



The Bar Council

Law reform essay competition 2025

Data protection notice

Who we are: the General Council of the Bar (known as the Bar Council) is the approved regulator of the Bar. It performs statutory functions in the public interest under the Legal Services Act 2007.

Your personal data: we obtain your name and contact details, and those of your academic or pupil supervisor, along with your application and essay itself which make you identifiable in the broadest sense. This data is only processed for the administration of the essay competition as described below. If you choose to complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, this is anonymous and separate from your application. The data will be aggregated as soon as possible, and the forms then deleted. We will complete this by 09 December 2025.

Our purposes for processing your data: we will process your personal data for the purposes of administering this essay competition and (in the case of successful entrants) publicising and promoting future such competitions. Our lawful basis for this processing is our performance of a public task, in accordance with our statutory functions under the Legal Services Act, which include the provision of initiatives to support prospective barristers in education and training and upon entry to the Bar. Please go to our [privacy statement](#) for more details.

Retention of your data: we will retain all entrants' applications for one year after the competition deadline and will then delete them permanently. Successful entrants' data will be retained for five years after the deadline as follows: 1) winners' names and entries will stay on our website to promote the competition, and 2) we may contact past winners to request (non-mandatory) participation in publicity materials.

Should you have any questions about the use of your data as above, please contact lawreform@barcouncil.org.uk or privacy@barcouncil.org.uk