**Property Bar Association Essay Competition 2025 Rules**

**Entrants & Entries**

1. The competition is open to current students registered on:
   1. a Qualifying Law Degree;
   2. the Common Professional Examination (CPE), or an approved Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL); or
   3. the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC).

For a list of qualifying law degrees and approved CPE/GDL courses please refer to the Bar Standards Board website (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/qualifying-as-a-barrister/academic-stage/how-to-apply-for-the-academic-stage>).

1. Only one submission is allowed per entrant.
2. The closing date for entries is 6pm on 17 January 2025. Essays should be submitted in word format to [enquiries@propertybar.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@propertybar.org.uk) with “PBA Essay Competition 2025”and the name of the author in the subject line.
3. The entry must be accompanied by a signed declaration in the form of Annex A to these Rules.
4. There is an optional equality and diversity form that you may complete and submit with
5. Essays should be a maximum of 1000 words, including footnotes.
6. Essays should be in 12-point text, 1.5 line space with numbered pages.
7. Essays should be the sole creation and original work of the entrant and must not have been previously entered in any other competition, submitted for publication, or submitted as coursework.

**Prizes**

* 1. Winner £1,000.00 and your essay published in the Estates Gazette (EG)
  2. 2nd Prize £500.00
  3. 3rd Prize £250.00

1. The award of all or any of the prizes lies solely within the discretion of the judges. The judges’decision will be final.

**Rights**

1. The entrant grants the Property Bar Association the right to publish or reproduce at any time all or part of any essay entered.

**Interpretation**

1. The decision of the Secretary of the Property Bar Association on the interpretation of these Rules will be final.

Annex A

**Declaration**

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| **Personal Details** | |
| Surname | First Name(s) |
| Title |  |
| Private Address | |
| Telephone | Email |
| **Training Details** | |
| Name of Educational Institution | Name of Course |
| Address | |
| Telephone | Email |
| **Declaration** | |
| I confirm the essay I am submitting to the Property Bar Association essay competition 2025 is my sole creation and original work. | |
| Signature | Date |





