



LAWASIA International Moot

WRITING COMPETITION RULES



Organiser of the LAWASIA International Moot Competition

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The LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee is organising the LAWASIA International Writing Competition, in conjunction with the LAWASIA International Moot Competition and the LAWASIA International Conference.

The objectives of the International Writing Competition are as follows:

- To provide a platform for students to critically analyse and express their views on the legal issues relating to the LAWASIA International Moot Competition moot problem.
- To enable lay persons to gain a better understanding of the legal issues being mooted in the LAWASIA International Moot Competition.
- To create public awareness of the social and humanitarian issues relating to the LAWASIA International Moot Competition moot problem.
- To challenge law students to simplify and communicate complex legal issues in simple plain language to a lay audience.
- To build networks among law students in the global community and to appreciate cultural diversity.

The following rules shall govern the LAWASIA International Writing Competition:

1.0 Eligibility

1.1 The competition is open to law students around the world.

1.1.1 The eligibility of law students to enter the competition is as defined under Article 1.1 of the LAWASIA International Moot Rules, i.e.:

1.1.1.1 Currently pursuing an undergraduate law degree or a bar qualifying course or its equivalent;

1.1.1.2 Currently enrolled at a law school in the country that he or she represents as a full time or part-time student at the date of registration;

1.1.1.3 Has not engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction.

1.2 Proof of eligibility must be submitted together with the entry form.

1.2.1 Proof of eligibility must include:

1.2.1.1 A photocopy and certified copy of the student's identification;

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- 1.2.1.2 Confirmation letter from their respective universities or institutions of which the student is currently enrolled;
 - 1.2.1.3 Or any other information which the Committee may require.
- 1.3 The Committee shall have the absolute right to disqualify a participant should the information provided be fraudulent.

2.0 Subject Matter

- 2.1 The topic of the Competition shall be based on the current LAWASIA International Moot Competition Moot Problem.
- 2.2 The article shall be based on the issues arising from the moot problem.
- 2.3 The article shall be written in plain and simple language to enable a lay person to understand the legal issues arising from the moot problem.
- 2.4 The article must be accompanied by a video of not more than 3 minutes duration about the student and the article.

3.0 Submissions

- 3.1 All entries must be accompanied by a cover page containing the following information:
 - 3.1.1 Name
 - 3.1.2 Country
 - 3.1.3 Name of University
 - 3.1.4 Course /Year
 - 3.1.5 Word length
 - 3.1.6 Date of submission
 - 3.1.7 Contact details
 - 3.1.7.1 Postal address
 - 3.1.7.2 Telephone number
 - 3.1.7.3 Email Address
- 3.2 One student is eligible to submit only one entry. All articles must be submitted by individuals. Group work is not allowed.
- 3.3 The article must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size white paper. The article must be doubled-spaced using Times New Roman font and 12 point.
- 3.4 The article must be the original and unpublished work of author with proper citation and referencing of the sources used.

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- 3.5 The article must not be longer than 3,000 words.
 - 3.6 Upon submission of the competition entries, no revision will be accepted and any request for the return of the competition entry will not be entertained.
 - 3.7 All articles should be submitted electronically by email attachments in MS Word format and pdf format, addressed to the Committee's email address – yokewah.chye@tktlawyers.com.
 - 3.8 The top ten winners of the first stage of the Competition, subjected to S 6.1 shall submit a 3 minute video presentation to the Committee. This short video shall include a short introduction of themselves and a brief explanation of their articles.
 - 3.9 All video presentations must be uploaded on Youtube. Students will need to sign up for a Youtube account before doing this. After doing so, students must email the direct URL of the videos to the Committee via yokewah.chye@tktlawyers.com.
 - 3.10 Students are cautioned not to include copyright-protected work without permission. This means that music clips, photos, video clips, logos or other graphic artwork cannot be used in the videos without obtaining prior permission from the copyright holder. The Committee shall be indemnified by students from any legal liability arising from their unauthorised use of copyrighted material in videos submitted for this Competition.
 - 3.11 All entries for this Competition shall be by a date the Committee shall announce. All decisions made by the Committee are absolute and final.

4.0 Inappropriate Communications

- 4.1 Any inappropriate communications to judges of the Competition shall disqualify the student from the Competition. Inappropriate communication means that any type of communication, orally or in writing to judges, with the intention of jeopardising the true and fair outcome of the competition.

5.0 Publication

- 5.1 The student grants to the Committee the following rights: the exclusive rights of publications, reprints and to license use of the articles.
- 5.2 All entries are the joint properties of the owner and the Committee. The Committee may publish, reprint and to license use of the article in any newspaper, journal or magazine without reference to the student.

6.0 Method of Judging

6.1 The method of judging is divided into 3 stages. The stages shall be as follows: -

Stage 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Committee shall choose 10 of the best written articles among all the entries.2. The decision of the Committee is final and no appeals shall be entertained.
Stage 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This stage counts for 30% of the final marks.2. The 10 best written essays chosen will be posted online on the LAWASIA International Moot Competition website at www.lawasiamoot.org and shall be open to votes from the public. Anyone from the public is eligible to vote.3. Marks shall be given in accordance with the highest number of votes as follows: -<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 30 points will be awarded to the top 3 articles with the highest votes;b. 25 points to the subsequent 3;and<ol style="list-style-type: none">c. 20 points to the remaining 44. In the event of a tie in the votes, the Committee reserves the rights to award a higher point to an article the Committee thinks is more deserving.
Stage 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This stage accounts for 70% of the final results.2. The Committee shall constitute a panel of judges who shall award points according to the merits of each article.3. The points awarded shall be added to the points from the voting process and summed up to determine the winner of the Competition.4. The decision of the Committee is final. No appeals shall be entertained.

7.0 Awards and Prizes

- 7.1 The best entry shall be deemed the winner to merit an award. Judges may also appoint a joint winner should they find that two entries rank equally in merits.
- 7.2 The winner shall receive a cash prize of USD 500.
- 7.3 The Committee reserves the right to not award a prize, should there be no entry that, in their discretion, merits the award.
- 7.4 Prizes are non-transferable and there are no cash alternatives. The Committee reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value at any time.
- 7.5 All taxes, commissions, insurances, transfers and other expenses resulting from the prize are the sole responsibility of the winner unless otherwise stated.
- 7.6 Failure to claim a prize within the time or in the manner specified may result in disqualification and the selection of an alternative winner.
- 7.7 The Committee is entitled to seek full reimbursement of any grants and/or prize monies disbursed to the winners in the event of any breach and/or non fulfilment of the terms and conditions of the award and/or Rules stated herein.

8.0 Ambiguity Clause

- 8.1 The Committee has the absolute discretion to interpret any of the clauses in this Rules as it deems fit.
- 8.2 The Committee reserves the right to alter, amend or close the competition as necessary.

9.0 Disclaimer Clause

- 9.1 The Committee, sponsors and affiliated organisations hereby disclaim any and all liabilities that may arise in connection with the competition entries and any materials produced in relation thereto.
- 9.2 Furthermore, the Committee shall not be held responsible for the competition entries that are lost or damaged in transit. Competition entries are automatically rejected if they are incomplete, unreadable, damaged, mutilated, tampered with, falsified, irregular in any way or otherwise not in compliance with the Competition Rules.
- 9.3 The Committee reserves the absolute right to cancel, terminate, modify, suspend or extend the Competition at any time.

Definition:

“Competition” means the LAWASIA International Writing Competition

“Committee” means the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee

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