

Business Law Section

Gaire Blunt Scholarship

Scholarship entries close at 5pm, 31 August 2021 AEST.

About

The Gaire Blunt Scholarship is offered by the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (BLS) for papers on a topic in the field of competition law. First awarded in 2008, it commemorates Gaire Blunt, a leading competition law practitioner and a partner at Allen Allen & Hemsley (now Allens) from 1970 to 2005.

After the enactment of the Trade Practices Act in 1974, Gaire was in the vanguard of those who were to shape the form, regulation and administration of competition law in Australia. He was a member of the inaugural Trade Practices Committee (now Competition and Consumer Committee) of the BLS, the first Consulting Editor to the CCH Trade Practices Reporter, and one of the leading practitioners in the field. For almost 10 years Gaire was a lay member of the Administrative Division of the New Zealand High Court.

This scholarship recognises that Gaire played a central role in developing and mentoring the careers of many young lawyers and was always concerned to ensure that he gave younger lawyers the opportunity to demonstrate and develop their talents.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted on an official application form obtained [online](#). Please submit applications to BLS Administrator, Jessica Morrow, via email: ScholarshipsBLS@lawcouncil.asn.au or phone:(02) 6246 3737.



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Conditions of Entry

1. The Gaire Blunt Scholarship is aimed at persons at a junior stage of their career in Australia, whether it be as a practising lawyer, academic or member of the public service or corporate sector. Applicants should have no more than four years' experience in the field of competition law.
2. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the BLS Executive in its discretion.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to the writer of a publishable quality paper that in the view of the judging panel best meets the judging criteria. If entries are not judged to be of a publishable standard, the judging panel may decide not to award a scholarship.
4. Provided 3 above is satisfied, one scholarship will be offered each year to the value of \$5,000.
5. To apply for the scholarship applicants will need to submit an unpublished paper on a topic of relevance to competition law practitioners of no more than 10,000 words, (**including footnotes, appendices and tables**), by the time specified by the BLS Executive.
6. Papers submitted as part of the scholarship application will be judged by a panel which will be appointed by the BLS Executive drawn from the Judiciary, the BLS Competition and Consumer Committee, Academia, and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.
7. As a condition of accepting the scholarship, the author of the paper should be prepared to deliver the paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the BLS. Any invitation to the author to deliver the winning paper will be at the discretion of the BLS Executive.
8. The application form includes the criteria to be applied in assessing the paper, which in summary are: significance of contribution to debate and analysis 50%, design and execution 20%, quality of argument 20% and presentation 10%.
9. It is a condition of the Gaire Blunt Scholarship that the recipient will acknowledge the award of the scholarship in any publication or presentation of the paper.
10. Applications and papers must be received by **5pm on 31 August 2021 AEST**.



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