

**Gaire Blunt Scholarship – Application Form**

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**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:**

1. the enclosed paper on competition law is all my own work;
  2. I fit the criterion for the Gaire Blunt scholarship of being a person at a junior stage of my career, whether it be as a practising lawyer, academic or member of the public service or corporate sector, in Australia;
  3. all decisions concerning eligibility for, or any other aspect of awarding, the Gaire Blunt scholarship will be made by the BLS Executive in its discretion;
  4. the enclosed paper on a competition law topic is no more than 10,000 words;
  5. (if the enclosed paper has been submitted for assessment for any other purpose) this paper has been submitted for assessment for another purpose, namely.....;
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6. my paper will be judged by a panel which will be appointed by the BLS Executive and will include the a member of the BLS Executive, chairperson of the BLS Competition and Consumer Committee or his/her nominee, a representative from academia and a judge or other person of standing approved by the BLS Executive.

7. the criteria to be used in assessing my papers are:

(a) Significance of contribution [25]

This relates to the extent to which the essay makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis of competition law issues. Such a contribution can be achieved either on the basis of tackling a highly topical issue or exploring and providing fresh insight into a fundamental conceptual or theoretical issue, or by formulating a new approach to an important practical issue or in some other way.

(b) Design and execution [10]

This relates to the clarity and focus of the topic for discussion as well as the relevance and appropriateness of the chosen methodology, theory or approach to the topic. It includes the nature and extent if the research undertaken.

(c) Quality of argument [10]

This relates to the structure and logic of the argument made in relation to the topic, the persuasiveness, practicality and relevance of the views presented and the degree of support offered for the conclusions reached.

(d) Presentation [5]

This relates to the format of the essay, the use of headings and sub-headings, the degree of referencing, consistency and clarity of expression, grammar and spelling and attention to detail in presentation generally.

8. I am prepared to deliver my paper at a workshop run by the BLS (although whether or not I will be asked to deliver my paper at a workshop will be at the discretion of the BLS Executive). This

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could be at the annual Competition and Consumer Workshop or at the annual Rising Stars Competition Workshop which is run for more junior lawyers;

9. if awarded the Gaire Blunt scholarship, I will not, for a period of 6 months after the award, without the prior approval of the BLS Executive, submit my paper for publication. A condition of approval will be the acknowledgement of the award of the Gaire Blunt scholarship for the paper.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

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