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BUSINESS LAW SECTION

GAIRE BLUNT

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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 Business Law Section, 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. His work for the New Zealand High Court on the Kapuni gas case was a highlight.

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 Enter

Applications must be submitted on an official application form obtained online, or from the Director of the BLS (Email: Carol.Osullivan@lawcouncil.asn.au Phone: (07) 5450 1127) or the BLS Administrative Assistant, Max Phillis (Email: maxwell.phillis@lawcouncil.asn.au Phone: (02) 6246 3718).

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.

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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 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 31 July 2016. It is expected that that the panel will make its award by 30 September 2016.**

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Gaire Blunt Scholarship – Application Form

Name:.....
(Please print clearly)

Contact details:

Position:

Address:
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Phone:

Email:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

1. the enclosed paper on competition law is all my own work.
2. I fit the criterion for the Gaire Blunt scholarship of being a person at a junior stage of my career, whether it be as a practising lawyer, academic or member of the public service or corporate sector, in Australia.

State the basis on which you qualify as being at a junior stage of your career in Australia:

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3. all decisions concerning eligibility for, or any other aspect of awarding, the Gaire Blunt scholarship will be made by the BLS Executive in its discretion.

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6. the enclosed paper on a competition law topic is no more than 10,000 words (including footnotes, appendices and tables).
7. (if the paper has been submitted for assessment or for any other purpose) the paper has been submitted for assessment or for another purpose, namely
.....
8. my paper 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 another person of standing approved by the Executive;
9. the criteria to be used in assessing my papers are:
 - (a) Significance of contribution [50]

This relates to the extent to which the essay makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis of competition law issues. Such a contribution can be achieved either on the basis of tackling a highly topical issue or exploring and providing fresh insight into a fundamental conceptual or theoretical issue, or by formulating a new approach to an important practical issue or in some other way.
 - (b) Design and execution [20]

This relates to the clarity and focus of the topic for discussion as well as the relevance and appropriateness of the chosen methodology, theory or approach to the topic. It includes the nature and extent if the research undertaken.
 - (c) Quality of argument [20]

This relates to the structure and logic of the argument made in relation to the topic, the persuasiveness, practicality and relevance of the views presented and the degree of support offered for the conclusions reached.
 - (d) Presentation [10]

This relates to the format of the essay, the use of headings and sub-headings, the degree of referencing, consistency and clarity of expression, grammar and spelling and attention to detail in presentation generally.
10. I am prepared to deliver my paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the BLS (although whether or not I will be asked to deliver my paper will be at the discretion of the BLS Executive).
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Signed:

Date:

Return to: Carol O'Sullivan, Section Administrator, Business Law Section, Law Council of Australia, c/o 3/31 Hi Tech Drive, Kunda Park, Qld 4556 or via email: carol.osullivan@lawcouncil.asn.au by 5pm on 31 July 2016.

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