

Business Law Section

Santow Scholarship

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

About

The Santow Scholarship is offered by the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (BLS) for papers on a topic in the field of corporations law. Offered for the first time in 2014, it commemorates the Hon Kim Santow AO, a former Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and prior to that a leading corporations law practitioner at Freehills.

This scholarship recognises that the Hon Kim Santow AO 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.

Having made his name in corporate law as a partner of Freehills and contributor to academe through both articles and teaching, Kim was only the second solicitor to become a NSW Supreme Court Judge when he was appointed in 1993. He then served on the Court of Appeal from 2002 to 2007. During his distinguished time on the bench, he wrote many of the leading judgments on corporations law matters.

Kim was an Officer of the Order of Australia, Chancellor of University of Sydney from 2001 to 2009 and a visiting scholar at Harvard and Cornell universities and at Lincoln's Inn in London. Although he had a long list of impressive achievements, he is perhaps best remembered for the combination of his powerful intellect with humanity and generosity of spirit.

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 Santow 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 corporations 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 corporations 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 Corporations Committee, Academia, and the Australian Securities and Investments 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 Santow 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 31 August 2021 AEST**.



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