

## **APLI Essay Competition Rules 2014**

The following terms and conditions shall apply to the award:

### **1. Applications**

- 1.1 Applications can be made under Category 1 or Category 2.
- 1.2 Category 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). and
  - (b) be studying Irish law.
- 1.3 Category 2 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); and
  - (b) be a trainee Irish barrister or solicitor or a practising Irish barrister or solicitor of less than two years' post qualification experience.
- 1.4 An essay may be submitted to either Category 1 or Category 2 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.
- 1.5 The essay shall deal with the advertised topic or topics in the context of related Irish and European pensions law.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 The essay shall be submitted in the English language.
- 1.8 The essay shall be delivered to the nominated representative of the APLI at either the registered office of the APLI or such other address as is agreed by the APLI Council not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. The APLI Council may in its absolute discretion decide to extend this deadline.
- 1.9 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 in respect of Category 1 and Category 2 of €1,000 (one thousand) and a second prize of €500 (five hundred), comprising a total prize fund of €3,000 (three thousand).

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 any entry received in any form including publication on the official APLI website.

## **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.

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