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2012 - 2013 CAMLA ESSAY COMPETITION

The Communications and Media Law Association is holding an essay competition over the summer of 2012-2013. CAMLA is one of the leading organisations in Australia bringing together people with an interest in media and communications law. Our membership includes major Australian media and communications companies, relevant government bodies and leading law firms. See www.camla.org.au.

The purpose of this essay competition is:

- To reward original thought regarding the analysis of policy development in the areas of communications and media law.
- To encourage high quality work in communications and media law courses and practice.
- To improve links between those studying and starting out practising in this area of law and policy development 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- Essays must be previously unpublished (which may include an essay completed by a student enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course, possibly as part of that course).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 (inclusive of all footnotes, annexures, attachments and bibliographies).

Topic selection:

Essays may address any issue relevant to CAMLA and its members. Entrants should consider the commercial, legal, policy and regulatory context to their chosen topic. Essays need not be limited to an Australian-only discussion and may draw upon relevant international examples (where appropriate).

Whilst entrants are encouraged to choose their own topic, some suggested areas which entrants may wish to explore are set out below:

- National security reform and data retention proposals.
- Telecommunications operators as content providers.
- Intermediary liability as a means to regulate online activity.
- Data breach and public expectations of privacy.
- Media regulation in the digital age – is the different treatment of traditional media as compared to new media justified?

The judging panel:

Essays will be judged by a panel of three judges (a representative of academia, industry and the legal profession), 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**

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

The awards will be made at a special CAMLA Young Lawyers event to be held on Wednesday 30th January 2013 at Ashurst Australia, Level 36, 225 George Street, Sydney where the finalists will be given the opportunity to speak briefly on their essay topic and enjoy the evening with CAMLA members.

Submission of entries:

- Only 1 essay per person may be submitted.
- Entries will be accepted by email or post only.
- The name, address, email, telephone and fax contacts 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.

Entries are to be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 23 January 2013 to:

CAMLA Essay Competition

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or

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