



The Bar Council

Law reform essay competition 2025

Application form

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Personal details

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Details of eligibility to enter

(tick as appropriate)

- a) I'm a pupil barrister
- b) I have received a pupillage offer
- c) I'm undertaking the vocational component of Bar training
- d) I'm undertaking an integrated academic and vocational course for the Bar
- e) I'm actively seeking pupillage having completed the vocational component (including, for example, the Bar course, the Bar/barrister training course/the Bar practice course, the Bar vocational course, Bar vocational studies or Bar professional training course) within the last 5 years

Details of training

If (a), (b), (c) or (d) applies, please answer the following.

Name of AETO, chambers or employer:

Address of AETO, chambers or employer:

Name and email address of academic /pupil supervisor that we can contact to confirm eligibility:

If (e) applies, you are actively seeking pupillage, please answer the following:

Name of AETO:

Date of completion:

Please send us a copy of your Bar training certificate with your essay entry and application form.

If you have completed the vocational component but haven't received your certificate, please complete the previous section instead.

Confirmation

Please select the practice area your essay relates to most.

- Chancery/commercial
- Criminal
- Employment
- Family
- Human rights
- Financial
- International/EU
- Public law (including parliamentary, administrative and constitutional law)
- Medical negligence/personal injury

- Environment
- Intellectual property
- Technology
- Other (please specify):

Confirm the word count of your essay:

Confirm the title of your essay:

Declaration

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- I confirm that the essay I am submitting to the law reform essay competition 2025 is my sole creation and original work. I have read and understood the rules around the use of AI
- I confirm that I have read and understood the plagiarism policy
- I confirm that I have read and understood the data protection notice policy
- I confirm that I have read and understood the essay competition rules

Double click below to add your signature and the date signed (date is added automatically)

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What next

Submit your essay, application form and any accompanying documents to lawreform@barcouncil.org.uk by 5.00pm on 23 October 2025. If you choose to do so, please also complete the equal opportunities monitoring form (available at: www.barcouncil.org.uk/enter).