



2025 ESSAY COMPETITION

The Communications and Media Law Association (CAMLA) are 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 www.camla.org.au.

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- Essays must be previously unpublished (but may include an essay completed by a student enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course, possibly as part of that course).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 (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:

- **1st prize: \$1000**
A mentoring session with a CAMLA Board or CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee member
CAMLA membership valid for one year.
- **2nd prize: \$600**
CAMLA membership valid for one year.
- **3rd prize: \$400**
CAMLA membership valid for one year.

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

The finalists will be notified by **Monday 1 December 2025** and the prizes will be awarded at the CAMLA End of Year drinks in early December (finalists are welcome to attend).

*Please note CAMLA events are held in Sydney. Finalists will be responsible for their own travel.

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.
- Co-authored essays are permitted, provided both authors meet the eligibility criteria.

Submission of entries:

- Only 1 essay per person may be submitted.
- Entries will be accepted by email 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 in the covering email.
- **No identifiers should be on the essay itself.**

Email entries to contact@camla.org.au
Deadline: Friday 31 October 2025 at 5:00pm
No late submissions will be considered.