



Competition Law Association

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(International League for Competition Law)

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GOLDING ESSAY PRIZE 2015

The CLA is offering a prize of £1000 to be awarded for an essay submitted by a student, trainee solicitor, pupil barrister, devil barrister (from Scotland) or trainee patent and trade mark attorney on the following topic:

Are the new 'fair dealing' provisions an improvement on the previous law, and why?

The Government claimed that its new package of reforms to copyright will contribute £500 million to the UK economy over the next ten years. These include a new private copying exception to infringement which enables personal copies to be made for private use and an exception to copyright infringement for caricature, pastiche and certain quotations. The Minister for Intellectual Property said that "These changes are going to bring our IP laws into the 21st century. They will mean that the UK IP regime will now be responsive to the modern business environment and more flexible for consumers." But are these new exceptions really an improvement on the previous law, should rights-holders have been provided with compensation or a levy, and where is the balance to be struck between the rights of authors and those of users?

The essay shall be of a maximum length of 5000 words (inclusive of footnotes) and the closing date for submission of entries is 28 February 2015. Entries should be formatted on A4 in at least 11 point font and 1.5 spacing with footnotes at the bottom of the page, and submitted in electronic form to the CLA secretary, Sharon Horwitz at sharon.horwitz@cma.gsi.gov.uk.

Entrants should please place a codeword instead of their real name on the essay and include both the codeword and real name, with confirmation that the author satisfies the entry qualifications, in the covering e-mail.

Those already qualified as lawyers whether in the United Kingdom or a foreign jurisdiction are not eligible for the prize and the entry qualifications apply as at 28 February 2015.

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The panel of judges will be:

Christopher Stothers (Chairman)	Arnold & Porter UK LLP
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The decision of the judges is final and the CLA reserves the right not to award the prize if the judges consider that no entry is of a sufficiently high standard or to divide the prize between two or more entries if the judges so decide.

The CLA encourages all entrants to consider submitting their entries for publication, and may lend support to the submission of the winning entry. The winning entry must only be published if it is identified on publication as having won the CLA's Golding Essay Prize. All entrants agree not to submit their entries for publication until after the judges have announced their decision.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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