

**OCTOBER 6TH -
25TH 2021**

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WRITTEN ADVOCACY COMPETITION

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PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION

The Written Advocacy Competition has been set up to offer aspiring barristers an opportunity to develop and test their written advocacy skills. Written Advocacy is not specifically taught as part of a standard LLB Law degree, and students must therefore avail of these opportunities to gain insight into this crucial element of a barrister's role.

Consequently, students are unlikely to have been taught the specific requirements of the various written advocacy elements. It is the society's intention to secure partnerships with Chambers practising within the relevant field of law to offer a short well-rounded training workshop prior to the competition's launch. The society will also aim to secure sponsorship in the form of work experience, CV checks etc to offer as prizes to the competition's participants.

Queen Mary Bar Society will host a total of three written advocacy competitions across the 2021-2022 academic year, with each competition focusing on a different area of law. The breakdown of the three competitions is as follows:

1. Medical Law: 6th – 25th October 2021
2. Criminal Law: 10th – 22nd November 2021
3. Family Law: 24th November– 6th December 2021



FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Competition Task

Assess the law on active euthanasia and the benefits or implications of legalising it in the UK.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Written Advocacy competition is offered by Queen Mary Bar Society, based at Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, Bethnal Green, London, E1 4NS.
2. The Competition is open to all QMUL students who are interested in a future career as a barrister or other legal professional.
3. Essays should answer the question provided above.
4. Entrants must register on the Queen Mary Bar Society's website to participate in the competition. We cannot accept submissions if the student has not first registered.
5. Essays must be of approximately 1,500 words (excluding references and footnotes), typed and in double line spacing, with your full name at the bottom or top of each page, and be submitted in Word document or PDF format.
6. Essays should be submitted on the online form provided in the registration confirmation email.
7. When submitting your essay please title your file: [Student First Name].[Student Last Name].[Student Number] e.g 'Joe.Bloggs.190281731'



8. We will only accept essays in the following formats .doc/.docx and .PDF

9. The essay must be the sole creation and original work of the entrant. The essay must not have been submitted to this or any other essay competition in previous years.

10. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

11. An essay may be a reworked piece of the entrant's coursework or extract of their dissertation, provided that it was originally the sole creation of the entrant.

12. Shortlisted entries will be approved to warrant that the entrant is eligible for the competition. This will be undertaken by the judges once they have a short list of the best essays.

13. No person may submit more than one essay for each written advocacy competition.

14. Participants are allowed one entry to each of the three written advocacy competitions hosted by Queen Mary Bar Society.

15. The award winners grant Queen Mary Bar Society the right to publish or reproduce at any time all or part of the award-winning entries.

16. Entrants cannot win more than one prize in any one year. The award of all or any of the prizes lies solely within the discretion of the judges. The judges' decision will be final.

17.The deadline for the receipt of entries is 12.00pm (Midday) on 25th October 2021. Please note that late entries cannot be accepted.

18.All entries will be acknowledged by email. Entrants who unsubscribe from Queen Mary Bar Society's emails will not receive acknowledgement of their entry nor will they receive email communications about their performance in the competition. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to provide feedback on unsuccessful entries.

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

20.It is anticipated that the prize-winners will be announced during November 2021.

21.The decision of the President of the Queen Mary Bar Society on the interpretation of these Rules will be final.

