules 2010

The following terms and conditions shall apply to the award:

1. Applications

1.1 Applicants must:

- (a) be resident in Ireland at the latest date for delivery of the essay under Rule 1.6 (excluding any extension of the deadline);
- (b) be studying Irish law; or
- (c) be a barrister or solicitor of less than two years' standing practising law in Ireland.

1.2 An essay may be submitted by more than one applicant as a joint submission in which case any prize awarded will be divided equally amongst the applicants named on the essay submitted.

1.3 The essay shall deal with the advertised topic or topics in the context of related Irish and European pensions law.

1.4 The essay shall be between 2,000 and 3,000 words (inclusive of footnotes) in length. Essays outside this range shall be disqualified unless the judges decide otherwise in their absolute discretion.

1.5 The essay shall be submitted in the English language.

1.6 The essay shall be delivered to the APLI at its registered office (or to any person designated by the APLI Council as the person to whom the essay should be delivered) not later than 20th March in each year in which the competition is held or the next subsequent Monday if the 20th in any year falls upon a Saturday or Sunday. The APLI Council may in its absolute discretion decide to extend this deadline.

1.7 Authors may be required by the APLI Council to provide evidence of residence, professional status or attendance at an educational institution in such form as the APLI Council may request. This may take the form of a certificate from a Dean or equivalent officer of a university or law school or employer.

2. Judges

The APLI Council may appoint a panel to adjudicate on the essays submitted. In the absence of such an appointment, the APLI Council will act as the adjudication panel. The panel will be entitled to appoint such advisors as it considers appropriate to assist in making its decision which shall be final.

3. Prizes

3.1 The panel may award a first prize of €2,000 (two thousand), a second prize of €1,000 (one thousand), and a third prize of €500 (five hundred).

3.2 If the panel so decides in its absolute discretion, it may conclude that:

- (a) there are no essays meriting the first prize – in which case one or two second prizes may be awarded; or
- (b) there are no essays meriting the first or second prizes and that no prizes should be awarded.

4. Information

The copyright in all entries shall become the property of the APLI. The APLI shall be entitled to retain original essay submissions. The APLI Council may publish, or allow to be published, any entry received in any form including publication on the official APLI website. The APLI Council reserves the right to edit any entry prior to its publication.

5. Cancellation and amendment

The APLI Council may at its sole discretion at any time and with retrospective effect cancel the competition or vary the prizes or any of these terms and conditions.



Ian Devlin
Hon. Secretary