

# COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA LAW ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED PO Box 345, HELENSBURGH NSW 2508 (02) 4294 8059

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### CAMLA ESSAY COMPETITION 2017 – 2018

The Communications and Media Law Association (CAMLA) is holding their annual essay competition. CAMLA brings together a wide range of people interested in law and policy relating to communications and the media. CAMLA includes lawyers, journalists, broadcasters, members of the telecommunications industry, politicians, publishers, academics and public servants. See <a href="https://www.camla.org.au">www.camla.org.au</a>.

#### The purpose of this essay competition is:

- To reward original thought in the areas of communications and media law and policy.
- To encourage high quality work in communications and media law courses and practice.
- To improve links between those studying and commencing work with more established practitioners.

## Essays meeting the following criteria are eligible for prizes as determined by the judging panel:

- Essays must relate to communications or media law.
- Essays must be the original work of the author.
- Essays must be previously unpublished (which may include an essay completed by a student enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course, possibly as part of that course).
- Essays must be between 1,000 3,000 words (exclusive of all footnotes, annexures, attachments and bibliographies). You may provide footnotes instead of a full bibliography.
- Australian Guide to Legal Citation style and footnoting guide is preferred.

#### **Topic selection:**

Essays may address any issue relevant to CAMLA and its members. Entrants should consider the commercial, legal, policy and regulatory context of their chosen topic. Essays may draw on relevant international examples (where appropriate).

#### The judging panel:

Essays will be judged by a panel of four judges (a representative of academia, industry and the legal professions), each a member of CAMLA. Essays will be evaluated on criteria including original thought and analysis. The judges may determine not to award some or all of the prizes. The judges' determinations will be final.

#### Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the best three essays as follows:

1st prize: \$1,000 and CAMLA membership
2nd prize: \$600 and CAMLA membership
3rd prize: \$400 and CAMLA membership

The awards will be presented at a special CAMLA Young Lawyers event to be held in Sydney in early 2018. CAMLA will also arrange for travel and accommodation in Sydney for interstate finalists to attend this function.

Some or all of the prize winning essays, edited in consultation with the author, may be considered for publication in the *Communications Law Bulletin*.

#### Who can enter?

- Lawyers admitted and currently residing in Australia with up to (and including) 5 years' post admission experience (please provide date of admission).
- Graduates with a recent legal qualification, currently residing in Australia and pending admission in Australia.
- Students residing in Australia and currently studying for a legal qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

#### Submission of entries:

- Only 1 essay per person may be submitted.
- Entries will be accepted by email or post only.
- Please give your essay a title.
- Number each page
- The name, address, email and telephone and the tertiary institution and course in which the author is enrolled (if applicable) should be included either on a separate, detachable sheet or in the covering email. No identifiers should be on the essay itself.

Entries due by 5.00 pm on Friday 12th January 2018 to:

**CAMLA Essay Competition**PO Box 345, HELENSBURGH NSW 2508

or

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