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2. The essay competition is open to all:
  - individuals who are studying as under- or post-graduate students in any legal discipline registered with a UK educational institution, or who completed such study on or after 1 February 2008;
  - trainee solicitors; and
  - pupil barristers.
3. Only one entry per person will be allowed.
4. The essay must be the sole creation and original work of that person. No previously published work will be accepted. Any form of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. All essays submitted will be closely checked for plagiarism.
5. The judges' decisions on any awarding of any prize in the competition will be final and is not subject to any appeal. Essays will be judged on the quality of legal analysis, and not on judges' views as to the merits of the wider issue.
6. Any essay submitted should conform to the following rules as to content, length and style:
  - The essay should begin with a cover page stipulating the author's full name, address, contact details (including email address), details of student, trainee solicitor or pupil barrister status including name of relevant organisation. No essay should thereafter contain the author's name in either header or footer text within the essay.
  - Essays should not be longer than 1,500 words including footnotes.
  - Essays should contain page numbers.
  - Any cases or statutes referred to in any essay should be fully cited the first time that they are used.
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