**Judicial/ADR Liaison Committee**

**Facilitated Essay Writing Competition**

**2022**

**Eligibility**

1. The competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students who, at the time of entry, are enrolled full- or part-time at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree.

2. Students may be enrolled in any discipline.

3. Students may be enrolled in any college or university based in the UK

4. Papers written for courses are eligible, but all papers must be the original, unpublished work of an individual student.

5. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification. The organiser’s determination in this respect is final.

6. Each student may submit only one essay.

7. Entries must be submitted by email, and entries are open from 9am on10 January 2022 to 10pm on 31 March 2022. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please note; the competition winners will be responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

**Requirements**

1. Essays should be no more than 1,500 words in length (+/-5%).

2. A complete bibliography should be included, if appropriate. The bibliography and/or footnotes will not count towards the word limit. The word limit must be included on the document.

3. Essays should be typed and double-spaced, in an easily readable font (such as Times New Roman), with 1” margins.

4. All pages must include the title of the essay and page numbers.

5. Submissions will be judged anonymously so please do not include any personally identifying information (name, university) in the essay document. Each submission will be provided with a unique reference number that can be linked to the Application Form submitted by the entrant, but which remains anonymous to the Judging Panel.

6. Entrants may complete the Application form by filling in the fields by hand/on a computer. The letters must be written block capitals. The form must be signed (either by hand/electronically) by entrants and supervisors.

7. Essays must be submitted in English.

**Essay Judging**

1. Essays may be subject to an initial evaluation by a suitably qualified team of Ombudsman or Mediators.
2. Essays will be evaluated for:

(1) Evidence of original thought and creativity on the subject matter (40%);

(2) Analysis and reasoning (30%);

(3) Writing quality and clarity (20%);

(4) Compliance with the essay competition requirements (10%).

3.No person may submit more than one essay for each annual competition. No person who has won any prize in a previous year of the competition may enter again.

4. The award of all or any of the prizes lies solely within the discretion of the judges. The judges’ decision will be final.

**Prizes**

Brick Court Chambers

Bill Wood QC is delighted to offer an observership at a commercial mediation taking place in London. The observer will discuss the case with Bill in advance, read the case materials, and accompany Bill on the day of the mediation in the discussions with the parties and any joint sessions that take place. The observer will have a chance to discuss the day’s developments and challenges with Bill. If agreement in principle is reached they will be able to work with Bill in ‘putting the agreement to bed’. The observer will have to undertake a duty of confidentiality in relation to their involvement and their participation is subject to the express agreement of the parties to the mediation (usually readily forthcoming). If the meetings takes place remotely then the observer will participate on line in the same way and have the same opportunities for private discussion with Bill.

Civil Mediation Council (CMC)

The CMC is pleased to offer to one of those placed 1st – 4th in the Judicial/ADR Liaison Committee’s facilitated Essay Writing Competition 2022, two days observation of a commercial mediator in action. You will spend two separate days shadowing two different CMC accredited mediators as they work to resolve a commercial dispute. This will give you a real insight into how a mediation works, an opportunity to see different mediation styles in action and give you the chance to ask and learn from two leading commercial mediators. Mediations take place around the UK so there is flexibility in location and date.

Dispute Resolution Ombudsman (DRO)

We are delighted to offer one of the winners a placement of 1-week duration. Our placements are sought after by those considering a career in Alternative Dispute Resolution and will typically include the following activities:

Initial training and orientation providing insights into the role of an Ombudsman

* Shadowing an Ombudsman
* Fundamentals of case management
* Collating evidence for a case file
* Drafting Adjudications and other documentation.

Clerksroom mediation

David Isbister of Clerksroom mediation is happy to offer an observation at one of his mediations. David tends to get selected for contentious trust, probate and TLATA disputes because of his background as a private client lawyer.

The observation will either be in-person or online (depending on the mediation and location). During the mediation David will take the observer through the mediation process, and will discuss the issues in dispute before it starts and its progress throughout the day, he will also answer any questions the observer may have.

We will inform all entrants of whether they have been successful or unsuccessful. Please note that we unfortunately do not have capacity to provide feedback on unsuccessful entries.

Winners are entitled to refer to the achievement on their CV.

**Marketing & Data Protection**

The award winners grant the Judicial/ADR Liaison Committee the right to publish or reproduce at any time all or part of the award-winning entries

The Judicial/ADR Liaison Committee may wish to conduct a media campaign comprising of a press release featuring the winners’ names and photographs. The Judicial/ADR Liaison Committee may also conduct an interview with the three winners which will be shared on social media. Quotes will be requested from each of the three winners which will summarise their experience of taking part in the competition and the subsequent experience which again be shared on social media.

Dispute Resolution Ombudsman will act in an administrative function to facilitate the competition. Any personal data which may be submitted in an entry will be processed by DROL in accordance with any applicable data protection legislation, and DROL Privacy Notice available at https://www.disputeresolutionombudsman.org/page/privacy-policy

**Application Form**

**Section A – Personal details**

Title: **……...** Forename(s): **…………………………………………...**

Surname: **…………………………………………...**

Address: **…………………………………………………………………………………………**

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Postcode: **………………………………**

Telephone: **……………………………**

E-mail: **………………………………………**…….

Educational Establishment:………………………………………………………………….

Tutor Name:…………………………………………………………………………….

Tutor Contact detail (email, address or telephone):…………………………………………

**Section B - Confirmation**

I confirm that the essay I am submitting to the Judicial ADR Liaison Panel’s Essay Competition 2022 is my sole creation and original work.

Signature: **…………………...…….…** Date: **………………...**

**Please specify the word count of the essay you are submitting: .…….…**

**Please specify how you heard about the Essay Competition:**

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 **Section C Data Protection & Marketing**

I understand that my personal data will be processed and retained in accordance with the **Privacy Notice**

Successful entrant will be contacted to agree to follow-up activities, including social media, interviews and feedback on the professional experience prizes. Please refer to the Marketing & Data Protection section on page three for full details of the types of activity that the winner will be required to partake in.

I understand that if I am a successful entrant successful, my name and essay may be published by the Judicial/ADR Liaison Panel and participating organisations.

I give consent for my name, educational establishment and essay or extracts therefrom to be used in marketing activities subsequent to the publication of the winners.

**Signed**…………………………………………………………………………………………………….

***For Admin use only: Candidate Reference Number…………………………………………….***