

## Sir Samuel Griffith Constitutional Law Essay Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to all tertiary students in Australia enrolled in the academic year 2017 (whether part or full time).
2. The competition prize shall consist of:
  - (a) One return economy airfare from anywhere in Australia to the SGS Conference in Perth (“**Conference**”);
  - (b) One complimentary registration to the Conference;
  - (c) \$250 cash;
  - (d) Presentation of certificate at the Conference.
3. Eligibility shall be determined by the SGS Essay Competition Sub-Committee (Ben Jellis, Eddy Gisonda, Xavier Boffa) (**the Committee**) whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
4. Entry to the competition is by submission of an essay on the following topic:

*Would Australia benefit from a ‘US style’ confirmation process for appointments to the High Court?*
5. The essay shall;
  - (a) Address the nominated topic;
  - (b) Comprise no more than 1500 words (excluding footnotes and headings);
  - (c) Be in an electronic form as a word document;
  - (d) With text in Times New Roman and size 12 font, 1.5 line spacing;
  - (e) Be submitted to [contact@samuelgriffith.org.au](mailto:contact@samuelgriffith.org.au)
6. The essay must be an original piece of work and free of any plagiarism.

7. Any person who submits an essay that is adjudged by the Committee to be in breach of rule 6 will be disqualified.
8. The closing date for the submission of the essay is 21 July 2017.
9. The judging panel (**Panel**) is to be comprised of up to three members as selected by the Committee.
10. Following the closing date, all essays submitted shall be forwarded for consideration by the Committee (or a delegate or delegates of the Committee).
11. No later than 28 July 2017, the Committee shall select no more than 4 essays that it adjudges on merit, in its absolute discretion, to be the best essays submitted addressed to the nominated topic (**Finalists**).
12. The Panel shall, in its absolute discretion, select the competition winner from the Finalists in accordance with any further rules supplied by the Committee.
13. The winning finalist shall be chosen on merit.
14. The winner, as chosen by the Panel, is eligible to receive the prize upon ratification by the Committee.
15. It shall be a condition of receiving the Prize that the winning entrant agrees that he or she will attend the Conference.
16. The winning entrant will be invited to provide a short presentation to the Conference on his or her entry. The winning entrant may accept or decline that invitation.
17. The Committee reserves the right to:
  - (a) decline to award any or all prizes in the event of a failure of entries to reach an appropriate standard;
  - (b) vary the rules of this competition in its absolute discretion at any time.
18. No correspondence shall be entered into by the Committee in respect of the application of any of the rules hereto.